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THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Choral Evensong in Church

On Sunday 19th February at 6pm, there will be a special Choral Evensong at Holy Cross & St Mary's Church, Quainton. Our church choir will be joined by a few extra choral singers and you are all invited to come and enjoy this restful, peaceful and contemplative service in our church. *Photo by Iain Marfleet.*

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

Thirty two people attended our last Alpha Course in Quainton Church. We had a great time and new friendships were made.

I went on my first Alpha Course two years ago, right here in Quainton. I had heard a lot about it from various enthusiastic people and watched a few promotional videos, but I'd never completed a course. Unlike my dear wife Sarah, who, before we met ran very successful Alpha Courses in Surrey. In fact it was through Alpha that we first met. I was presenter of a religious current affairs radio show on County Sound Radio in Guildford, and Sarah came on the show as a guest to promote her next Alpha course. The rest is history!

So what is Alpha? It's a Christian back to basics course and great for anyone like me who has been a Christian for years or for anyone who is curious about finding out more. We have dinner and drinks, watch a short video and then chat around tables. There is no "agenda." People are free to voice their views in a non threatening environment and it's a great place to make new friends and have a good social night out whilst going away with some food for thought.

In the thirty years since its global launch in 1993, over 28 million people have attended the course worldwide, and its impact upon the Church of England has been enormous. Not only have many come to Christian faith through Alpha, but it has decisively shaped modern evangelistic strategies and theologies.

Holy Trinity, Brompton in London is the birthplace of Alpha and Revd Nicky Gumbel, who was Rector there for many years, has been the driving force behind its worldwide success. I've never met Nicky, but he and I share the same birthday! He came from a family of barristers and he himself studied law at Trinity College, Cambridge and became a barrister himself. I was also ordained with his son, Johnny.

It is very clear hearing him on the Alpha Videos that his legal mind and insistence on following the evidence, was one of the deciding factors in him coming to faith as a Christian.

The Alpha film series was funded by donations from all over the world and is presented by Church of England clergyman Toby Flint and CBBC TV presenter Gemma Hunt. Contributors include the adventurer and TV personality Bear Grylls, Dr Francis S. Collins, a scientist and head of the Human Genome Project, Alister McGrath, a professor of Science and Religion at Oxford University, John Lennox, a Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University, Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna and Henriquez Gonzalez, one of the thirty-three miners trapped for sixty-nine days at the San Jose mine in Chile.

The course is very accessible for people of all backgrounds and if you enjoy good company, good food and drink, and an opportunity to examine the evidence for the meaning of life, you would find it well worthwhile. Our next Alpha Course starts on Thursday 23rd February, 7.30pm at Quainton Church. All are welcome and it's totally free. If you are interested or would like more information, text, call or email me – I'd be happy to invite you along as my guest.

Blessings,
Rev Steve

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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

The February issue marks the first issue of the *Quainton News* advertising year. I could not produce our parish magazine without the funds generated from our advertisers, so do take some time to flick through and see who is staying with us for another year and please do support them where you can. And whilst we say thank you and goodbye to a handful of advertisers who are leaving us, we say a warm welcome to a few new ones – see if you can spot who they are!

Enjoy the read,

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

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

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course in Quainton Church

the
Alpha
course

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Alpha

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Quainton Memorial Hall Update

Broadband...coming soon. Broadband and WiFi should have been installed in late November. According to BT Openreach there have been numerous 'technical hitches' and we are still waiting for completion of the connection. Fingers crossed this happens soon.

Book Corner...is back. A new metal cabinet houses the free community library. You will find it at the rear of the hall's car park. It is fully stocked by Susan Henshaw from Waddesdon, who changes the books for us every few months.

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In the afternoon we have a variety of entertainment such as, singing, interesting speakers and musicians along with a cuppa and slice of cake before we finish.

We enjoy several outings throughout the year to various venues. We all travel together on the Community Bus which is fully equipped with a lift for ease of access.

There is a charge of £10 for the day and we can arrange transport to and from the club if necessary.

New members and volunteer helpers always welcome. If you would like to pop in for a visit and have a cuppa to see what we get up to, please contact: -

Louise on 01296 658816 or 07828 156387
or email Louise.wt@btinternet.com



QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Vacant. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler

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

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

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

Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quanton Village Website on <https://www.quanton.org.uk/>

Physical message boards on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

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

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

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 12th January 2023.

Next meeting: Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year

RESIGNATION OF THE CHAIRMAN: Nicolette Smith, the Chair of the Parish Council, as you know has sadly resigned. We would like to thank Nicolette for her dedication and hard work as a Councillor and in her role as Chair. Her expertise and commitment will be missed.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES: We 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: parishclerk@quanton.org.uk

SPORTS & RECREATION GROUND: A meeting of the groups that use the Sports & Recreation Ground was held this month. The Parish Council has had an initial outline quote for the redevelopment of the Skate Park which would potentially include a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and a new Skate Park. We would really like members of the local community to come forward and be part of a sub-committee to help with this exciting project. We are committed to improving the facilities within the village for our local community.

QUANTON VISION: A survey will land on your doorstep in the next few weeks. Questions to think about are:

- What do you like about our community?
- Is there anything you would improve?
- Is there anything new you'd like to see?
- How would you like to receive communication from your Parish Council and how often?

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

THE GEORGE & DRAGON CAG: The CAG continues to meet regularly and are making good progress. A meeting will be arranged soon to present to the local community on the progress that has been made and the next steps. If you have questions, wish to be on the

email list or get involved, please email the CAG on: pub.info@quainton.org.uk There will also be updates on the website: www.quainton.org.uk/actiongroup-george-and-dragon and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeAndDragonCAG>

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@buckscc.gov.uk In case of an Emergency call him on 07778 177647

The Quainton 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@quainton.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.

ROAD CLOSURES: Due to road closures constantly changing it is impossible to keep up to date via printed media like Quainton News. We recommend people keep checking the internet on <https://one.network>

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

KEEP REPORTING: We have recently reported over 100 potholes around the village on 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 APPLICATIONS: Most recent cases as discussed in December QPC meetings:

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Status
22/03228/APP	Two storey extension and rear extension	1 Lee Road Quainton	Amended plans submitted
22/03384/AOP	Outline planning for 535 dwellings, primary school, hotel, health centre	Littleton Manor Farm, Bicester Road, North West of Waddesdon	Holding response sent. Waddesdon PC holding until 23 Dec. Encourage residents to submit their comments as soon as possible.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT: The final budget and precept was agreed at the January 2023 Parish Council meeting.

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

QUAINTON SHOWCASE: The Parish Council will be attending the Quainton Showcase which is being held at the Memorial Hall in Quainton on Saturday 11th March 2023 from 2.00pm-4.00pm. This event is free to attend so do please come along.

ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE: We have a very small allotment plot available – 1 pole. Ideal for anyone new looking to take on an allotment or for someone who would like a smaller plot than the larger plots. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

STREET LIGHTING: Two street lights in Mallets End have now been fixed. Contractors have been out to the street light which is not working along Station Road. Unfortunately, they have been unable to fix it. UKPN have now been contacted.

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11th March: Race Night! Back by popular demand!

Quainton's own race night will return to the Memorial Hall on the evening of Saturday 11th March. A traditional race night with wooden hooves and winners determined by the roll of the dice. Cash prizes, a well stocked bar and pizza available make for a fun night.

16th March: Bag2School Collection

The PTA has a Bag2School collection booked for 16th March. Donations can include clothes, belts, hats, bags, shoes, curtains, towels and bedding, but must be in a suitable condition to reuse rather than for recycling. No uniform with logos please.

Members of the PTA are happy to collect bags directly from the local community if you are unable to get them to the school on the day. Call Hazel on 07813 582245 to make arrangements...

100 Club Winners:

- 1st Prize - £50 - No.26 Caroline Germany
- 2nd Prize - £20 - No.61 Lyn-Louise Johnson
- 3rd Prize - £10 - No.90 Hazel Jacobs
- 4th Prize - £5 - No.27 Debbie Hoadly

To enter our draw by purchasing one of the remaining numbers, please email us at: quainton.pta@gmail.com or speak to a member of the PTA.



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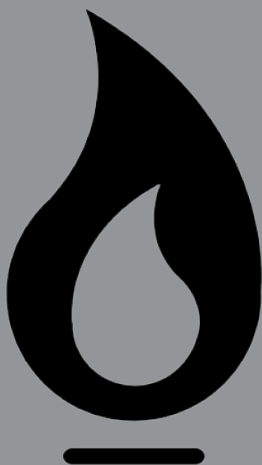
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A BIG THANK YOU from the Quainton Senior Citizen's Christmas Party Committee. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank everyone for coming to the party in December; I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We couldn't do it without our helpers on the day so a special thank you to you all. Not forgetting Darren who made the wonderful cakes, vicar Steve for coming along and saying the Grace and of course Father Christmas (you know who you are!).

And most important of all, YOU, for donating at the Harvest Auction and the Christmas Float where we get the funds to hold this yearly tradition. Thank you also to Paul Ormerod and friends for their generous donation.

Thank you to you all, Linda Chapple on behalf of the SCXP Committee

Heritage Railway Volunteer Recruitment Day

Sunday 5th February 2023, 11am-2pm. Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Station Road, Quainton. No booking required, no entry fee – just come along and meet the team!

Have you ever thought about volunteering but don't know where to start? Come and meet us – your local Heritage Railway; we can offer you a stunning location in Quainton, surrounded by the Giants of the Steam Age!

The list of available roles is plentiful, some 'Behind the Scenes' and other more 'Customer Facing'. We currently need more hands on deck, so this Volunteer Recruitment Day has been set up to allow potential volunteers to come in and meet current volunteers, take a look around the site, see an engine in steam and find out about what we do and how you might be able to lend a hand.

To find out more, join us anytime between 11am and 2pm when there will be lots of current volunteers to talk to about what is on offer. There is plenty of free parking and our cafe will be open! We look forward to welcoming you here. Please spread the word!

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The George and Dragon Community Action Group

February update



Hi all,

Following a busy Christmas and New Year period we thought it would be helpful to let everyone have an update on the progress that is being made.

We have had a good number of positive responses from people interested in buying Community Shares in the George and Dragon Pub and Coffee shop. It's not too late to make a pledge if you would like to express your interest in investing in the future of the Pub and Coffee Shop.

There is a long way to go but we are making great progress. Many thanks to all those who have shown a positive interest in investing, as with this knowledge we feel confident that with a Grant we should be able to raise sufficient funds to buy the pub.

The George and Dragon Community Action Group (CAG) have now formed a Community Benefit Society (CBS) which is a not-for-profit company that exists primarily to benefit the local community. It is this Company that investors will buy shares in and it is this Company that will buy the pub.

The CBS will seek to raise funds through different means including a Community Share offer, grant funding and possibly a community loan. With the funds that are raised the CBS will buy the freehold of the Pub and Coffee Shop. Once purchased the CBS will recruit and lease the pub to a suitable tenant who will run the Pub and Coffee Shop. The tenant will pay rent to the CBS which will possibly allow interest to be paid to shareholders.

The final details of the business plan for the project and the other necessary information to submit as part of our grant application and to be the basis of the Community Share offer are being finalised, this needs to be completed by the end of February ready for the next submission opportunity.

Once this is complete, we will make it available for review and we plan on having an open village meeting in the Memorial Hall to present the business plan and to answer any questions you may have. The dates for this meeting will be confirmed in due course, however PROVISIONALLY they are

Saturday 18th February 13:00 to 15:00

Wednesday 22nd February 16:00 to 18:00

Please come along if you can to offer your feedback and ask any questions that you may have.

We really need as much input as possible from the community to find out what people would like to see being offered at the Pub and Coffee Shop. To help with this we will be conducting a survey. This will be available to complete online via the Facebook page or an email link that will be sent to you if your email address has been provided. A paper copy was also recently distributed around the village.

We have paid for a survey on the Pub and Coffee Shop which was due to take place on 24th January. This is being completed by a Chartered Surveyor and Business Consultant who specialises in helping Communities to buy their local pub. This contact was provided to us by The Plunkett Foundation, and he comes highly recommended. /Continued...

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As a reminder:

We are using the Plunkett Foundation as advisors as they have an excellent track record in helping communities around the Country buy and run their local pubs. They have helped more than 150 groups to buy their pub and these are all successfully running. The Quainton Parish Council have kindly paid for the membership of the Plunkett Foundation and will also pay the fees to set up the Community Benefit Society.

Following the village meeting the Community Share offer will be issued so that investors can buy their shares. This applies to both people who have already expressed an interest and people who haven't yet decided. Please feel free to continue expressing an interest.

We would like to start a gallery of people enjoying themselves at the pub and coffee shop, do you have any pictures you would like to share? Please bear in mind these would be visible to the public. If you would like to submit a photo please email it to the address below.

There is now a page on the Parish Council site where we will also post updates <https://www.quainton.org.uk/action-group-george-and-dragon>

We hope that this information is helpful. If you have any questions before we hold the village meeting please don't hesitate to get in touch using the email address pub.info@quainton.org.uk.

Many thanks, *The George and Dragon Community Action Group*

Gill Miscampbell

December 31st 1935 - January 13th 2023

I'm so sorry to be reporting the passing of Gill Miscampbell in January. Gill had lived on Upper Street for around 60 years and has always been a very active member of the community. She is pictured here with fellow Deputy Lieutenant Christopher Prideaux at the Platinum Jubilee Beacon Burning event up Mill Hill last year. I hope to print a more fitting tribute to this amazing lady in the next issue.

Her funeral will be at 2pm on Wednesday 15th February at Holy Cross & St Mary's Church, Quainton.



New Trustees needed for The Winwood Almshouses Trust

The Winwood Almshouses Trust is looking for another new Trustee to help with looking after the Almshouses in Quainton along with the Trusts' other properties and investments. They are particularly interested in anyone with skills in Surveying, Law, Construction and Finance. Meetings are held three times a year. Please email winwoodalmshouses@outlook.com if you would like to help. Thank you!

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The Society also promotes knowledge of the history, geography and architecture of the parish.

We would like to invite you to our QVS Showcase with free refreshments on Saturday 25th February 2023 at the village hall. *Doors open at 2:30 pm.*

You can chat to the committee about what we do, meet neighbours, make new friends, and learn more about our village.

There will be a continuous video playing, a picture quiz, games for the children, and various displays including old photographs, maps, recent visits, talks, and publications.

If you would like to join us for an interesting and enjoyable afternoon, please book your place by either:

- 1) Completing the attached slip and posting in the box in the village store or
- 2) Calling Margaret Tebb on 297905 or
- 3) Emailing info@quaintonvillagesociety.org or
- 4) Messaging our Facebook account "Quainton Village Society"

The following villagers would like to attend the QVS Showcase on Saturday 25th February:

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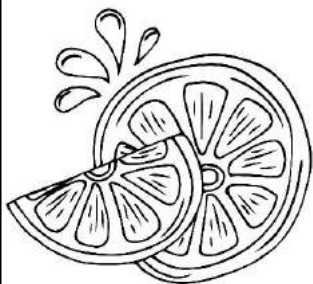
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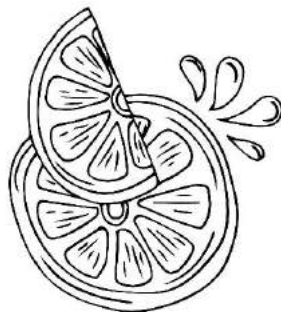
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Zest



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Meeting next;

4th February, 4th March and 1st April

2.30pm at St John's Hall, Whitchurch

Contact Jane 07739 985440

Quainton Golf Society



Our Christmas event was this year at Studley Wood. Another great turnout of 25 players on a bright sunny but cold day at a venue, where I am not sure QGS have even been to before. The winner was Darren Knibb with 30 points just pipping Neil Mack by a point. However, without doubt the highlight of the day (and probably the year) was Dave Clouting's hole in one at the 11th hole. This is believed to be only the 3rd ever QGS hole in one, and certainly the first one in the last 10 years or more.

The top 3 were:

	Xmas Shield	Strokes rec'd	Points
1st	Darren Knibb	10	30
2nd	Neil Mack	21	29
3rd=	Dave Fitchett	19	28
3rd=	Dave Payne	17	28

Our next event is Oxford Golf Club on Thursday 6th April (the day before Good Friday), playing for the Chairman's Trophy..

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

"Giving up the couch" for Lent – established 1999!

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26th Feb	Weedon - Whitchurch (2.4 miles)
5th March	Whitchurch - Dunton (2.2 miles)
12th March	Dunton - Granborough (4.2 miles)
9th March	Granborough - Oving (2.4 miles)
26th March	Oving - Quainton (2.4 miles)
2rd April	Quainton - Waddesdon (2.2 miles)

The walks are suitable for most ages. We walk at a leisurely pace, keeping to footpaths across fields and avoiding roads whenever possible. The walks take between 1½ to 2 hours.

Starting from Weedon Methodist Chapel on Sunday 26th Feb – just turn up and enjoy. Participants should also think about co-ordinating transport to enable transfers back to the start of each walk. A great way to start the New Year and meet some new & old friends.

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The rest of the site is closed for most of February (see below) and March, but re-opens for the season on April 2nd.

Sunday 5th February: Volunteer Recruitment Day (More info on p.7)

Half Term Fun:

Sunday 12th and Wednesday 15th February: Steaming Day with our new loco 'May' offering passenger rides!

Sunday 19th February: Paddington is visiting! This event has sold out – however if you have a Quainton/Local Pass, you can just turn up on the day with free entry.

New Locomotive Arrives!

Over the last few years, we have very kindly received legacies from a few members. We wanted to ensure that these legacies were used towards an enduring, visible and fitting tribute. To this end, we are thrilled to announce that we have purchased a new locomotive, affectionately named 'May', which is an exciting addition to our Steam Fleet!

This locomotive is a Peckett 0-4-0ST Class R2, and the engine number is 1370. She was built in 1915 by Peckett and Sons, Bristol. 'May' arrived in Quainton on Tuesday 24th January and we look forward to having her in steam for our half term steaming days!





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Update from Cllr Philip Gomm

Unitary Buckinghamshire Councillor

Well into the New Year we come, so let's see what we can achieve together.

As normal now EKFB will put the programme of highways works in this magazine, but I will let you know how we may have made changes to those road works etc to try and ease the burden on your travel, plus I will keep you updated via FB Quainton Village Life with any immediate changes to the work programme during that period, which I believe everyone is appreciating.

IMPORTANTLY to report direct with me I really would appreciate an email for ease of process and record rather than just FB or WhatsApp which I can miss, trying to keep on top of all the various communication streams can become quite challenging and time consuming BUT I really appreciate the way many of you are now coming direct, which is proving positive and to be most helpful.

I'm being constantly asked about when this road will be repaired, this one as well ?

So, I say this, they are all on a list which can't be done at once, but I can assure you that my colleague Cllr Macpherson (primary contact councillor for your village) and I are putting pressure on all the time, and I believe it's working, although road works is a slow tedious process.

Personally, I would like to say THANK YOU to those last year that teamed up and supported me coming in over the last 5 months or so with my direct approach trying to resolve issues and I would wish for that to grow for the better of the Parish, many believe it's working well... peace is all we want.

Anyway, Mr Marmite Cllr is always up for a chat listening to parishioners' views and looking for that common ground so we can move forward try to achieve the best.

Email: Philip.gomm@buckscc.gov.uk

Telephone. 07778 177647 (if urgent)

Cllr Philip Gomm



A colorful poster for a Zumba session. At the top, a green diagonal banner reads "Happy New Year Everyone is welcome". The main text "ZUMBA" is in large, bold, black letters, with "WE ARE BACK !!!" in green above it. Below "ZUMBA" is "WEDNESDAY 6.30" in large, bold, purple and blue letters. To the right is a circular seal with "LET'S DANCE" and "ZUMBA" in the center. Below the main text, it says "50 min session" and "NHS" logo. At the bottom, it says "£3 ON THE DOOR PARKING ROUND THE BACK IN PLAYGROUND MORE INFO CALL 0787 989 8739". The venue "Stoke Mandeville Primary School" is listed at the very bottom in a blue box.

Happy New Year
Everyone is welcome

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Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Bucks <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/bucks> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said *"There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bucks (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you"*.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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The Creation, by Joseph Haydn

This exciting and popular oratorio will be performed by Aylesbury Choral Society at St.Mary's church on Saturday, 1st April at 7.30pm, with an orchestral accompaniment and soloists. It is a magnificent work with some great choruses, so do make a note of it now, and come and support us on the day.

Tickets are available online at £16 for adults, £6 for under-18s, or from members. For more details, visit our website www.aylesburychoral.org.uk and if you would like to join our choir we welcome new members. We rehearse at the church on Fairford Leys at 7.30 on Tuesday evenings, so just come along and make yourself known.

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We plan to continue expanding our Social Value Programme with the provision of local employment and training opportunities, inspiring school children into construction and volunteering in our communities to make a positive impact. If you know of a community project looking for support, then please get in touch.

From January and into February 2023 we will be continuing with the progress around the utilities works which will form the start of the Station Road diversion towards the end of the year.

- On Quainton Road, the previously scheduled road closure for utility diversion works in January will now take place from early February. A section of the road will be closed 24-hours a day from Monday 6 to Saturday 18 February. In addition to the utility works we will also be carrying out road surface repairs during this closure.
- We will be closing a section of Shipton Lee Road from Monday 16-20 January and a section of North Farm Lane from Monday 23 January to Friday 3 February to identify and locate underground utilities. These sections of road will be closed for a 24-hour period throughout the closure. Access to emergency services will be maintained.
- Finally, there will be some traffic lights on Blackgrove Road whilst we undertake utilities works at this location. From Monday 9 January to Friday 3 February BT and Thames Water will be working on the road to divert their existing utilities.

Please note: these dates may change due to conditions outside of our control and are subject to consents.

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.

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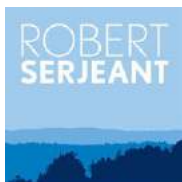
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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

January is a bleak month, grey sky, drizzling rain, bare branches and mud. The jollities and sparkles of Christmas are behind us. Spring, and the colour it brings, is an age away. And yet still, the volunteers can be found in Finemere, furiously cutting back scrub and trees as they attempt to burn off the excesses of the festive season. Here, embraced in the warm, gentle companionship of other woodland folk, feelings of desolation will dissipate.



And the Winter work is fun. It involves saws. Trees can be brought to the ground, scrub can be cut right back. It is exhilarating and rewarding work. A growing number amongst the group, have invested in their own saws. These are bigger, better, and sharper than the ones I provide. Excitement ripples through these individuals as their prize possessions are whipped out of their sheaths.

The woodland edge is an exceptionally valuable habitat for so many plants and creatures. By cutting back sections of woodland along the rides, a rich mix of vegetation in a variety of stages of growth can be maintained, thus enhancing biodiversity. The area to be tackled this month has not been touched by human

saw for many a year. Previously coppiced trees are tall and multi-stemmed. Mosses, lichens and fungi, in many shapes and colours, are thriving in this neck of the woods on mature coppice stems and standing deadwood. I leave the tree felling to my zealous team, whilst I marvel at the profusion of baffling organisms.



Tremella mesenterica, whose common names include, witches' butter, yellow brain and yellow trembler, is a gelatinous, lobed fungus whose colour ranges from a pale yellow to bright orange. Found on dead branches of hardwood trees, it parasitises upon the wood-rotting fungus *Peniphora*. It can appear all year round, but more so in the winter, when its vibrant colour will catch your eye amongst the leafless branches. It is a master of surviving dehydration, becoming dark amber as it desiccates, yet quick to revive and regain its jelly-like state after rainfall. But be warned, *Tremella mesenterica* is said to have been used by witches to cast hexes.

The day draws to an end, the workers are flagging and the saws are blunting. It is time to re-sheath those magnificent implements, to hobble home to warm cosiness and to reflect upon another exceptional day in the depths of Finemere Wood.

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

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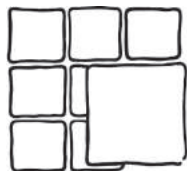
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If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact QMH and your enquiry will be forwarded to the relevant contact. New members are always welcome.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall)	10:00 – 14:30
	Craft Club (Conference Room)	13:30 – 16:30
Tuesday	Art Club (Conference Room)	13:30 – 16:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall)	13:00 – 16:30
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.quentonmh.co.uk or contact our bookings clerk, Deb Barker Boyd, on **01296 655379**. Alternatively, you can contact us by e-mail at quentonmemorialhall@gmail.com



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£25	122	C Scanlon			

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*The next draw will take place on the last weekend of February 2023
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WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



Averages and Extremes for December 2022

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	12.8°C	19th	Total for the month	65.3mm	
Minimum	-11.3°C	14th	Wettest day	10.5mm	18th
Average Minimum	-0.5°C		Rain days	18	
Average Maximum	6.3°C		Dry days	13	
Highest Minimum	6.9°C	31st			
Lowest Maximum	-1.1°C	15th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	30mph	27th	Highest	1020hPa	1st
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VILLAGE SERVICES

Quainton Website: Quainton Parish Online: 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. Call 07704 851945 to report noise/nuisance.

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REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Monday 6th February	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 13th February	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 20th February	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 5th February	8.00am Quainton: BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Quainton: Café Breakfast Family Church 6.00pm Quainton: An Evening Service of the Word
Sunday 12th February	6.00pm Quainton: Holy Communion (St Thomas Mass)
Sunday 19th February	9.30am Quainton: Family Communion 6.00pm Quainton: Choral Evensong It's Revd Sarah's 60th Wine & Cake birthday celebration in Quainton Church after the service – all welcome!
Weds 22nd February	Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Joint Schorne Team Service in Waddesdon
Thursday 23rd February	7.30pm: The Alpha Course starts in church. Please let Revd Steve know you are coming for catering numbers.
Tuesday 28th February	7.30pm: The Lent Course. All welcome to join our meeting for All Saints, Oving Parish in Oving Village Hall.
Sunday 26th February	6.00pm Quainton: Evening Prayer

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

No entries for February

CHURCH ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

	5 February	12 February	19 February	26 February
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	Sarah Fenemore	Celia Prideaux	Lois Skinner	LENT
Pedestal Flowers	Emma Clarke Demo Flowers	Jane Lydall	Jane Lydall	LENT
Church Cleaning	Fiona Morrison Helen Ratcliffe Sarah Fenemore	Sharyn Buck Linda Chapple Venetia Dalton		Sheila Hammond Claire Lucas Greta Nicholls Natalie Carlisle



Thank you to Neil Carlisle who took this stunning photo of the church (with Waddesdon Manor just visible through the trees beyond) on an early morning dog walk in January.

Please your photos of our church and its surroundings to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com
Thank you! Louisa, *Editor*

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