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Happy New Year!

A stunning shot of our windmill taken one frosty December morning by Quainton Windmill Society member, Richard Vining.

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

Happy New Year! 2023 has arrived and no doubt will present us with new challenges to overcome and new opportunities to pursue. January is traditionally the time of Epiphany in the church calendar, when we remember the arrival of the Magi in the Christmas story, presenting Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Shortly after these events, Jesus and his family fled as refugees to Egypt because of the death threats issued by the notorious King Herod. Epiphany refers to a moment of sudden

realisation and revelation. The penny drops. It all suddenly makes sense. This was the experience of the Magi when they found Jesus. They were foreigners, but they were familiar with the ancient prophets who foretold that a special king would be born in the region. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they asked King Herod where the new King was to be born. He summoned his advisors and they also were familiar with the ancient prophecies about the coming of a Messiah and they quoted the prophet Micah who said: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times." (5:2)

This prophecy was written 800 years before Christ was born.

So Herod directed the Magi to Bethlehem, 12 miles south west of Jerusalem, asking them to report back when they found the new born King. Herod was a cruel and maniacal king, appointed by Rome to rule over Judea at the time of Jesus' birth. He was a great builder, restoring Jerusalem's Temple, constructing palaces, and adorning Judean cities to match the lavish splendour of Rome. But building talents couldn't save Herod from himself. Suspicion and paranoia haunted him. Herod suspected his wife and her family of betrayal and had them killed. He was sure that some of his sons were plotting to steal his throne, so he ordered their executions as well. Is it any wonder that Herod became desperate because he wanted to hold on to his ill gotten power when he heard about this new King? The Magi quickly got the measure of this power-hungry man, and did not go back to Jerusalem to report to Herod. They were warned in a dream and went back to their country via a different route.

The king Herod's of this world will never win. However much they seek to destroy the lives of others for the sake of maintaining power and prestige, they are human beings who will one day face their Maker and pay the price for their evil deeds.

So when you feel overwhelmed with the challenges of life, as we all do at times, step into this New Year with new resolve, new determination and a new courage to be the person you were made to be.

God bless you and all those you love and care for.

Blessings,

Rev Steve

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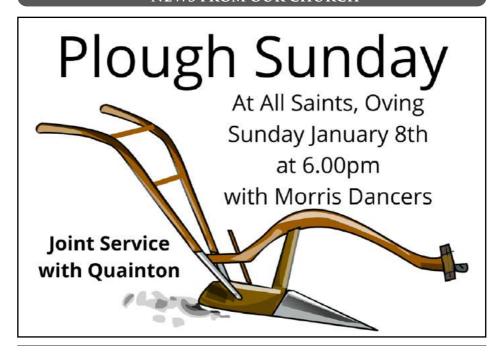
Louisa Richards, Editor quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

I know this is the January issue, but it is being printed a week before Christmas so it means some of you will get it early, so I've kept some of the festive information inside. If you get yours afterwards, then I apologise!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who help me produce this parish magazine: Melanie Curtis, who has taken over the advertising from Cicely this year; (and thank you to Cicely for doing it for the past few years!) Beth Vining who gets each issue onto the website every month; Margaret Tooms who posts it out to those who don't live in the village; and Dick Carter who coordinates delivery around the village. And to the many deliverers who get each issue delivered to some 600 houses in our parish – thank you! My biggest thanks go to Rachel Quigg, who has at least halved the amount of time it takes me to produce the magazine each month and has actually saved my sanity! Thank you Rachel; and thank you to you all! Happy New Year everyone, and enjoy the read,

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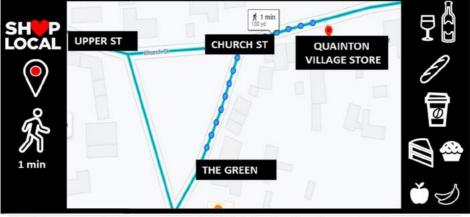
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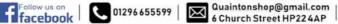
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Christmas in Quainton

You should get this issue just in time for Christmas, so here are a few items of importance!



Christmas Eve:

Crib Service (with live nativity) in Church at 3pm

Children are invited to dress up as Christmas Story characters. Please gather on The Green at 2.45pm for the procession to church!

Father Christmas goes around the village 4-8pm:

Listen out for the bell, the music and the knock at your door!

Midnight Communion in Church at 11.30pm



Christmas Day:

Family Christmas Day Service in Church at 11am



New Year's Day:

The New Year's Day Concert in church has had to be cancelled - apologies



The Village Store's opening hours:

Normal times until:

Christmas Eve: Shop and P/O 9am-1pm

Christmas Day: **CLOSED**

Boxing Day: Shop only 9am-12 noon Tues 27th Dec: Shop and P/O 9am-2pm Shop and P/O 9am-2pm Weds 28th Dec: Thurs 29th Dec: Shop and P/O 9am-2pm Fri 30th Dec: Shop and P/O 9am-2pm New Year's Eve: Shop and P/O 9am-1pm

New Year's Day: **CLOSED**

B/h Mon 2nd Jan: Shop only 9am-12 noon



The George & Dragon Pub opening hours:

Christmas Eve: 6pm-11pm Christmas Day: 12-2pm Boxing Day: 12-3pm New Year's Eve: 7pm-late New Year's Day: 12-3pm





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THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Re-starting on 5th January

Why not come to the Memorial Hall between 10.30am and 12noon for tea/coffee and cake served by our willing team of volunteers for £1.50 (free refills). The conversation I will leave to you! The proceeds go towards the up-keep of the hall.

I hope you all have a good Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you in January where you can meet friendly, interesting people for a chat.

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If you are interested, please send me a message on 07809 574055.

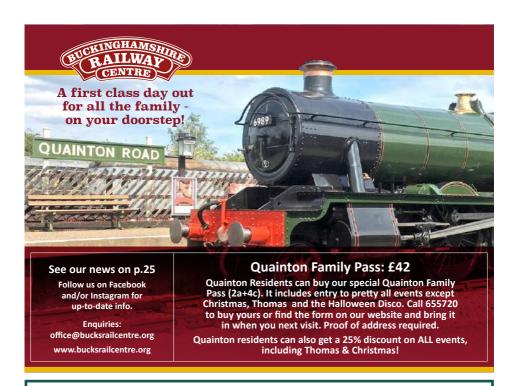
One less thing to worry about!

New Trustees needed for The Winwood Almshouses Trust

The Winwood Almshouses Trust are looking for new Trustees 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 3 times a year.

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Thank you from Quaintwood Players!

Thank you to everyone who came to see our production of Calendar Girls – your support was really appreciated. We are delighted to let you know that through your generosity, we have raised £1,730 which will be split between Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity and Blood Cancer UK.

We are now planning our productions for 23/24 so if you would like to be part of this wonderful group, please contact us via our Facebook page or website: www.quaintwoodplayers.co.uk

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



QUAINTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Nicolette Smith. Vice Chair: Nick Butler

Councillors: Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas,

Martin Pacetti. Clerk: Katherine Richardson

One position vacant: https://quainton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/

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

Parish Council lines of Communication:

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

Physical message boards on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

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

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

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 10th November 2022.

Next meeting: Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

SPORTS & RECREATION GROUND: There will be a meeting of all the groups that use the Sports & Recreation Ground in January 2023 to discuss the needs of each group. A few requests have come in from the Tennis Club and they touch on some of the ideas that the Parish Council have. It will be a big project, but it will be worth it and we believe it will enhance the lives of everyone in the village. We need a sub-committee to help with this project.

QUAINTON VISION: We've decided to get the community more involved, we will be sending around surveys going forward. Thank you to a few people who have written to us with ideas for Quainton Vision, keep ideas coming, but we do need more people to tell us what they want, so expect a survey to 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://quainton.org.uk/contact-us - we work for you! write to us with ideas!

THE GEORGE & DRAGON CAG: The CAG have joined the Plunkett Foundation, they've had their first meeting with them, they've progressed with the business plan and an update is elsewhere in this edition of Quainton News. 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 and he's decided to also write in Quainton News. 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. He has asked us to not publish anything to avoid confusing people. Due to circumstances outside of the workers and planners control, such as weather, all dates may be subject to change.

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

This is my last report in Quainton News as Chairman of the Parish Council. As of Wednesday 14 December 2022, I have resigned as a Parish Councillor. There are external factors that make it extremely difficult for me to represent the residents of Quainton Parish to the best of my ability. Some of these factors make me have to work outside the Nolan Principles that I have vowed to uphold as a public servant. It saddens me that these circumstances have led to me making this difficult decision. It was never my intention to leave the Parish Council before my term expired, but sometimes there is no other way.

I'm hoping the Parish Council will continue to carry out their brilliant work. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes that people are unaware of, Parish Councillors put in a lot of work, they don't get the credit they deserve.

My special thanks goes out to Brian Fludgate, who has continued to support the Parish Council and me, as Chairman, navigating the role of Parish Council. If someone deserves a medal, Brian, it's you.

To Katherine, who has taken on the role of Clerk and supported me in my role as Chairman, whilst we were both learning the ropes, with many challenges thrown our way. You're worth your weight in gold.

To my colleagues, Peter, Martin, Sue, Nick and Lee, thank you for serving with me, I wish things could be different and that we could carry out the awesome projects that we have discussed together. Wishing you all the best for the future and I'll continue to support you as a resident of Quainton. Keep up the good work!

Nicolette Smith

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Thank you so much to everyone who bought one of our Christmas trees – it means so much to be supported by so many people in the village. As we write this, our Christmas Fair hasn't happened yet! But we thank everyone in advance for showing up and supporting our event – I'm sure it will be a huge success as our community always supports us so well!

Thank you everyone and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

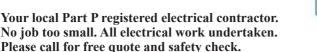
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Most recent cases as discussed in November QPC meetings:

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Status
22/02918/APP	Erection of 6 detached dwellings	Land adjacent Station Road	Bucks County not supportive
22/03060/APP	Erection of 2 light industrial units. Use Class E (g)	Ladymead Farm Denham	Not supported Awaiting decision
22/03228/APP	Two storey extension and rear extension	1 Lee Road Quainton	Supported subject to info requested
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.
22/03782/ PAPCR	Determination as to whether prior approval in respect for highways, noise etc for conversion of commercial to 3 dwellings	Ladymead Farm, Denham	No comment as determination prior to application outside PC remit, not a consultation.
22/03921/APP	Demolition of existing structure and erection of dwelling	The Stables, Church Street, Quainton	Does not comply with QNP, outside settlement boundary.
22/03835/APP	Erection of attached garage	16 North End Road	Supported

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Update from Cllr Philip Gomm

Thank you to the Parishioners that are engaging directly with me to help improve HS2/Highways/Signage issues, I believe we are making a better difference.

I'm sorry for the inconvenience with the roadworks from Snake Lane Junction to Shipton Lee Junction at the beginning of this month, which we made arrangements to help you travel for work and school etc, by rather than allowing a FULL road closure for 5 days we requested 9.30am till 3.30pm.

Due to conditions and other factors the times kept changing although was still not FULL closure, once we explained to the contractor the ramifications on the village with those actions and time changes, they then kept us informed. I kept everyone best I could be updated via Social media which I believe was appreciated.

The good news was the road opened two days earlier than anticipated.

Please note EKFB will give you a month's warning of Closures or works in this magazine, BUT theses can change if we can shorten the time period of closure or the works themselves, if this happens, I personally update on the local Facebook page.

You will see the Blackgrove road works are now NOT a full closure as originally agreed but now controlled traffic with lights upon our request. Thanks to the extra help from my neighbouring colleagues Cllr Irwin and Cllr Waite and the team we have at EKFB.

With the Team I've set up we are now working on Station Road (South)

Here we go...

- 1) Road repair and damaged edges etc, Im very pleased to say its been confirmed that funding has now been agreed by HS2 to complete these works for this section.
- 2) Lorries NOT using the Pass Bays which is causing other vehicles to go up on the grass verge. The companies have spoken to and we are monitoring but I could do with your help please, if you see an offending HGV and have a dash cam recording or captured on a mobile phone I would like that evidence forward to me. I need the evidence.
- 3) Mud and dirt on the road, this is due to the grass verge driving and the much excess rain, plus allegedly from the compound. We are monitoring the grass verge driving and looking at the road drainage/ditch to make sure the water is running away freely plus monitoring the lorries leaving the compound, cleaning their wheels.
- 4) Road-sweeper does occupy that road but we have requested more frequent please but it doesn't remove the problem of excess water, hence checking drainage.
- 5) Allegedly HS2 lorries are coming through Quainton; if you believe you see one NOTE the time, where, any name on vehicle and registration (even part). I'm personally meeting some of them to watch the lorry tracker systems and how it works in this area (I have seen others before).

Any questions as always...

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Cllr Philip Gomm Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor



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The George and Dragon Community Action Group

We have had a great response from people interested in buying shares in the George and Dragon Pub and Coffee shop. We still have a long way to go but we are making great progress. We thought it would be helpful to explain how we see the process working and where we currently are with all the tasks that need to be completed.

The George and Dragon Community Action Group (CAG) will form a type of company known as 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. 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.

We are now working on the detailed 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. As soon as this is complete, we will make it available for review and we plan on having an open village meeting to present the business plan to everybody who is interested. 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.

We hope to have the CBS set up and incorporated by the end of the year as well as completing the Business Plan. We will then host the village meeting in early/mid January to present the Business Plan to the Village and answer any questions. Following the meeting the Community Share offer will be issued so that investors can buy their shares. This applies to both those who have already expressed an interest and those who haven't yet decided. Please feel free to continue expressing an interest either via email or using the form recently distributed around the village.

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.

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

If you would like to buy shares, please complete the details below and return to the Village Shop and Post Office in a sealed envelope or by email with the subject CONFIDENTIAL to pub.info@quainton.org.uk ASAP (if you have already replied you don't need to resubmit).

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Quainton in the Winter!





Thanks as always to the fireworks committee, plus Malcolm Vowles and Peter Leybourne, for getting the Christmas tree on The Green, and to Graham Wray for funding it! The stunning photo of the windmilll was taken by Richard Vining. I took the two bottom photos: If you look closely at the left hand one, you'll see it's not just a photo of the beacon in the snow – you can actually also see our church, the windmill and the wind turbine as well! The photo bottom right is Father Christmas about to board the Panto Express steam train at the heritage railway!

Louisa, Editor





David Campbell 1st September 1937 - 27th November 2022





My father, David Campbell, died peacefully on 27 November, with his wife Caroline and four daughters all by his side. He had been unwell for some time, but we will remember him for his energy, vision and humour. Indeed, the many letters and cards that we have received from people in the village are testament to that; they have meant so much to us as a family and we are so touched by the memories and thoughts. Thank you.

My parents met and married in 1965 and came to Quainton in 1969 after falling in love with its location nestled between hill and vale. At first they lived at No. 1 Torbay, then moved to The Vine in 1972. Even during two five-year stints of working overseas, first in Bangladesh and then Kenya, this was home – the base to which we'd return every summer. The gravitational pull of The Vine is strong and all four of us girls – Charlotte, Harriet, Jocasta and Cassie – have settled locally with our own families. Dad loved having us so close, but there was never any expectation – indeed his greeting was always one of delighted surprise.

It was Dad's work with Oxfam that took our family abroad and in 1985, in the wake of the famine in Ethiopia, he co-founded the charity Farm Africa with the firm belief that developing small-scale agriculture was the key to reducing rural poverty. Getting Farm Africa off the ground was a Herculean task, one that required vision,

tenacity, and a healthy measure of bloody-mindedness. In 2000, we all trooped up to Buckingham Palace to watch Dad receive an OBE from Her Majesty The Queen for 'services to African farming', and today Farm Africa continues to transform lives, last year reaching over one million people across eastern Africa. Whenever I encounter a reference to Farm Africa and its works – be it a Radio 4 Christmas Appeal by Michael Palin, or in a Geography GCSE text book – I am filled with pride.

Dad hugely valued the support of and interest in Farm shown by friends in the village, with some even visiting the projects in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa. And then there were the Farm Christmas parties held at The Vine, a staple of my teenage years – pans of mulled wine, a feast prepared by Mum, storytelling, a visit from the bell-ringers, and villagers dancing late into the night alongside staff from the London office and visitors from overseas.

Dad retired from Farm in 1999, but 'retirement' was never a word we were allowed to use – he didn't stop. He became a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural College and created the African Fellowship Trust, a programme that supported young African graduates with potential to be leaders and innovators in agricultural development through

wwa Masters degree. He secured funding for these students, and would organise a schedule of networking events, driving them all over the country, so they could get the most out of their year in the UK. He was also interested in rural communities closer to home and chaired Bucks Community Action and the Clay Vales LEADER programme.

Quainton church was very close to his heart and he served as churchwarden for many years. He cared deeply about the church's future, its financial security and its place within the community. The glass-fronted bell tower, restoration of the Dormer monuments, and most recently the Brett memorial were all his projects.

He was driven not by a desire to adulate the past but by a belief that for the church to thrive, its space and its treasures need to be dynamic and accessible to all. Dad was always looking forward. His energy and focus made him effective; it didn't always win him friends, but he kept his eye on the goal and ploughed on. We have been tickled by Philip Mears' tactful description of this approach as 'sandblasting'!

He loved good company and a party and had a great sense of fun which, with the support of Mum and her seemingly effortless mass catering skills, he rolled into excellent fundraising use: barn dances, madcap ferret racing, concerts in church... If something could raise money and be enjoyable, surely the practicalities would fall into place? He willed things into existence. Take, for example, QuaintFest. For many years, Dad had been fascinated by the success of Buckingham Rugby Club's beer festival – what a difference that could make to the church's coffers, and what a lively way to do it! Then, in 2012, he got a group of Quainton men to agree that it did indeed sound like a great idea; there was some consternation when they realised this made them the organisers – and that they'd be footing the bill for a barrel of beer to boot! But it was a happy day, people came and enjoyed, and the next year we did it bigger. And then it grew legs and ran and ran.

My father was a modest man, reluctant to dwell on achievements of the past, eyes set firmly on what needed to be done next. Even when dogged by ill health, he insisted he'd get better as he had much left to do. For his family left behind, we feel his continued presence in Quainton, in the views he loved, the garden he nurtured, the church he cherished and the friendships he made.

We will be celebrating David's life in a memorial service in the church on Wednesday 25th January. If you would like to come, please email Caroline at carolinesdcampbell@icloud.com so that we have an idea of numbers. Thank you. Cassie Rigg







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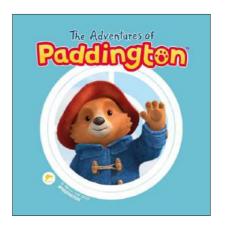
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As usual, Quainton residents will get a 25% discount off tickets. Quainton Pass holders will get free entry and can either pre-book their entry or just turn up on the day with their pass (or bring proof of address to get the 25% discount).

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Quainton Golf Society

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Join us for a tea party in the village hall where there will be an exhibition of some of the ways we have helped the village as well as a slideshow and an opportunity to chat to some of the current committee members.

Everyone is welcome – bring the children, there will be games and refreshments for them.

Look out for the invitation next month with details of how to book your place.

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From January 2023 we will be continuing with the progress around the utilities works in preparation for the start of the Station Road diversion towards the end of the year.

- On Quainton Road, we will be continuing with utility diversion works across which started in November 2022. A section of the road will be closed 24-hours a day from Monday 9 January to Friday 3 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 and North Farm Lane to conduct some trial holes to identify and locate underground utilities. The work is due to take place Monday 16 to Friday 3 February 2023. This section of road will be closed for 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 Tuesday 17 January BT will be working on the road to divert their existing cables. Thames Water will then be working on the road from Monday 30 January to Wednesday 1 February.



Cllr Phil Gomm as Father Christmas



The EKFB team in Quainton for the Bernwode Bus Christmas Drive with Cllr Paul Irwin.

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

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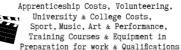
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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

My father, David Campbell, passed away very recently. It is he who ignited in me a passion for the natural world. He was thrilled when I took on my role in Finemere Wood and always showed a keen supportive interest in my work there. Living close by, he was able to accompany me on many a patrol around Finemere, engaging with my obsession for wildflowers and patiently helping me to identify birds. These times were such a joy for us both. I shall forever miss his ever-present love and companionship. This one is for you, Dad.



In a chaotic and unpredictable world, where we are troubled by war, pandemics, and personal loss, I find comfort in the wilderness. The essence of Finemere Wood is immutable: it is reassuring and grounding.

Spring in Finemere Wood in 2022, as in all those years that have gone before, was heralded by beguiling blooms of wood anemone, primroses, and violets, bringing the first splashes of colour to the winter-ravaged woodland. The exquisite early purple orchids, first spotted in the wood eight years ago, have increased in number once again, due to diligent habitat management by the volunteer team. The migrant warblers arrived and together with resident birds; robin, wren, and chaffinch, the crescendo of bird song delighted us anew. The magic carpet of bluebells, as always, captivated those who wandered the woodland paths. Dad, determined as ever and despite physical challenges, made the annual pilgrimage to see these beauties.

Stunning summer flowers soon followed; common spotted orchids, meadowsweet, and devil's bit scabious, the wood burst into life and colour. Butterflies, amongst them, silverwashed fritillary, gatekeeper, and purple emperor fluttered down the woodland rides enticing us to follow.

The volunteers, year after year, work in rhythm with nature. Spring sees us fencing around newly cleared areas to protect fresh new growth from the nibbles of deer. In Summer, when the wood must be left to flourish, there is stock fencing to be replaced, signs to be installed, way-markers to be fixed. As the Summer draws to an end, the scythes work overtime to cut back the grassy rides and paths. Autumn arrives and the clearing of scrub and trees in selected areas can begin again. Winter, and we work harder and harder to keep warm.

The woodland workers are predictable and reliable. Week after week they turn up. The world and its worries are left behind whilst they work alongside Mother Nature. The friendships are warm and caring. How fortunate I feel to have such companions in this beautiful wild place. Here my soul will be soothed.

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Tuesday	Art Club (Conference Room)	13:30 – 16:30	
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall)	13:30 – 17:00	
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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Minimum	-1.3ºC	30th	Wettest day	17mm	16th
Average Minimum	2.0ºC		Rain days	21	
Average Maximum	10.3ºC		Dry days	9	
Highest Minimum	10.8ºC	11th			
Lowest Maximum	4.8ºC	3rd			
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I took this photo early one evening at the beginning of December and loved the lighting with the fog. If you have taken a photo of our church or its surroundings, which you would like to see in print, send it to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com.

Thank you, Louisa, Editor

VILLAGE CALENDAR - CHRISTMAS/JANUARY 2023

24th December: Crib Service 3pm in church

Christmas Eve Float around the village 4.30apm-8pm

Midnight Communion 11.30pm in church

25th December: Family Christmas Day Service, 10.30am in church

5th January: Thursday Coffee Mornings re-start, p.7 12th January: PC meeting, 7.30pm, QMH, p.10

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