

QUAINTON NEWS.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Panto Returns to Quainton!

In March, our local amateur dramatics group, Quaintwood Players, presented a fabulous pantomime version of *Beauty & The Beast*. They performed at Quainton and Grendon Underwood in seven performances, across two weekends. Huge thanks to the whole cast and crew for putting together such a brilliant show, with a fun storyline, great acting, amazing costumes and make up and many, many laughs! We're all looking forward to the next one!

Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has produced a human tragedy that we haven't seen since the Second World War. One of the shocking things for me is that millions of Russian people actually believe Putin's rhetoric spewed out mindlessly through his propaganda machine. When this is all over, it will be very difficult for him to hide the evidence of numerous atrocities perpetrated on the innocent victims of war. In the middle of all this mess, stories have been emerging about

the way Christian Churches in Ukraine have been reaching out to those in need with medicines, food and shelter. And many Russian Orthodox priests have made a stand against the war, at the risk of their own lives.

When times are tough, we look for solid, unchangeable things to base our lives on: the love of those closest to us, good friends, work which satisfies and fulfils us. These give us footholds when our world is rocking: anchor points that help us through the challenges of life – illness, redundancy, bereavement, debt, broken relationships and more. The Christian faith is based on the death and the return to life of Jesus, and Easter is the time that the Church marks these two pivotal events in world history. Christianity is less about religion, with its rules and rituals, than about relationship – a vital, living, two-way friendship with Jesus. Not a long-dead figure from a dusty book, with no relevance to our lives today, but someone who knows us inside out, yet still loves us, and longs for us to become the people we were made to be. The one who said: "I am the resurrection and the life..." (John 11: 25).

But is it true? Did it really happen? The evidence is compelling:

- An empty tomb
- Countless appearances of Jesus, referred to by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8
- A reborn and revitalised group of followers, once living in fear of the Roman authorities, suddenly and inexplicably prepared to face death and persecution because of what they had witnessed.
- A rapidly growing Early Church, charted through the book of Acts, leading to a global Church of billions around the world today.

If Jesus is alive, it changes everything: our attitude to life and death, our past, our present – and our future. It means death is not the end, and there is a life that last forever. Life wins! It means we can know the Creator of the universe, and live life as He intended it to be lived.

Join us this Easter to celebrate the most amazing news of all: Jesus is alive today and loves you more than you can imagine!

Blessings, Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

Holy Cross & St Mary, Quainton; and All Saints, Oving with Pitchcott,
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Welcome to the April 2022 issue



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Hello Everyone,

This April issue is huge! I had to cut and squeeze to fit everything in, even though I have recently taken the magazine up to 44 pages! There's plenty going on in our village, and lots of news and updates.

This issue marks 10 years for me as the editor of Quainton News! I am looking to step back a little and I wondered if there was an editor/publisher/graphic designer out there who'd like to come on board and give me a hand? Working knowledge of InDesign would be hugely beneficial. Please email me if you would like to help. Thank you.

Enjoy the read,

News From Our Church:

Church Cleaning – Please Help Us!

Enormous thanks to those amazing people who are already helping keep our church clean! We just need a few more to add to the team...

There is a rota where teams of three get together just **twice a year** to clean the church. All equipment is provided. The time spent is left to your group to decide as there are no 'cleaning rules'. Could you spare an hour or so, twice a year, to help us? You don't have to attend church, but just have a willingness to help keep the Church as welcoming as possible.

This seems to be a never-ending request as sadly previous appeals have resulted in little or no response. Our (Your) Church is a focal point of services, weddings, christenings, funerals, visitors, concerts, etc and we are in desperate need of a few more volunteer cleaners. Male or female.

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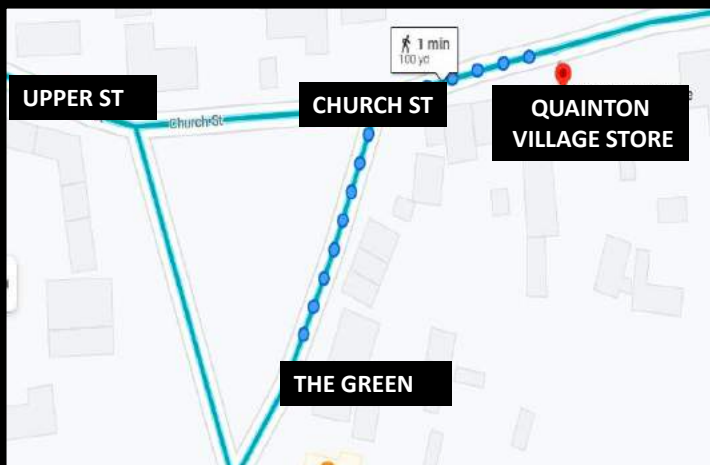
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- Sow perennials i.e. hollyhocks, delphiniums, echinaceas
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- Pot cuttings of tender perennials taken last summer
- When the soil warms up and ground is prepared, some salad veg can be sown
- Plant early peas and broad beans. Sow peas in large pots for shoots or in the ground for peas. Choose hardy, early varieties for sowing in March/April. Sow seeds in single or double lines, 5cm deep and 30cm apart
- First early potatoes can also be planted



For more information, try the following websites where you will find loads!

www.sarahraven.com/articles/april-in-the-garden

www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/jobs/april

To renew your membership of Quainton Gardening Society, please see the form on p.37.

QGS Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 14th May 2022, 2-4pm

New Venue: Quainton Memorial Hall

This event is the primary fundraiser for QGS. There will be a variety of locally-grown plants for sale, along with tea/coffee and cakes.

Any plant donations also appreciated – please either bring them along on the day or drop them off at: 135a Station Road, 119 Station Road or 13 Cautley Close. Thank you!

News from Quainton Memorial Hall

Spring Clean

Extra help would be appreciated for the Annual Spring Clean on Saturday 2nd April 9:30-12:30
AGM

The AGM will be held on 11 May 2021 at 7:30.

Committee Vacancies

QMH is looking for new trustees to join us in May. All a trustee needs is an interest in Quainton and the Memorial Hall.

We also urgently need a new treasurer...

If you can help, please contact Kath Heirons, Chair, on 01296 651886 or email: kathheirons@gmail.com

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Quainton Residents can buy our special Quainton Family Pass (2a+4c). It includes entry to pretty all events except Christmas, Thomas and the Halloween Disco. Call 655720 to buy yours or find the form on our website and bring it in when you next visit. Proof of address required.

Quainton residents can also get a 25% discount on ALL events, including Thomas & Christmas!

Thursday Coffee Morning

The Thursday Coffee Mornings held at the Memorial Hall 10.30 - 12 noon will be having a two-week Easter break on 14th and 21st of April and restarting on 28th April.

Now that the restrictions have been lifted come and enjoy a chat over a coffee or tea and cake (£1.50) provided by willing volunteers and catch up with local news past and present. Everyone made welcome.

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Quainton Parish Council



Chair: Nicolette Smith. Councillors: Nick Butler, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock. Clerk: Brian Fludgate.

Clerk Elect: Katherine Richardson, 26 Upper Street Quainton HP22 4AY.

E: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk T: 07939 366424. Or use the contact form at: <https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us>

Next meeting: Thursday 7th April at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall. This will be the Quainton Parish Annual Meeting. Parishioners are invited to attend.

Your Parish Council Reports:

Councillor News: We first wish to extend our thanks to John Knox for the hard work he has put in over the past 10 years as a Councillor for Quainton Parish. We wish him well in his future endeavours. Our first priority this month was to appoint a new chairman. On this occasion, the council elected Cllr Nicolette Smith for this position. With Brian Fludgate temporarily returning as clerk and Katherine Richardson joining us as our new clerk, the Quainton Parish Council is now left to fill three Councillor positions to form a full council. We invite people from the Parish to contact us and **apply for the role of Parish Councillor**. To find out more about the role of a Parish Councillor visit the Quainton Village Website: <https://quainton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

Skate Park: We wish to move forward with the new skate park. There was a preliminary meeting last autumn and now that the weather is looking better we're sure kids will be out to use the skate park again. An inspection is scheduled to take place during May. We know it needs replacing within a couple of years. A new Facebook group has been created and we invite people who are interested to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/996917390903081/>

Playground: a new bin has been installed!

Jubilee Beacon: As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations the Beacon will be lit on June 2nd and we have approved funding for a piper to play the special Jubilee piece 'Diu Regnare'. Thanks to Louisa, your editor, for arranging. More information about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations can be found on the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy's website: <https://www.buckslieutenancy.org/platinumjubilee22> Details about Quainton's event are on p.13.

CHOW: 30 saplings have arrived from the Woodland Trust. They've received silver birch, Rowan and wild Cherry to plant in the meadow and copse at the Community Heritage Orchard & Wildlife (CHOW) project. The plaque for the red oak has arrived as well. We'd like to extend a special thanks to Claire, Michelle, Carol, Nick H, Nick B, John, Kath, Greta, Jane, Simon, and all the volunteers who have continued to work hard to get this community orchard and wildlife meadow looking great for the village; clearing the area of thistles, planting new trees and hedges, learning all about trees, wildflowers and grasses, ordering equipment and put benches together, the ditching work and generally keeping on top of everything, including organising the Wassailing ceremonies. Work continues over the next few weeks to create a beautiful space for us all to enjoy. Follow progress and offer your help and support via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321040946212772>

Litter Picking: we have noticed there's a group of people who go about doing marvellous work picking litter along our village roads and outlying areas. We wish to thank these people and we're also looking into how we can support an organised effort again as we had an organised group before Covid disrupted our lives and schedules. A big concern is an increase in traffic in the area and we're looking into ways to make this activity safe for everyone.

Roads: There is a list of at least 16 items that are being discussed with the Local Area Technician, this ranges from potholes to damaged kerbs, damaged drains to bollards and traffic signs, as well as the

issues with heavy traffic coming down Lower Street. We're investigating which companies these lorries are from and where possible communicate with them to use alternative routes. Apart from the main route into Quainton from Blackgrove Road, The Willows, The Strand and Station Road and North End via Lee Road, the village roads are not on the Buckinghamshire recommended roads for HGVs, so they shouldn't need to drive through the village unless they have a destination within the village.

Speed Watch: We're still progressing on the installation of the four poles and two new Speed Indicator Devices. Cllrs Lee Whitlock and Nicolette Smith have checked on the locations of the four poles; they will be installed at the entrance to the village on The Strand, on Townsend, near Scraggs Hill and a new location on Station Road to replace the current one there. We have agreed to a maintenance contract for the SIDs, which means we don't need people to download and analyse the data coming from the SIDs and if - like the ones currently on Station Road and Lower Street - something goes wrong, we can call the contractor to fix the problem. Once the SIDs are up and running we will be able to proactively monitor speeding in the village and mitigate any issues arising.

Station Rd Traffic Calming: Cllr Sue Weldon and Clerk Brian Fludgate met with Barwood Homes about the exact proposal regarding the bus stop near nr 108 Station Rd and the 'chicane' near the allotments. The 'improvement' to the bus stop would be a dropped kerb to aide with crossing the road near the bus stop. The proposed 'chicane' is more a widening of the footpath. We have agreed that some adjustments need to be made to the existing proposals to allow for wide loads at the 'chicane' as well as extending the length so traffic doesn't sit and wait outside someone's kitchen window. We await the new drawings.

Planning: There were no new applications to be considered at the last Council Meeting.

Bus Service: Ward Cllr Iain Macpherson reported that he's in contact with the bus company. He will report back if the public transport department will agree to the Red Rose bus using the Railway Centre car park to turn just like the Redline school bus does. It would speed matters up if we don't have to wait for a trial of the regular bus service, when we know this is a workable solution for the school bus.

Station Road Crossroads: Ward Cllr Iain Macpherson reported that we are still awaiting police reports, until then we cannot progress this situation.

HS2/EKFB New Station Rd Layout: Ward Cllr Iain Macpherson reported that there are new drawings that have not been presented to the Parish Council yet, so we have requested these so we can see any new plans. On the walk around for the SIDs poles, Cllrs Nicolette Smith and Lee Whitlock have established that the new SID will be placed after the new road layout enters Station Road, which should help remind drivers to slow down as they enter Station Road. The bus stop at 108 is after this and the dropped kerb crossing should also help traffic slow down.

Road Closures: In addition to the long list we already have: HS2/EKFB: There was an overnight closure to the Station Rd 'South' for road surface corrections. Station Rd was fully closed, 24 hours a day, at the end of March as part of the continued preparatory works. HS2/EKFB carried out Ground Investigation (GI) works along Station Rd between the entrance to Bucks Railway Centre and the crossroads. The GI works will involve surveys and trial holes to allow for accurate detection and identification of existing services/utilities. Check the Quainton website for details: <https://quainton.org.uk/hs2-latest-information>

Communication: We realise not everyone accesses the same media to get info about the village. Along with our wonderful monthly **Quainton News**, we also like to highlight the **Quainton Village Website** on <https://www.quainton.org.uk/> There are also physical **message boards** on The Green and at the Memorial Hall to keep you up to date with Village News. For a full list of businesses and clubs and anything there is to do in and around the Parish, there is **Quainton Village Directory** published by Quainton Village Society. Do keep an eye out on our **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/QuaintonParish> and we will endeavour to share important updates onto **Quainton Village Life**. Last but not least; make sure you're subscribed to the **Quainton Alert** email list to receive up to date weather warnings and other important information via parishclerk@quainton.org.uk



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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Burning: Thursday 2nd June 2022

The official Platinum Jubilee beacon burning event, as organised by the Queen's Pageantmaster Bruno Peek, will take place on 2nd June at 9.45pm. Quainton will host this on Mill Hill.



More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations. The order of the event, as stipulated by the Pageantmaster, will be:

Town Crier (*Do we have one in the village? If not, Mr Evans you should expect my call...!*)

At 2pm local time, Town Criers are being invited to undertake the pre-written Proclamation (Clue, it starts with: Oyez Oyez Oyez!) to announce the lighting of the beacon later that evening.

Bag Pipes

At 9.35pm local time across the UK and the Commonwealth, pipers are being asked to play 'Diu Regnare' as their personal tribute to Her Majesty The Queen. This unique tune has been especially written for this historic Jubilee. ***I have hopefully secured a bag pipe player, who will play this piece for us on Mill Hill!***

Bugle Call

At 9.40pm local time, to officially announce the lighting of the beacon, a unique Bugle Call has been written, entitled 'Majesty,' adding another colourful element to this special tribute to Her Majesty the Queen. ***Quainton's very own bugler, Martin Dorrell, has agreed to learn this piece of music and play it on the night for our event.***

Choir

At exactly 9.45pm local time, to coincide with the lighting of the Beacons, choirs of all types and sizes within local communities are warmly encouraged to sing this unique 'Song for the Commonwealth.' The song is the winner of a Commonwealth-wide song competition organised over the last few months. ***Our vicar and Community Choir leader, Steve Flashman, has agreed to teach this new song to Quainton's Community Choir, to be sung on Mill Hill as the beacon is lit. If anyone would like to be a part of this, we meet on Fridays at 10am in the Memorial Hall.***

The Beacon:

The Beacons will all be lit at exactly 9.45pm, local time. ***We hope to enlist the help of someone to 'run' less-mobile residents up the hill like we did for the previous beacon event, to ensure as many of us as possible can enjoy the occasion. Our huge thanks to Warren, Ian, Richard, Steve and Pete of Quainton Bonfire & Fireworks committee, who will erect the beacon on Mill Hill and prepare it for lighting for this momentous occasion of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee!***

I hope you all agree that it looks set to be a fabulous night of celebrations up Mill Hill!

Any queries, please get in touch: Louisa Richards quaintonnews@gmail.com

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The thunder of hooves was heard across the village as Quainton C of E School PTA celebrated their first ever race night. Never have wooden horses been so well backed and cheered, with the form of the yellow horse Vs pink discussed over a glass of wine.



Over £1,000 was raised! The PTA would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers, including members of the football club for giving up their time for the school and Neil (Flash), our very own John McCrick. Our sponsors: The Village Shop, Affinity Hair Design, Northend Nurseries, the George and Dragon, Quainton Carpets and Chambers Engineering



100 Club:

We hope that you will consider supporting the PTA by buying a number in our 100 Club. We have kept the format the same as last year, so it will run for nine months between November and July. You will have the chance to win four cash prizes every month.

The prizes are: 1st Prize - £50, 2nd Prize - £20, 3rd Prize - £10, 4th Prize - £5.

The March draw winners are:

1 st	No. 18	Trish Aplin
2 nd	No. 8	Daniel Ridgeway
3 rd	No. 85	Al Thaker
4 th	No. 72	K Shepherdson

There are still a handful of numbers for the remaining draws if you would like to be involved in our 100 Club! The cost is now a one-off fee of £8 per number (£2 for each of the remaining 4 draws). If you would like to transfer the money to us, please use the reference: 100 Club plus your name. The PTA bank details are: Sort Code 40-52-40, Account no. 00060454. Please also send us an email to alert us that you have transferred the money to ensure we assign your number to you.

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QVS Life Membership/New Life Membership Application Form 13/02/20

On Wednesday 9th March, we were delighted to welcome 45 QVS members to our first function of the year – The March Social held in our superb Memorial Hall. It was a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours, have a chat, share a cuppa and/or a glass of wine and listen to a very interesting, illustrated talk about our local River Thame and its Flora and Fauna, that was given to us by the excellent John Tyler. As we continue to try to get back to normal, we will be organising various outings and events for our members. Do watch out for further details in the coming months. Don't miss out! Why not join us by contacting Peter Taylor-Lane or by completing the membership form opposite.

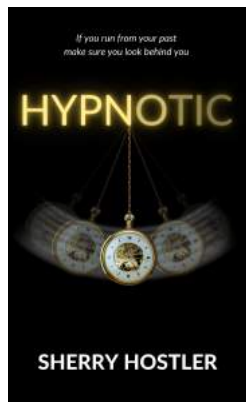
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Debut Novel from Quainton resident Hits the Shelves!

It turns out we have a new up and coming author living in the village, Sherry Hostler, who has just had her debut novel published! 'Hypnotic' is a contemporary psychological thriller, which tells the tale of Tom who, while trying to outrun his past and save his marriage, is unwittingly drawn into a university experiment with a hidden objective: Can you hypnotise someone to commit murder? The experiment is led by the obsessive Bethany who has her own agenda and secrets she will do anything to keep safe. What Tom doesn't realise is that the more involved he becomes in the experiment, the more he's putting himself and those he loves at risk. But it might be too late to turn back!

Sherry informed people from an early age she that her dream job was to be a writer. Well, either a writer or a trapeze artist. She couldn't decide. In lieu of doing either of those things, she followed her parents' advice and got a sensible job instead. She still wrote in her spare time and eventually started to get paid for it. She has a regular column 'A Drop of Sherry' in Vale Life and writes features for other magazines. She is now working on her second novel.

Sherry lives in Quainton with her husband, Jon, and their big fluffy dog, Barkley. She's thrilled that she has finally fulfilled her dream of becoming an author. She did try the trapeze once and realised that she really wasn't that keen on heights!



If you like a gripping read, give it a go, and who knows, you might recognise some of the characters. 'Hypnotic' is available now on Amazon for Kindle and in paperback. You can find more details at sherryhostler.com Facebook: SherryHostlerWriter Instagram: adropofsherry Twitter: SherryHostler

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QuaintFest will be held on The Green from 2pm until late. There will be live music, the dog show, fun and games, and food and drink for all!

We are only a very small team who organises this event – would you like to lend a hand? If so, please get in touch via quaintonnews@gmail.com

This event is the main annual fundraiser for our village church. So, the first thing that needs sorting is the beer sponsorship – otherwise we don't make any funds! Would you like to sponsor a barrel of beer? Maybe your business would benefit from some local promotion? Sponsorship is £100 per barrel. Please email me if you are interested.

We always offer stands to any village group, club or society who might like to do a bit of their own fundraising on the day. If you would like to do this, please email me. The more the merrier!

If you are a singer or part of a band and would like to play for us on the day – email me!

If you feel you would like to get involved in any other way, or can offer help, guidance, finance or anything else I haven't thought of yet – please email me!

Everyone else – just save the date and show up on the day! And fish out your reusable QuaintFest 'glasses' from previous years – but if you can't find it, don't worry, we'll have more!

Waddesdon School BIG GIG at Quainton Church

Mr Judson and a team of his hugely talented music students from Waddesdon Secondary School gave us the pleasure of a concert of live music at the end of March – and what an amazing evening it was! From soloist singers and pianists, to the Sixth Form pop/fusion band and fabulous funk band featuring students as young as age 12, it was an evening to celebrate the talents of some incredible young people, and hopefully inspire others.

Huge thanks to everyone involved, including the organisers, Mr Judson and the team from the school, the musicians and to all of you for coming and being a great audience! It certainly wasn't a quiet evening at church! Funds raised are due to be split between the school's music department and the church.



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Claydon Cycling Club Turns 2!

Hip Hip Hooray! We've hit another milestone, as Claydon Cycling Club was 'born' just over 2 years ago. We celebrated with a birthday ride to Stratton Audley Barn. During our time as a collective of like-minded people, we have covered thousands of miles between us and had a lot of laughs (and cakes!) along the way. We have been as far south as Benson, and pedalled hard north to enjoy some well-earned coffee in Olney. With a great group of passionate members, we've been lucky, even throughout the pandemic, to fit in some group rides when allowed, but also do plenty of virtual group riding indoors. When restrictions were lifted last year, we were keen to get out and inspire even more people to dust off their bikes, and this was when our Academy programme was born! We were thrilled when the response to the programme was greater than expected and we welcomed a 50/50 mix of men and women. Over four consecutive Sundays, our British Cycling-trained ride leaders helped to teach the riders how to safely cycle as a group, improve their cadence, hill climbing skills and communication. They also advised on the importance of hydration, nutrition and preparation for long riding.

Our Academy group built up their skill, knowledge and fitness in order to complete a 50km ride by Week 4. Cycling is great for physical and mental health as well as meeting new people and seeing our beautiful countryside in a new way. Many of our members have gone on to compete in sportives, take cycling holidays or even commute to work daily by bike. Luckily, Spring is on the horizon and we're pleased to announce that our Academy programme will run again, starting on Sunday 24th April, for anyone who wishes to get involved. For more details, email: academy@claydoncyclingclub.com or visit our website www.claydoncyclingclub.com/academy

If you're an experienced rider, we group ride every Sunday at 9am. From April, when the clocks go forward, promising us longer evenings, we will also be resuming our Wednesday evening rides at 6:30pm. Our starting point for all rides is Molly's Café, Steeple Claydon.

For more information about membership please email membership@claydoncyclingclub.com or message us on Facebook, Instagram or Tiktok @claydoncyclingclub



Spring Academy Programme

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Tennis Club News

The sun is shining, a new season is here and we would like to welcome back all our members and anyone else, who is interested in playing tennis. The courts have been cleaned and brushed and the table tennis tables put out. Please remember to book a court in advance using the Clubspark Booker App, which is free to download on your tablet or mobile phone. The coaching programme is under way, run by our enthusiastic coach, Aaron Cowley. Details are as follows:

Junior Coaching:

4pm until 4.45pm – Mini Tennis Red (ages 5 to 8)
4.45pm until 5.30pm – Orange Tennis (ages 8 to 10)
5.30pm until 6.30pm – Green Tennis (ages 10 to 12)
6.30pm until 7.30pm – Yellow Tennis (ages 17 & under)

12 weeks of coaching costs £84, paid in advance. There is parking at the courts and plenty of seating provided for parents to be able to watch safely. The tennis club is situated just outside the village, off Lee Road. The nearest postcode is HP22 4BH, with a 'Quainton Tennis' sign opposite the main entrance to the sports field. If anyone is interested in any junior coaching courses, then please contact Peter Cowley: peter@cowleytennis.com or 07539 244155.

Adult Coaching:

7.30pm until 8.30/9.30pm – Cardio Tennis, Coaching Clinic or Adults. Adults: £5 to £10 each depending on number of attendees

Cardio Tennis: 1-hour sessions (includes music), with one free trial session, subject to 6 adults signing up. Minimum of 3 adults per week thereafter at £10 each.

Coaching Clinics: 5 wks, covering specific topics each week e.g. forehand, backhand, serve, volley, tactics. Members can sign up to the ones they are interested in. Min. 4 people for 2 hours at £15 each. If anyone is interested in any adult coaching courses, then please contact Aaron Cowley on 07538 314700.

Private lessons may also be booked direct with Aaron, subject to his availability.

Membership

The club currently has around 100 members, of which a third are Juniors. Membership subscriptions are due on 1st May, with new members always welcome and can be of any age or ability. Annual subscriptions are very competitive compared with other clubs. Currently, the weekly cost is less than £2 per adult or £4 per household.

There is no joining fee and usage of the new LED floodlights is included. Should you be interested in joining or want to try out the courts, please get in touch with James Christopherson: jameschristopherson5@icloud.com.

Further information can be found here: <https://quainton.org.uk/community-activities/tennis-club>

Annual General Meeting

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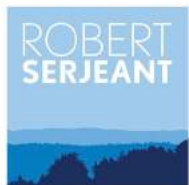
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Steaming Days & Special Events in April:

Sunday 3 rd April:	Teddy's Train Ride
Sunday 10 th April:	Steaming Day
Good Friday 15 th April:	Peppa Pig is Coming!
Easter Sunday & Monday 17/18 th April:	Easter Transport Festival
Sunday 24 th April:	Steaming Day

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The Railway Café

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10th April: Whitchurch – Weedon (2.4 miles)

With the proposed lifting of Covid restrictions, we plan to re-start the Lent Walks. Starting from Waddesdon Church on Sunday 6th March - just turn up and enjoy.

The walks are suitable for most ages. We walk at a leisurely pace, keeping to footpaths across fields & avoiding roads whenever possible. Each walk takes between 1 ½ 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 & old friends.

All are welcome

Further details available from Martin Wright – martinhwright@gmail.com



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Could you be a local representative for our Charity in Quainton? We are seeking a team to be our eyes and ears, and feet on the ground, in your community, letting us know of any new fundraising opportunities, collecting green tubs, putting up posters and just generally making as many people as possible aware of the work Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity does. The volunteers will be key in helping the Charity raise much needed funds to run the Florence Nightingale Hospice Services. Amy, our Community Events Fundraiser says, “We really appreciate all the support, we get from the local communities, and it is really important for us to be aware of what is going on in the local areas and all the different fundraising events that are taking place.”

If you have a friendly and professional manner, are happy on the telephone and have your own transport and you think this sounds like something you’d enjoy doing to help the Charity, please get in touch via volunteering@fnhospice.org.uk or call our Volunteering Team on 01296 429975.

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Ramblings from Finemere Wood By Charlotte Karmali - Volunteer Warden

Spring is in the air and Finemere Wood is coming to life. Warming yellows are the first colour to catch the eye: pretty, pale yellow Primroses bursting into bloom, lemony-yellow Brimstone butterflies flitting effortlessly by. These are such welcome sights after the gloom and colourlessness of the Winter months.

The volunteers met in the gentle March sunshine to tidy up their winter mess, dealing with the piles of wood that have accumulated during the recent scrub clearance activities. A fire was built and potatoes set to bake, a Finemere Wood delicacy. For today we must celebrate Pete (BBOWTs Reserves Officer for North Buckinghamshire), who is leaving us as his career progresses upwards.

The **Ash tree** (*Fraxinus excelsior*) is one of the most common and striking trees in the UK. Living for up to 400 years, and even longer if coppiced, it may reach a dizzy height of 35 metres. Its pinnate, light-green leaves allow sunlight to reach the ground, thus providing an airy canopy. Flora takes advantage of this; dog violet and dog's mercury are just two plants that will flourish underneath an ash tree. Ash trees provide a rich habitat for a variety of wildlife. Birds, such as woodpeckers, owls and nuthatches nest, and bats roost, in the cracks and hollows of large mature trees. Bullfinches eat the seeds. Lichens and moss grow on the bark, and the leaves provide a food source for many species of moth.

Sadly, Ash dieback, a fungal disease, is now widespread across the country. The fungus is spread by the wind and a large number of ash trees in Finemere Wood are showing considerable damage. The result is structurally unstable trees which present a hazard to the public. The deadwood of the trees plays a vital role in the ecosystem of the wood and so wherever possible, the ash trees will be left to die and decay naturally. Because of the danger of falling dead trees and branches, the path to the back of the wood is now closed. (See information via the following link)

<https://www.bbowl.org.uk/nature-reserves/finemere-wood?gclid=CjwKCAjw8sCRBhA6EiwA6 IF4XO3QZ VtSsZMlf2ddiv 7mmU>

And so, the time has come to say goodbye to Pete, who has been a joy and an inspiration to work with. Calm, fun, always supportive, and hugely knowledgeable, he will be sorely missed by all. Thank you, Pete, for all you have done for Finemere Wood and its woodland workers. Come back and visit us one day to appreciate the results of your contribution.

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





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



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Claydon House News:

The National Trust have announced that Claydon House will be open to visitors on Friday 6th May, and on Saturday 7th May, from 11am to 3pm, and then on all following Fridays and Saturdays until 1st October. This season, further rooms that are in the original Tudor House will also be open, including a second-hand book shop and reading room, and an information room. Visits will be in timed slots which should be pre-booked through the National Trust's website or by telephoning on 0344 2491895. Tours of the House by one of our volunteers can be booked for groups including for days when the house is not otherwise open.

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So if you or someone you love would like to be part of a club which provides a safe place to feel heard, a club that provides a sense of community through singing for pleasure and sharing memories and where you get to eat homemade cake please come and join us.

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Green Dragon Eco Farm News:

Spring is officially here which means it is the perfect time to visit Green Dragon Eco Farm! Every day from 9th to 24th April, they are holding their unmissable Spring Babies event, jam-packed with different activities & encounters, including fun and informative animal interactions.

There will be so much for families to enjoy on the farm during this event. Daily animal encounters will be running with the chance to meet the new baby animals, as well as hearing fascinating keeper talks with exciting demonstrations around the farm, pets corner and wildlife zone, including the popular flying bird display! Activities around the farm will provide lots of family fun, from an Easter scavenger hunt, a big straw maze, lawn games and much, much more! There will also be the chance to use your green fingers with a fun grow your own and pot decorating experience. They've also invited some special guests to meet on different days, including the Easter bunny, a magical nanny (arriving by umbrella!) and a tower princess with long flowing locks. Check their website to find out more details on who will be visiting and when.

Outside of the event, the farm will be open every Wednesday to Sunday with regular daily animal encounters and different facilities offering a brilliant experience, including play areas for the kids to enjoy and the barn café with a delicious selection of hot and cold food during the day. To find out more and book your tickets, visit www.greendragonecofarm.co.uk or phone 01296 670444.



QUINTON FOOTBALL CLUB DRAW

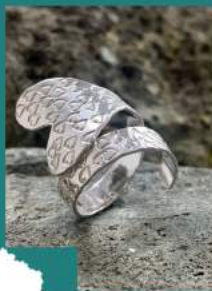


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Why not join our friendly society? Whatever your age, new to gardening or experienced. We hold events throughout the year where you can make friends and learn something new.

Members can receive 10% discount at North End Nurseries in Quainton, and 5% discount at Preston Bissett Nurseries.

New Membership / Membership Renewal Form

(For membership up to the year ending 31st October 2022)

Please tick one of the following boxes:

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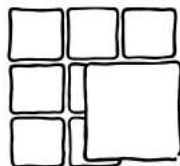
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FREE. Used condition, light tan colour, cotton, washable covers. Buyer must collect. Tel: 07973 899545.

(Sorry, I chopped half this number off in the last issue! Ed)

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Weather Figures for Quainton

Averages and Extremes for February 2022



Temperature			Rainfall		
Maximum	15.5°C	1 st	Total for the month	69mm	
Minimum	-2.1°C	10 th	Wettest day	14mm	13 th
Average Minimum	2.4°C		Rain days	16	
Average Maximum	10.9°C		Dry days	12	
Highest Minimum	6.1°C	1 st			
Lowest Maximum	8.2°C	4 th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	56mph	18 th	Highest	1050hPa	11 th
			Lowest	998hPa	18 th

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

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

Quainton 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 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: T: 655379, E: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com. Call 07704 851945 to report noise/nuisance.

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

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

Refuse & Recycling for April: Please note B/H changes below!

Monday 4 th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 11 th April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
TUESDAY 19th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 25 th April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
TUESDAY 3rd May	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **

Please make sure your bin is out for 6:30am

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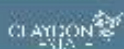


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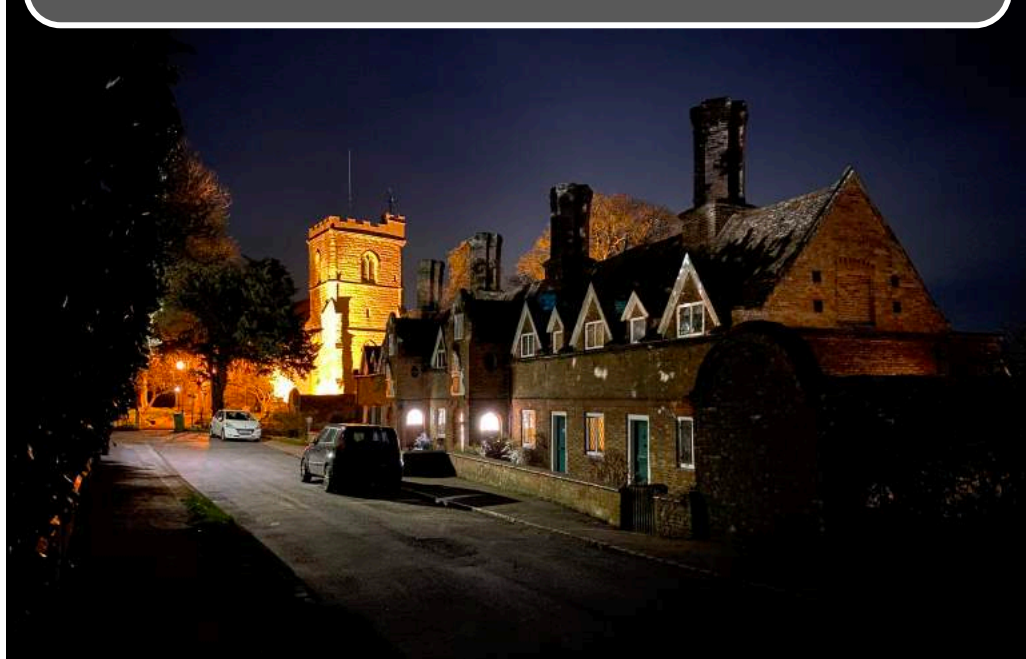
Sunday 3 rd April	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Café Breakfast Church (with bacon rolls!)
	6:00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
Sunday 10 th April	6:00pm	Palm Sunday Service – come for your Palm Crosses
Good Friday 15 th April	10:00am	Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday 17 th April	10:00am	Easter Day Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt
		No evening service
Sunday 24 th April	6:00pm	Joint Praise & Worship Service with our Worship Band

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Cremation: Rita Seaton Friday 4th March

CHURCH ROTA FOR APRIL

	3 April	10 April	17 April	24 April
Morning Reader				
Morning Sidesman				
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	LENT	LENT	Sarah Williams	Margaret Willoughby
Pedestal Flowers	LENT	LENT	EASTER Fiona Morrison	Fiona Morrison
Tea Rota				
Church Cleaning	Margaret Willoughby / Carol Cooper / Alison Heath	Patty Goddard / Celia Prideaux / Penny Allen / Caroline Campbell		Caroline Cook / Jayne Williamson / Debbie Ormerod



Thank you to Pete Miller for sending in this month's beautifully atmospheric photo of our church. If you have taken a photo of our Church or its surroundings which you would like to see in print, please email it to me at: quaintonnews@gmail.com Thank you, Louisa, *Editor*

VILLAGE CALENDAR – APRIL 2022

- 3rd April:** Bucks Railway Centre re-opens, (events on p.25)
7th April: PC meeting, QMH, 7.45pm p.10
15th April: Good Friday service in Church, 10am, p.21
15th April: Peppa Pig at The Railway, p.25
17th April: Easter Sunday service in Church, 10.30am, p.21
17/18th April: Easter Transport Festival, Bucks Railway Centre, 10.30am, p.21
24th April: Praise & Worship service in church, p.21

Future Dates:

- 7th May:** Zest re-launch, p.33
14th May: Gardening Society plant sale, QMH, 2-4pm, p.7
2nd June: Jubilee Beacon, Mill Hill, 9.30pm, p.13

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