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THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Picnic for The Coronation!

Sunday 7th May on The Green from noon... see p.5

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

On Saturday April 15th, there were two significant anniversaries. The first was the anniversary of that terrible, destructive fire that engulfed Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. It was four years ago and we all remember the terrible images of the building, seemingly damaged beyond repair. The tower was destroyed as the fire leapt through the roof and much of the roof collapsed, with the tower, onto the floor of the once beautiful and iconic building. I have been there several times and was always in awe of that sacred space, lighting candles for loved ones to remember them in prayer.

However, you will also remember that astounding picture that hit the front pages of the national press. Inside the burnt out building, amidst all the destruction, fallen rafters and stonework, stood the large wooden cross, undamaged by the fire and surrounded with beautiful sculptures depicting the crucifixion of Christ. It was an image I will never forget, because it goes to the heart of what I believe with all my heart, that, in the midst of a broken and divided world, where there is so much pain and anxiety, the love of God stands in the midst.

The second significant anniversary that I like to remember was also on 15th April. It was the day that Corrie Ten Boom, an incredible lady of faith, died at the age of 91. She was a holocaust survivor. She lived during the Second World War with her family who were clockmakers, in Haarlem, Amsterdam. The family were dedicated Christians but saw the plight of their Jewish neighbours who were being persecuted by the Nazis. The ten Boom family built a secret room in their house with the help of the resistance fighters, so that they could hide Jews and get them out of the country to safety with the help of a network of like minded people. They saved over 800 lives during the course of the war. However, in 1944, they were betrayed and the two sisters, Corrie and Betsie were taken to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp, built exclusively for women who lived in appalling conditions.

Corrie and Betsie smuggled a Bible into the camp, and began leading Bible study groups with the women in their quarters. They went through appalling cruelty and witnessed many atrocities, but their faith in God held firm because many of the women found peace, love and hope through the simple reading of the Bible. Like the cross standing in the ruins of Notre Dame, they saw light in the darkness and found hope in the midst of despair. Corrie recounts in her book, "The Hiding Place" how her sister Betsie wanted to give thanks to God for everything, even the fleas that had infested their barracks. Betsie was right to give thanks for the flea recounts Corrie, because the women were able to have Bible studies in the barracks with a great deal of freedom, never bothered by supervisors coming in and harassing them. They finally discovered that it was the fleas that kept those supervisors out.

Sadly, in 1944, Betsie died in the concentration camp. Even then, Corrie continued to speak words of hope to the women. Remarkably, due to a clerical error, Corrie was released. She spent the rest of her life travelling the world talking about her Christian faith. She said, "No pit is too deep that God's love is not deeper still."

Blessings to you and those you love and care for.

Rev Steve

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WELCOME TO THE MAY ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

It looks like we will be having a relatively impromptu picnic on The Green on Sunday 7th May in celebration of the King's Coronation! Let's all cross our fingers for a warm and sunny day that will allow everyone to come out and enjoy this special occasion together as one big happy community! I really hope to see as many of you out there as possible. The pub and windmill will be open as well. See p.5 for details. Rev'd Steve has planned a special Coronation service in church that evening at 6pm.

In other exciting news, the Parish Council has shared their plans for a new MUGA (multi use games area) by the tennis courts. See p.13 for images and details. They want our feedback, so please get in touch.

Enjoy the read,

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

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Coronation Picnic

Sunday 7th May 2023

On The Green from noon

Several people and village groups have come forward to suggest that we should get together as a community to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. The order of events published by the palace for the Coronation weekend suggests community gatherings and 'Big Lunches' take place on the Sunday, so that is what we shall do!

Quainton Village Society is encouraging their members to join in and the Windmill Society has agreed to open the windmill between 10am-1pm, with the sails turning - weather permitting! The George will be open 12-3pm.

The plan is to ask residents to come to The Green for a picnic with their families, their friends, their neighbours... plus, let's all make sure we invite anyone who may otherwise be on their own. Bring your own picnics; and bring rugs or bring chairs and tables if you wish! Let's hope we don't need any umbrellas!

The suggestion has also been put forward that we all wear as much red, white and blue as possible. I'm sure everyone will be hoping the residents of The Green will pull out all the stops to decorate their houses and front gardens, as they have done so dutifully several times over the past few years! To those residents, I hope you know how much we all appreciate it!

If someone could please arrange for the sun to shine all day, that would be much appreciated too! I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Louisa





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THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Quinton News Team Thank yous!

We've had a few 'job' changes over the past few months on Team Quinton News! First, I'd like to thank and welcome our new deliverers:

- * Jean Pettigrew and Chris Chapman – delivering to south Station Road
- * Sue Weldon – delivering to Denham
- * Alison Shields – delivering on The Green
- * Young brothers Oscar and Noah – delivering to Mallets End and White Hart Fields
- * Tristan Augier – delivering to Romney Meadows
- * Chris Milne – delivering to Cautley Close
- * Carolyn Roberts – delivering to Piggot Orchard

Thank you also to those from whom they are taking over. Together they have done many many years of delivering Quinton News – some who took over 'temporarily' during Covid but then just seemed to carry on! Luckily, volunteers in our community-spirited village seem to always be easily forthcoming!

Next, a big thank you to Margaret Tooms who has organised the postage of Quinton News to those residents who don't live in Quinton but who would still like to receive copies. Margaret has done this for as long as I can remember but has stopped now as she and Patrick are moving to be nearer family. I wish them all the best for the future.

Margaret is handing the baton BACK to Venetia Dalton who use to do it before Margaret did! Venetia handed it over to Margaret when she left the village years ago, but is now back! Thank you Venetia!

Finally, a big thank you to Mike Evans (Winwood Drive) who is taking over the Delivery Coordinator role from the fabulous Mr Dick Carter (aka Father Christmas), who is taking a break for a while.

Thanks also, as always, to everyone else who continues to deliver Quinton News and help with its production! I couldn't do it all without you!

Louisa, Editor



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in Quainton Memorial Hall

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Kath Heirons tel 01296 651886 or email quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com

PLANT SALE FOR CHARITY

Saturday 6th – Bank Holiday Monday 8th MAY

We will be holding another plant sale from our front garden on the weekend of the Coronation, 6th-8th May (last house, top right of The Green, near the shop). A range of fruit and vegetable seedlings, many different types of perennials, ferns, trees and fig trees to name a few – around 300 plants are coming along nicely!

All proceeds to Crohn's in Childhood Research Association.

Many thanks, Patrina and Andrew Law

Quainton School PTA News

100 Club Winners:

1st Prize £50	Brenda Cant no. 39
2nd Prize £20	Mandy Cobb no.58
3rd Prize £10	Hannah Burnham no.47
4th Prize £5	Mark Porterfield no. 83



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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://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 the 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 6th April 2023.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

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.

SPORTS & RECREATION GROUND: The MUGA/Skate park project is in process which is really exciting! Final designs are in the process of being agreed therefore if anyone would like to be involved in this process please let us know!

QUANTON VISION: We attended the Quinton Showcase on 11th March 2023 and the members of the local community completed our questionnaire. The main concerns of the community were the continued deterioration of the road and pavement conditions including pot holes. The community would like to see better recreational facilities which is one of the projects the Parish Council is already working on with the proposed installation of a MUGA and additional facilities. If anyone has any feedback that they have not yet shared with us please see below.

- *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://quinton.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 separate update is included in this edition of the Quainton News.

Email: 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>

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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: 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 APPLICATIONS: Most recent cases as discussed in April 2023 QPC meeting:

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Status
23/00883/AGN	Erection of storage barn	Lower Denham Farm	For comment
23/00833/APP	Single storey extension	46 Station Road	For comment

GREENWAY: Discussions continue at the HS2 Stakeholders meeting for a Greenway to be agreed to link Quainton to Waddesdon.

FINANCIAL REPORTING: The internal audit has taken place in preparation for the submission of the AGAR. The internal audit went very well and no actions were raised.

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 is encouraging the public register to receive crime alerts and information. To register please go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

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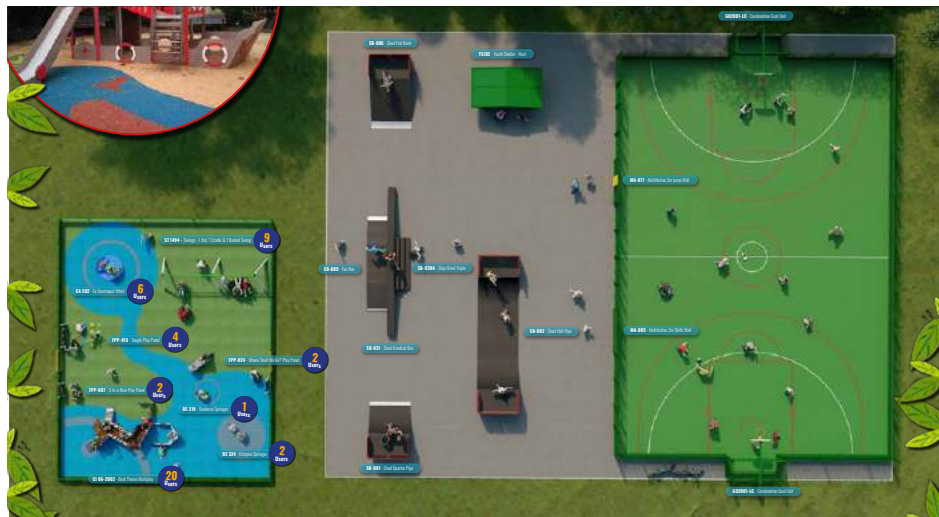
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George & Dragon Community Action Group News

Progress So Far & Next Steps

We have now established the correct type of company to buy the Pub on behalf of the Community. This is The Quainton George and Dragon Community Benefit Society Limited. It's a not for profit Company known as a CBS. This is a very significant milestone!

The main point of focus for the Community Action Group over the last 2 months has been to complete the grant application to the UK Governments "Community Ownership Fund". As we are asking for a significant sum this has been a very large piece of work for everyone involved. A successful outcome to this application is crucial to the project. Our advisor from the Plunkett Foundation feels we have a very strong bid and we deserve to be successful however nothing is guaranteed so we all have to keep our fingers crossed! The deadline for submission was the 14th April and we submitted ahead of the deadline.

We have been advised that the time scale for a decision on the application is 3 to 4 months and so it will be mid-summer before we know if we have been successful.

To accompany the grant application, we needed to supply our completed Business Plan. The first draft was reviewed by our consultant at the Plunkett Foundation and after some enhancements we are pleased to say this is now complete and is a really comprehensive document. In due course we will make it available for everyone to read. This was also a very large piece of work for everyone involved, the end result however makes all the hard work worthwhile.

The next big step in the journey is to write and issue our Community Share Offer so that everybody who wants to can buy shares and become members of the CBS. We are working on this now and hope to issue it during May. The share offer will be open for 1 month and we'd encourage everyone to buy as many shares as they feel they can. Please encourage all your friends and family to get involved and buy shares as the more money we raise the less reliant we will be on grants and loans

Inbox Filling Up with Letters of Support

We approached the many individuals, groups, societies and committees that use the George & Dragon Pub and Coffee Shop as their social hub and asked for letters of support for our plan to get the pub and coffee shop into Community Ownership.

We have been inundated with responses from people such as: Greg Smith MP, local Bucks Councillors, the Parish Council, Rev Steve Flashman, the PTA, cycling groups, walking groups and many more. The most touching ones however have been from individuals who in many cases would be lost and isolated without the pub and coffee shop. All the responses have spurred us on to work even harder to make this once in a life time opportunity come true.



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Keeping the village informed...

We held two very successful village meetings in the Quainton Memorial Hall with more than 100 people attending. The presentation described "How a Community buys a village pub" along with all the work that has been completed so far as well as the work still to be done to secure the future of the George & Dragon Pub and Coffee Shop.

We plan to hold another series of meetings when we launch the Community Share Offer. At these meetings we will go through the details of the Share Offer so that everybody has the chance to ask questions and be fully informed before they buy shares.

Offers of Help Rolling In

We asked the villagers who came to the February meetings if anyone could offer their help with the work that needs to be done to save the George & Dragon. We now have another five people in the Community Action Group and others who have offered help with specific tasks. This is great news and many thanks to those who are now getting involved.

There is still a long way to go but we have an even stronger team now and with the support of the consultants at the Plunkett Foundation we are in a really good position to be successful and to realise our aim of having a Community Owned pub and coffee shop in Quainton.

Thanks as always for your continued support in helping to save the George and Dragon Pub and Coffee Shop.

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The North Bucks Bike Ride: A Scenic and Challenging Adventure

The North Bucks Bike Ride is returning for the second year and hopes to attract hundreds of cyclists following on from their success in 2022. The collaboration between the Lions Club of Winslow and the Winslow Wheelers Cycle Club is taking place on Sunday 16th July. Whether you are an experienced cyclist or a family of beginners looking for a fun day out in the sun, this event is not to be missed, plus it raises much needed funds for local charities and causes.

Starting off in the buzzing town of Winslow, the route takes cyclists on a journey through the beautiful Buckinghamshire countryside, passing through quaint villages, rolling hills, and stunning countryside. Should you wish to take part in the family leisure ride, there are many local attractions opening their doors, so you can stop off with free entry on the day. These include Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Claydon House & Estate, Hogshaw Farm and Quainton Windmill.



For the more experienced and competitive cyclists, the sportive riders can enjoy either a 60km, 100km or 100mile ride at a more rapid pace together with chip timing. The route has been carefully designed to offer a mix of challenging climbs and exhilarating descents, testing your skill and endurance. One of the highlights along the route is the climb up to Brill. This is a challenging climb, but the sense of achievement and the breath-taking views across the countryside make it well worth the effort. The North Bucks Bike Ride is a fully supported event, with rest stops and refreshments as well as mechanical support and medical assistance if needed.

John Bull from Claydon Cycling Club said "I'm signed up and excited to take part in the North Bucks Bike Ride for the second year running. We also aim to encourage our other club cyclists to join the event, especially the recent participants from our Academy Program which began in April, getting these new members cycling all the way up to 50km. These graduates are ready to take on the next challenge and step up to the 60km, or more. We will be supporting them every step of the way, plus there are lots of other brilliant sportives to keep an eye out for this summer too!"

Registration for the North Bucks Ride is open, sign up and find out more online at www.northbucksbikeride.info. Image credits: Sue Lafferty Hayward.

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Continuing Joy’s interviews about the war period in Quainton. At the beginning of the war many of the men in the village joined the Services and left for training and to go and help with the fighting, leaving mainly women, children and older people in Quainton.

Of course, I cannot remember the war but I was born soon afterwards, the last in a family of 5 children but all my brothers and sisters can remember as they went to live with my aunt in the countryside whilst my father was away for 2 years in India. My aunt had to keep 200 chickens on her land to help with the war effort for food.

In Quainton as the war came nearer many of the men went away to be trained in the Services and it was left to those in exempt jobs such as farming and the women in the village to keep things running smoothly. There was also many evacuated families and children arriving from London; some were very poor and they all needed food, clothes and schooling.

At this time children all went to school from the age of 5 until they were 14 at Quainton School in Lower Street. When they were 11 they took an exam and if they passed they could go to the grammar schools in Aylesbury. Only a few passed each year. If they did not pass they stayed at Quainton School but only till they were 14 and then they left to find jobs locally. Many would have worked on the local farms trying to do the work of a grown man as there was such a shortage of labour.

At the end of each day the cows would return from the fields and hills where they had been grazing and make their way to their own farms ready to be milked. It took many people and a long time to milk cows, unlike today. Pigs were often seen residing at the bottom of someone’s garden, being fattened up ready to be made into bacon and sausages which were often shared around among the villagers knowing that others would return the favour and no one family could eat a whole pig. Remember there were no freezers in those days to keep meat fresh.

The school teachers were asked to prepare for up to three hundred children from London but the reality was nearer 50 children came as many families stayed in London. Fifty extra children was still a lot for a village the size of Quainton.



As food was so short during the war period families shared birthday parties and below is a photo of a number of people celebrating a birthday; notice how very few boys and no men at all were in the photo. I believe the girl in the middle of the middle row is Dorothy Ayers who still lives in the village today and who has given me many interesting facts about the 1930s and 40s.

Café Club Zest

Summer is coming, time to get out and make the most of life!
Did you know singing can improve your mood, wellbeing and brain activity? You do not need to be good at singing to benefit.

Café Club Zest meets each month with the aim to introducing everyone to the benefits of singing, socialising and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea in friendly company. We are a welcoming group, open to all, but especially those who maybe are not as active as they once were.



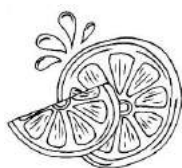
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Sunday 28th May:	Steaming Day
B/H Mon 29th May:	Annual Heritage Bus Rally



Emergency Services Day: This is our most popular event of the year and sells out within days of promoting it on social media. Book your tickets now before we put it on Facebook next week! If you have a Quainton Pass you don't need to book (or pay!)

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- On Fiddlers Field/Snakes Lane, there will be a 24-hour closure over the weekend from 29-30 April 2023. These works will include the careful removal of some vegetation in preparation for the link between Fiddlers Field/ Snakes Lane and the new Station Road realignment.
- On Station Road, the current closure of the northern section will remain in place until November 2023 with signed diversions. This is to allow for Network Rail works on the Station Road Bridge and to support movement of material from the recently opened Quainton Railhead via a Site Access Road crossing.
- At the end of 2023, work will begin on the new Station Road realignment. These works will include building the new piece of road and connecting it to the existing northern and southern sections of Station Road.

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 about these works



The Image shows EKFB Engagement Manager Ashton Gilbert serving food at The George & Dragon pub

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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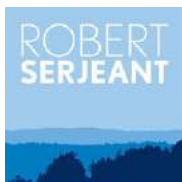
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Spring is here. Wood anemones are in bloom, their delicate, white, stars embellishing the woodland floor. Primroses and violets are plentiful, splashing yellow and purple throughout the waking wood. The air is filled with melodious birdsong.

The Song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) has a mighty voice. From the tops of trees it propels its resounding song, a series of short phrases each repeated two or three times in succession. Its song is striking and warms the heart as it heralds the beginning of Spring.



Brown with a spotted cream breast, the song thrush is a little smaller than a blackbird. Shy and keeping near cover, these birds live in woodland, gardens or anywhere with a good covering of trees and hedges to nest in. Eggs, bright blue and spotted are laid in a nest glued together with mud, built entirely by the female. One of only a few birds to eat snails, the song thrush will smash open shells on hard surfaces to reach the juicy meat inside. Being omnivores, fruit and worms are other choice staples. Once common, *Turdus philomelos* numbers are declining, now with a conservation status of Amber.



Whilst the song thrush belted out its magnificent music, the volunteers frantically worked on their fencing efforts. This month, Estelle Bailey (CEO of BBOWT) joined the team to heave and haul and harness Heras panels together. The vociferous volunteers put on a good day, with cake and sunshine, banter and laughter, and some good honest hard work too. Insight was gained into the challenges Estelle is involved in on behalf of BBOWT. It seems to me that respite from this role is essential from time to time. And so Estelle, whenever you are in need of

rest and recuperation, Finemere Wood and its woodland workers are here to welcome you back.

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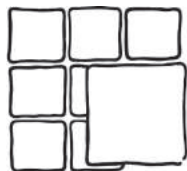
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DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 – 14:30 13:30 – 16:30
Tuesday	Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall)	10:30 – 11:30 13:30 – 16:30 17:30 – 18:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall)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

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Maximum	17.3°C	15th	Total for the month	100.5m	
Minimum	-4.4°C	7th	Wettest day	15mm	9th
Average Minimum	3.5°C		Rain days	21	
Average Maximum	11.4°C		Dry days	10	
Highest Minimum	9.4°C	17th			
Lowest Maximum	1.9°C	23rd			
Wind			Pressure		
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Sunday 7th May	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Sunday Café Church
	6.00pm	Evening Service (Coronation of Charles III)
Sunday 14th May	6.00pm	A short service...
		... followed by the Annual Meeting
Sunday 21st May	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 28th May	6.00pm	Praise and Worship Service for Pentecost

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Wedding:	Saturday 1st April:	Claire Atkins and Alexander Massey
Wedding:	Monday 10th April:	Kayla Villamil Martinez & Killian Downton
Funeral:	Wednesday 26th April:	David Morrison
Funeral:	Thursday 27th April:	Christopher Prideaux

CHURCH ROTA FOR MAY

	7 May	14 May	21 May	28 May
Evening Reader	Arthur Evans	Jane Vowles	David Letheren	–
Evening Sidesman	Jane Vowles	Kathy Blanchard	Richard Clark	Venetia Dalton
Altar Flowers	Ann Parrott	Venetia Dalton	Kathy Blanchard	Susie Christopherson
Pedestal Flowers	Emma Clarke	Emma Clarke	Janet Thompson	Janet Thompson
Church Cleaning	Venetia Dalton/ Vacancy/ David Leeming		Sue Wright/ Mary McDermott/ Dawn Green	

HOLY CROSS & ST. MARY'S CHURCH – OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS



This lovely photo of the daffodils along the churchyard path was sent in by Emma Styles! Thank you Emma!

If you would like to see your photo in print here next month, please send your favourite photos of our church and its surroundings to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com

Thank you! Louisa, *Editor*

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SAVE THE DATE: 24th June - QuaintFest 2023!

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