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Big Gig 2020 at Quainton Church

Friday 20th March: A night of incredible live music from Waddesdon School's best musicians and singers! Don't miss out! See p.5.

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Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear Friends,

Spring is rapidly approaching, and signs of life are appearing all around us. An African friend of ours who visited the village in the winter asked us in all seriousness, "Why are all your trees dead?" A logical observation. But of course, as the seasons change a transformation takes place and new life blossoms all around us.

The concept of metamorphoses in various life forms is also fascinating. Until recently, the only way to study how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly was to cut open the chrysalis or x-Ray it – both with fatal results. However a recent issue of National Geographic reported on new micro-CT scans that show how metamorphosis takes place. It's a radical change in form and function and many animals go through this process like frogs, sea urchins, wasps and beetles. Most of us know about metamorphosis from caterpillars that become butterflies. Yet scientists are only beginning to grasp the miracle of what goes on in a chrysalis. New research shows that the insect's makeover is a mix of destruction of old ways of being and thinking combined with brand new ways of being and thinking. The article notes that, "Certain cells die, and body parts atrophy. Meanwhile, other cells, in place since birth, rapidly expand." The adult emerges "completely remodelled, capable of flight and possessing a completely rewired brain."

We watch this transformation taking place before our eyes in the natural world and of course, there is a transformative journey that we all take as we encounter the end of this earthly life and anticipate what lies beyond. As Mother Teresa said once, "Death is nothing else but going home to God, the bond of love will be unbroken for all eternity."

Woody Allen is famous for his quotes about death. He has often made it known that he is not impressed with the thought of dying: "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work; I want to achieve immortality through not dying. I don't want to live on in the hearts of my countrymen; I want to live on in my apartment."

With signs of life emerging during springtime and illustrations of "resurrection" through metamorphosis all around us, it begs the question, "Is there more to life than this?" This is the title of our Lent Course this year and you are very welcome to come along to sit and listen or to take part. Our Lent Course lasts for the five weeks leading up to Easter, every Thursday evening from March 5th at 7.30pm in the Rectory. You are invited to come to my home for an informal evening when we will be looking at the big questions of life using videos, discussion and a short act of worship. Just turn up on the night. (27, Church Street, Quainton).

Blessings all,

Rev Steve

Rev'd Steve Flashman, Team Vicar, The Rectory, 27 Church Street, Quainton HP22 4AW.
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Welcome to the March 2020 issue



Louisa Richards, Editor

Hello everyone,

What a wet and soggy month February has been! I have never seen Quainton Hill so muddy than I have this month... Here's hoping Spring is not far away and we can once again enjoy the joys of our green and pleasant land!

March in Quainton brings us another church roof-raising concert from the students at Waddesdon School and what looks to be a fascinating talk from BBC Executive Producer and Quainton resident Gill Tierney, brought to us by QUainton Village Society – see the centre spread.

Enjoy the read,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louisa".

News From Our Church

Sunday Lent Walks

Sunday 1st March, 2.30pm

The first of six walks is from Waddesdon Church to Quainton, a distance of 2.2 miles. Walk at a leisurely pace across fields (on the footpaths) and avoiding roads where possible. Suitable for most ages, each walk takes 1.5 – 2 hours. Everyone welcome. (Participants should think about co-ordinating transport to enable transfers back to the start of each walk).

Sunday 8th March, 2.30pm

The second walk is from Quainton Church to Oving, just 2.4 miles. Further details available from Martin Wright: martinwright@gmail.com

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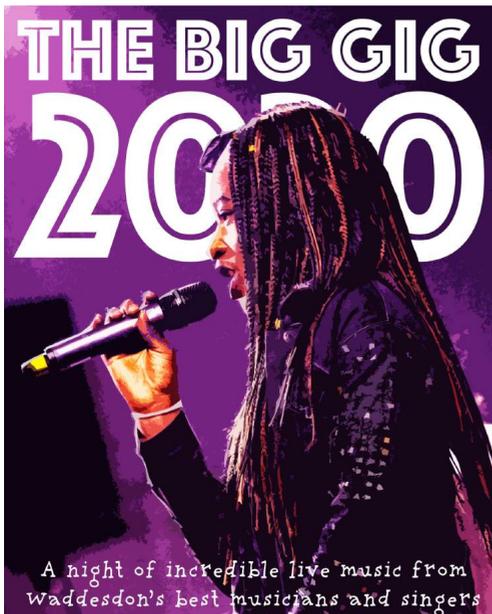
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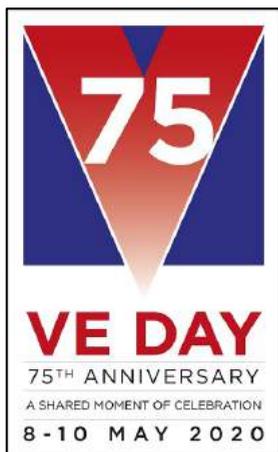
After the success of last year's concert, some of Waddesdon C of E School's best musicians are returning to perform at Quanton Church for an event planned to raise funds for both the church and Waddesdon's Music Department. The school are currently fundraising to build a recording studio and monies raised will go towards this cause.

The event will take place at Quanton Church on Friday 20th March at 7.00pm and finish at 8:30pm. The £10 ticket price includes a glass of wine or a soft drink and children under 16 gain entry for free. There will also be a chance to purchase refreshments during the interval.

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear some of the incredible talent at Waddesdon and support two great causes. Since arriving at Waddesdon in September 2018, Mr Judson, Waddesdon's Subject Leader for Performing Arts, has been greatly encouraged by the quality of the musicianship at the school and is looking forward to seeing you there to celebrate the growing community of musicians at the school.

Performances will include a Chamber Orchestra, Funk Band, Junior Choir, singer-songwriters performing original music and much more!

It promises to be another superb evening of quality music, so be sure to purchase a ticket from Sue Weldon on 01296 658672 or Quanton Village Store to ensure you do not miss out.



VE Day Picnic on The Green: Save the Date Friday 8th May

You are invited to come and picnic on The Green on **Friday 8th May 2020** – a special Bank Holiday to celebrate 75 years since Victory in Europe. More details to follow but there will be food and refreshments available and a special event when parties all around the UK will take part in **A Nation's Toast at 3pm**.

To find out more about VE Day 75 go to:

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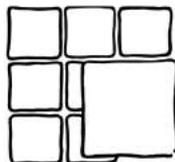
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Your Council is Changing

On 1 April your council will change. The new Buckinghamshire Council will replace all five of the district and county councils in Buckinghamshire, and over the coming weeks and months you'll start to see some changes as you come across the new look council.

What does the new council mean for me?

- **The same services, better together.** For most people there will be no change to the day-to-day services you use. This includes bin collections, looking after our elderly and young people, libraries and parking. The focus for the future will be on improving these services as a new council together.
- **One council.** Getting in touch with the council will be simpler because you'll only need to contact one council for all the services currently provided by the county and district councils.
- **Face-to-face advice, support and information** from your council through a network of 17 local Council Access Points based at the heart of your local community – in current council offices and libraries across the county. The five council offices in Aylesbury (Walton Street and The Gateway), High Wycombe, Amersham and Denham will be 'access plus' points, geared up to handle more complex enquiries.
- **Stronger links with local communities.** Buckinghamshire Council councillors will work closely with local people and community organisations to understand and respond to the key issues affecting their local area through 16 Community Boards.

Who will be my local councillor on the new council?

There will be 147 councillors elected to Buckinghamshire Council. Elections for the new council will take place on 7 May 2020. Until these newly elected councillors take up their posts, your current elected members from the five existing councils will continue to serve your communities.

How can I find out more?

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The golf days take place on the last Friday in the month from March to October. At each event we play for a trophy which is awarded on Captain's Day - the September meeting.

Our next event is 27th March 2020 at Burnham Beeches. For more information please contact Vince Hemsley on 07427555656 or vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com.

George & Dragon March Events:

Bingo Night: 1st March 7.30pm
Quiz Night: 15th March 7.30pm
Mother's Day: 22nd March, 12-2pm
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Karaoke Night: 21st March 8.30pm
Open Mic Night: 29th March
Bingo Night: 5th April

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Quinton Memorial Hall – new website address

There is a new website address for the Memorial Hall and for hall bookings. For the hall, please use: quintonmh.co.uk and for bookings, which can also be accessed from the website, use: booking.quintonmh.co.uk



Quanton Parish Council

Chairman: Arthur Evans. Councillors: Nick Heirons, Mrs C Lucas, N Butler, J Knox, M Wearn, Ms M Thompson.

Clerk: Mr B Fludgate, 13 Church Street HP22 4AW. Tel: 651354.

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The Chairman Reports:

Planning Matters: New applications, not opposed by the Parish Council, are for a replacement window at **Banner Farm, Church Street**; some variation to conditions on the proposed development at **North End Nurseries**; and extensions to a cattle shed, plus a new barn at **Willows Farm, Blackgrove Road**. In connection with the **North End Nurseries** housing development plans the County Council is insisting on junction modifications at the North End/Townsend junction. We are trying to retain as much grass verge as possible. On the request to vary the permitted development (concerning windows, internal walls, garages and parking spaces) of dwellings **between 62 and 96 Station Road** we are seeking some clarification. We oppose the erection of an agricultural building at **Ladymead Farm, Denham** and are surprised and disappointed that the roadway, originally permitted as temporary for construction traffic only, now appears to have received highway blessing despite its junction with the main road being on a bend and the premises already having an access road in a safer place. Revised plans for **land adjacent to the Swan and Castle** have been submitted. As anticipated they are for two pairs of two storey semi-detached 3 bedroom houses. Though these would appear more appropriate there are still 3 parking spaces short of what is desirable in preventing, as far as possible, occupants needing to park in Lower Street. Proposals to erect a small domestic garage at **131 Station Road** have been rejected. All other previously mentioned applications still remain undecided at time of writing, including our longstanding request for a decision to be made on proposals, which we support, to replace the present dilapidated and unsightly shell at **159 Station Road**. It is incredible that this is still with Heritage when plans were submitted several years ago. Our District Councillor is now stressing the need for a decision.

HS2: As suspected all along the government's arranged review of this project recommended that it should go ahead, despite the soaring costs, destruction and limited likely benefits, so anticipate an increase in activity and disruption to the lives and livelihoods of those in its path. One HS2 sub contractor, Fusion, has already sent out notices of upcoming preparatory works in our area. These will entail the building, by Keir Effiage, another sub-contractor, of an access road running from the Station Crossroads following the line of the proposed HS2 Track with a compound sited at Crossroads Farm in Station Rd. Work will begin in April and continue throughout the summer. Station Rd's junction with the A41 is to be improved as it will see increased lorry movements. On the A41 itself a right turning lane coming from Waddesdon will be provided with the entrance to Station Road widened and traffic lights being erected at that junction with the thinking that they might well become permanent. June to November is the likely time for such work, entailing some overlap with the completion of Westcott roundabout anticipated to be at the end of October. There are ongoing discussions between Bucks County Council and HS2 about the state of Lower Station Road with mooted plans to provide 6 passing, not parking, bays between the A41 and Station crossroads at places where the verges present sufficient space. Snake Lane also may have such passing places provided. Thinking is that much of the work might be done at night in order to keep the roads accessible and traffic moving. It is still the intention to host a public meeting with HS2 so that all interested can hear questions and answers on those issues uppermost in residents' thinking. The national press rumours that the Prime Minister's intention to lower substantially the 100 million plus, and growing, cost of the project could well entail the lowering or abolition of many measures intended to lessen the harm to people and natural life and see the dropping of the promise to restore agricultural land to its original state.

Blocked drains: Yet again nothing has been heard since we were told an outside firm had been appointed to clear gullies. Is it possible they have been washed away? You only have to walk along our village roads

to see how difficult it is for pedestrians to avoid receiving a soaking any time a vehicle passes, and for traffic to avoid potholes. As for cyclists, keeping close to the sides of the road must invite trouble. With the present deluges frequent the responsible authority can claim they need to concentrate on the main routes so bumpkins in the outback are left to exercise the greatest caution when in the vicinity of one of the frequent puddles as a vehicle approaches. Several residents can affirm that it is far from amusing to receive such a drenching. Last we heard the gully cleaners were based in Gawcott but there has been no indication as to when, if ever, they may grace Quinton with their presence.

Our **Neighbourhood Plan** is, you may recall, presently being reviewed. In order to safeguard residents' wishes some slight modifications have been made as a result of recent experiences, particularly with planning appeals. The Vale of Aylesbury Plan, with which our plan must conform, was returned by an Inspector for changes, particularly on housing allocations. It will not be completed before the District Councils vanish to be replaced by one authority, Buckinghamshire. We trust and believe that the changes made to our plan will comply with the VALP when finally 'made'.

Housing: There are sites in the village where planning permission exists, yet for months, or years in some cases, no actual preparations for building have started. One site put up for sale is said to be on offer for half a million less than its previously advertised price. Is this another victim of HS2?

Highways: Many of you will be aware that on the first weekend in February some unscrupulous dimwit deposited a lorry load of household rubble right in the middle of the back road between here and Edgcott, essentially blocking the road. This was a more brazen offence than we generally witness but indiscriminate fly tipping is unfortunately multiplying. Not only is the offender liable to prosecution but so are the householders whose rubbish it was if they have not checked their contractor has a licence to dispose of such waste. Many of you will have seen the bathroom fittings, including the toilet, just dumped in a layby on the A41 towards Bicester and closer to home you can see plenty of evidence of those who show no concern for the environment or their fellow humans by just dumping litter for the rest of us to clear up. Do be on the lookout for such offenders. Regrettably that wonderful pair, Sandra and Tony, have had to stop their regular clearances of so many of our hedgerows. We will be lucky to find any successors. Should we have a parish litter pick along all the roads in our parish? How many would give up a Saturday morning, say, when our District Council would provide bags and equipment? Any group or individual willing to organise?

The Green: The preservation of this major village asset has been one of the tasks that the PC has been attempting to secure for many months now. It seems we are the ones who must take the steps necessary to regulate matters before any further whittling away of its boundaries occurs. We hope to achieve this with the co-operation of residents, in the knowledge that some may be affected more than others.

Thames Valley Police: We have nominated PCSO Danny Fahy, a regular visitor to the village, usually on foot or cycle, in the annual awards for the Police Community Support officer of the Year. A number of individuals and groups have benefited from his visible presence, advice and support.

VE Day is to be celebrated on Friday 8th May which will be a public holiday. In our village there will be a number of events, including a lunchtime when it is hoped that residents will bring their own picnics to The Green. Lighting the beacon, music, a village toast, ringing the bells, fireworks – all and more are possible. Several organisations are contributing ideas and our Clerk is co-ordinating these offers. It is not too late for any group to participate.

Parish Council Elections: These will take place alongside the County Council election and the election of a Thames Valley Police Commissioner on Thursday 7th May so three elections on the same day. The deadline for nominations will be 4pm on Wednesday 8th April.

Thames Water: Unfortunately, just a mention sets the pulse racing, or should that be raging? As these notes are being compiled TW reappear and immediately become the subject of complaints by showing disrespect for The Green and delaying closure of Station Road, causing great inconvenience and uncertainty, especially for Station Road would-be bus users and school transport. What a shambles!

Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 13th February at 8pm in Quinton Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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We have another busy term ahead of us as we continue to improve all we do. The Church of England inspection team are due to visit shortly to assess our Christian ethos and values. We are looking forward to the visit and to show how our Christian vision, linked to Matthew 5:16: 'You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others,' is being put into action!

James Vernon, Headteacher
Tel: 655242



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Quanton PTA News:

Quanton school PTA would like to invite you to our next bingo night on Saturday 28th March – always lots of fun for all ages with an opportunity to win cash prizes! (Poster on p.17.) We have listened to your suggestions and this time we have an even better stocked cash bar and pizza available to buy on the night. No need to bring any puddings unless you want to. Doors open at 5.30pm with eyes down at 6pm. Bring your friends, bring the kids and join us for another great way to raise money for the school. For more information, email: quenton.pta@gmail.com

We drew the February 100 Club winners at the Glow Disco on 11th February and the winners are as follows:

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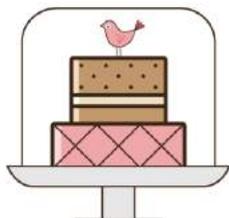
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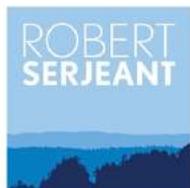
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News from Claydon Estate:

Claydon Courtyard is a hub for arts and crafts and fully re-opens from Saturday 7th March
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- The Courtyard Art Studio – Bespoke working art studio
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- Lucinda Brown – Gallery and studio
- The Flying Fox – Interiors and gifts

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Quaintwood Players' Variety Show

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Those of us lucky enough to get a ticket were treated to a variety of performances from poetry, juggling, tap dancing, comedy and singing, to a sketch with two green aliens and The (nearly) Full Monty, which involved a group of men (who should know better), several pairs of skin coloured Y-fronts and a load of balloons – say no more... Needless to say, if you weren't there, you missed a treat!

Great night guys, thank you, already looking forward to the next show!



Midnight Walk for Littler Legs: Saturday 7th March

Now younger walkers can get a flavour of one of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's most popular fundraising events with the introduction of a brand-new event – the Mini Night Walk.

The Charity is asking walkers of all ages and abilities to join them on Saturday 7th March as they brighten the streets of Aylesbury with flashing bunny ears and day-glo outfits on a short one-mile walk through the town as the moon rises. "Our Midnight Walk is such a wonderful event with an amazing atmosphere, as walkers tackle the miles through the night and remember loved ones together. But we can only allow walkers over 11 years old." says Vicky Harman, Events Manager at the Charity. "Our Midnight Walkers have often asked if their younger children can get involved so we have added this new Mini Night Walk to our events calendar so that the whole family can get a taste of the magic of the Midnight Walk at more family-friendly time and distance."

The circular one-mile walk will take place after sunset starting and finishing at Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity at Walton Lodge, Walton Street, Aylesbury HP21 7TA. All Mini Night Walkers will receive a Finisher's Certificate, plus all children will also receive a free pair of flashing bunny ears to help light up the streets. For more information and to sign up, visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/mini-night-walk or call 01296 429975.



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Wednesday 1st April: Green Book (12)

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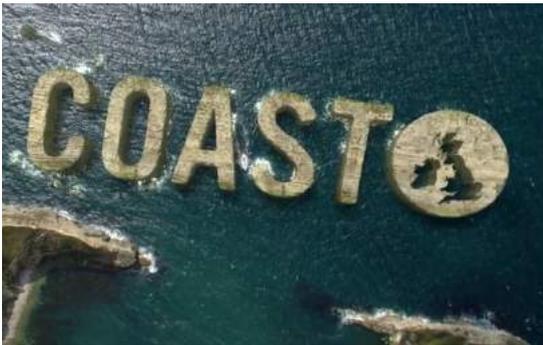
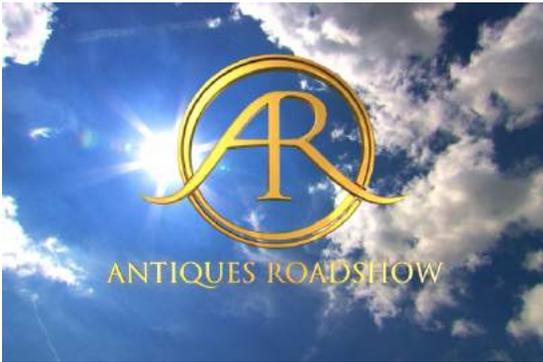
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QUANTON SPORTS CLUB - TENNIS SECTION

The tennis club is offering a FREE, 5-week 'Introduction to Tennis' course for children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 who have not previously attended a course at the club.

DATES: Tuesdays: 21st April – 19th May inclusive (4.00pm – 4.40pm)

The course will be run by a LTA Qualified Licensed Coach.

To book a place(s) please email your child's name, date of birth, and a mobile contact number to: PWHCowley@hotmail.com The club will supply rackets for the sessions.

Quanton Sports Club - Tennis Section AGM

We would like to invite all members and potential members to our AGM on Tuesday 31st March 2020 at 8.00pm in the top room of The George and Dragon Coffee Shop

Please join the committee for a complimentary drink in the bar of the George and Dragon from 7.30pm

Quanton Community Barbecues

Our village is now the proud owner of two new professional gas BBQs, each with a set of cooking utensils and griddle. This was only made possible through a generous grant from AVDC's New Homes Bonus (thank you Brian Fludgate) and a donation from the sports club. They replace the worn out ones the sports club owned, that you would have seen in action at QuaintFest, Bonfire Night and Tennis Open Day. One BBQ is now stored in the windmill (courtesy of the Windmill Society), with the other kept at the tennis courts. Any village group or society is welcome to borrow them for events, fund raisers, etc. Gas, if required, can be supplied by the sports club for a suitable donation. Please get in touch with either James Christopherson (07966474107) or Paul Ormerod (07734750633) should you wish to borrow a BBQ in the future.



Protecting Quainton's streams from pollution - Can you help?

This March River Thames Conservation Trust is looking for help to mark out road drains with yellow fish markers to spread the key message 'only rain down the drain' to protect local stream from pollution.

Road drains play a vital role in keeping our roads clear by draining away rainwater to nearby rivers and streams. However, this direct connection means that pouring pollutants down them is like pouring them directly into a watercourse. All too often substances such as soap, oil, paint, cleaning products and litter make their way through road drains to streams and rivers where they can have a devastating impact. Sadly, it only takes a little pollution to harm wildlife, for instance an oil leak from just one car is enough to pollute an area the size of two football pitches. To best protect your local streams, make sure to never pour the following down a road or surface water drain:

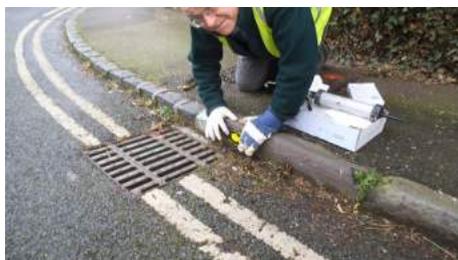
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- ⦿ Garden chemicals
- ⦿ Milk and fizzy drinks
- ⦿ Pet waste
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- ⦿ Litter

If you'd like more information on the project or how you can best protect your local freshwater environment please visit: www.riverthame.org/our-projects/watery-behaviours/yellow-fish

Can you help us install markers (All PPE supplied) to dissuade people from pouring things they shouldn't down the drain or to drop off information leaflets to households? Join us on any of the following dates:

- 10:00 – 12:00, Thursday 12th March
- 13:00 – 15:00, Thursday 26th March
- 10:00 – 12:00, Saturday 28th March

If you're interested in getting involved, please email Hannah (hannah@riverthame.org). More information on the project can be found here: <https://riverthame.org/our-projects/watery-behaviours/yellow-fish/>





Can you help someone with sight loss in Quanton

Become a My Guide volunteer

Do you have a couple of hours spare every week to support someone with sight loss in your community to get out and about?

We need My Guide volunteers in the Quanton area to support the My Guide service. You will need to do 2 days training with us and have a DBS check.

If you would like to have more more information and how to apply please access www.guidedogs.org/volunteering or call Suzanne.Carr My Guide Volunteer Manager on 07500 993 178



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QUINTON MEMORIAL HALL

Quinton Memorial Hall Calendar: March 2020

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Main Hall:

Mondays:	09:00 Monday Club
Tuesdays:	13:00 & 19:00 Exercise class (not 10 th)
Wednesdays:	13:00 Bridge, 19:00 Table tennis
Thursdays:	10:00 Coffee Morning
Fridays:	09:30 Community Choir, 19:00 Badminton
Sundays:	18:00 Table tennis

Conference Room:

Mondays:	14:00 Craft Club
Tuesdays:	13:15 Art Club

Other Bookings:

Tuesday 3 rd	19:30 Conference room for meeting
Wednesday 4 th	10:00 Main hall for toddler group (provisional)
Thursday 5 th	16:00 All rooms for private party
Saturday 7 th	12:30 Conference room booked
Tuesday 10 th	18:30 Main hall booked
Thursday 12 th	19:30 Conference room for Parish council
Friday 13 th	19:00 Conference room booked
Saturday 14 th	12:00 Main hall for meeting
Sunday 15 th	10:00 Main hall for private party
Tuesday 17 th	19:30 Conference room for QMH meeting
Saturday 21 st	11:30 Main hall for private party
Friday 27 th	13:00 Main hall for Bridge
Saturday 28 th	10:00 Main hall booked, 13:00 Main hall booked (provisional)

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Easter Day Out With Thomas – 25% Quainton Discount!

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We're open for normal Steaming Days on Sundays from Sunday 5th April, plus Wednesdays in the school holidays. 25% off for Quainton residents or use your local pass for free entry (see below). Visit www.bucksrailcentre.org for dates and opening hours etc.

Local Family Annual Passes: For 2020, Local Passes remain at £42 for a family of 2 adults and 4 children for families who live within 8 miles of us. Come in and pick up a form or find one on our website: www.bucksrailcentre.org. Visitors with a local pass will be given free entry to all events except Thomas, Christmas and the Halloween Disco - the 25% discount for Quainton Residents kicks in for these events instead.

Café-Club Zest: Living well with Dementia March and April meeting dates

At Café-Club Zest, we recognise that a sense of social connection is one of our fundamental human needs. This is why singing together and sharing memories is good for our overall wellbeing.

We are usually open on the first Saturday of each month from 2-4 pm.

Our next meetings:

Saturday 8th March 2-4pm. Theme: Mother's Day

Saturday 4th April 2-4pm. Theme Easter

St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch. All are welcome! Recommended donation: £1.50

Whitchurch WI

Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm

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£25	187	Elaine Barnett			

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Next Draw at The George & Dragon on Friday 28th February

Quainton Monthly Dog Walk: Sunday 1st March and Sunday 5th April @ 1pm

Please join us for the Quainton Monthly Dog Walk on the first Sunday of every month: 1pm meet on the Village Green for max. 2-hour walk. You don't need a dog to join in! This February is our 3rd anniversary of Quainton Dog Walks!

Jan Stiegeler

QUAINTON 2020 HEAVY ONION COMPETITION (founded in 1982)

It's that time of year again, preparations for the annual competition are underway.

Jim Styles has this year donated world record seed (Peter Glazebrook's) for this year's competition. Every entrant will be given a number of these plants to see if they can grow 10lbs+ onions, an 18lbs would be big enough to enter for the world record!

25 entrants took place last year with onions weighing between 8lb 2ozs down to 11ozs.

Last year's entrants will automatically receive an entry form early March. New entrants always welcome, £7 entry fee for 15 plants approx. If you would like to take part, please contact Jim Styles (tel. 655457) or Bob Bleasdale (Tel: 655375)

Closing Date for entry 31st March 2020. Collection of plants will be on Saturday 4th April from 10am to 12 noon at 48a Station Road.

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Ramblings from Finemere Wood: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

We are on the cusp of Spring. As the days gradually lengthen, life in all forms steadily emerges from its dark and murky winter hideaway. At Finemere, the tender leaves of woodland wonders are beginning to emerge: primroses, bluebells and wood anemones, with the promise of a lavish and colourful floral display. The birds are singing, their individual songs exquisite, intricate and unfailingly uplifting. And Spring is in the step of the volunteers too, as they bask in the fresh, soft sunlight and observe the awakening of nature.

The Great tit (*Parus major*), recognisable to most, can be heard loudly and clearly throughout the wood. It has an array of calls, the most familiar being the piercing two-syllable “teacher, teacher” song. Green and yellow, with a glossy black head and white cheeks, it is the largest of the Tit family, measuring 14cm in length. Its underside is yellow, with a central black stripe which acts as an indicator of status, the larger stripes being more attractive to females. *Parus major* is a woodland bird, but its adaptability has enabled it to thrive in gardens and parks too. Feeding on insects, nuts, and seeds, it is a cavity nester, choosing holes in trees or bird boxes in which to nest. Over Winter, it will flock with its relations, the blue tits, in search of food.

Having soaked up rays of energising sunlight, the volunteers press on with the work at hand, for the cutting must stop at the beginning of March, to allow plants and trees to flourish and birds to nest. There is much scrub to be cut, and much tidying up to be done. Scavengers of wood bring in their creations to display; the master woodworker amongst us exhibits two spoons carved out of Finemere oak. This is just a taster of what is to come from this talented craftsman, keep your eyes open over the coming months, for his next creation will take up residence in this beautiful wood of ours.



Work Party Dates: Thursday 12th March; Thursday 26th March;
Thursday 9th April; Thursday 23rd April; 9.30 am-3 pm..

Contact **Charlotte** at charlottekarmali@outlook.com for further information.

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Averages and Extremes for January 2020



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Maximum	13.8°C	14th	Total for month	61mm	
Minimum	-3.0°C	18th	Wettest day	17.5mm	14th
Average	4.4°C		Rain days	16	
Minimum					
Average	10.8°C		Dry days	15	
Maximum					
Highest	8.6°C	11th			
Minimum					
Lowest	8.0°C	1st			
Maximum					
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	41mph	14th	Highest	1050hPa	19th
Average speed	5mph		Lowest	999hPa	27th

Figures supplied by Mike Beales. For the latest weather at Quainton go to: www.quainton-observatory.net/weather/quainton-weather/

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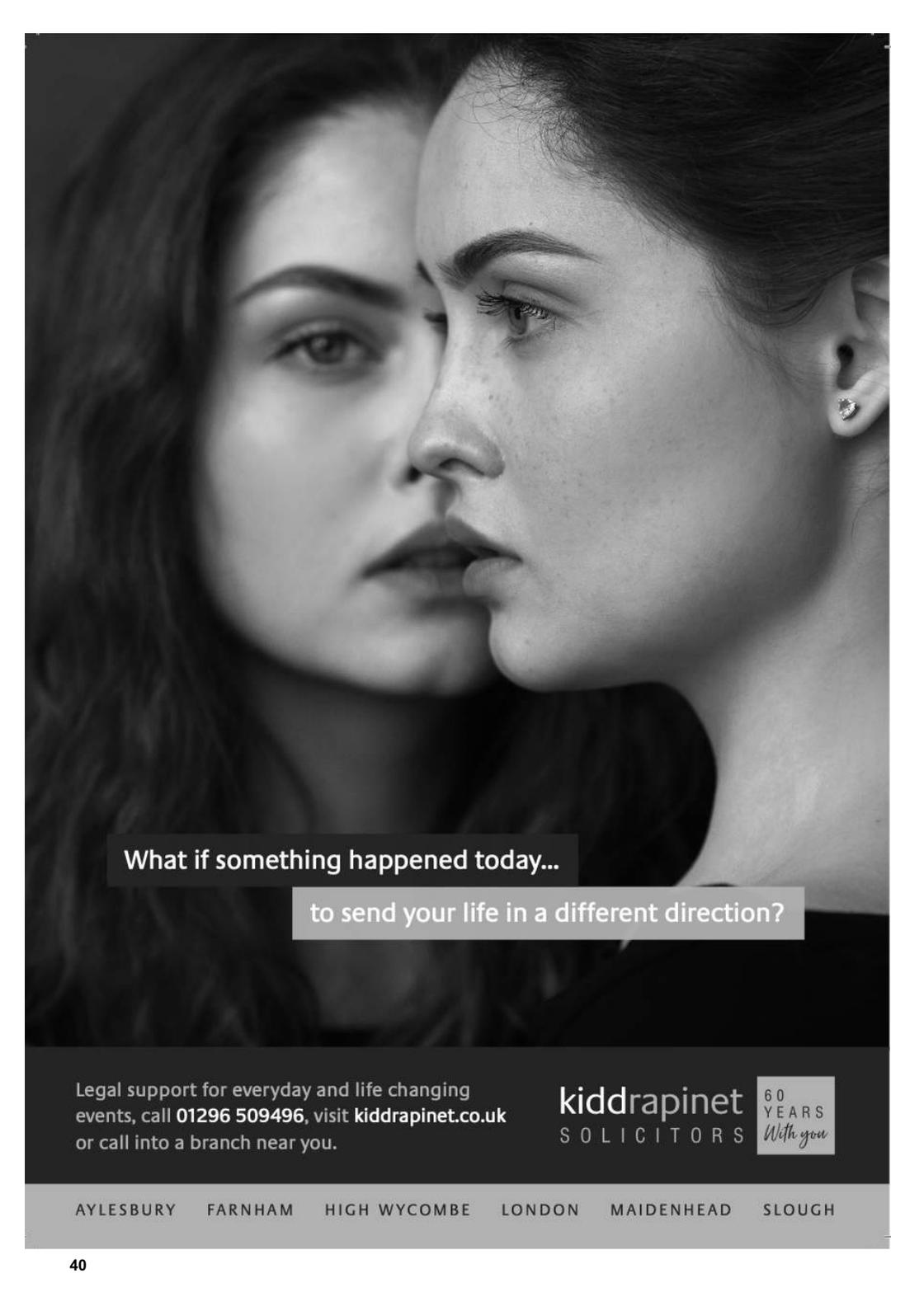
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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

Quainton Oil Group: Residents wishing to receive regular deliveries of heating oil on group negotiated terms from Lovell Fuels should phone 01844 202777 and ask to join the Quainton Oil Group.

Quainton Dog Warden: Lost your dog or found someone else's? Call Jan, our local contact point, on 655800 or 07941 946870 for help reuniting lost dogs with their owners.

Memorial Hall Bookings: Online bookings go to: booking.quaintonmh.co.uk, email: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com, or call Deb Barker Boyd on 01296 655379. To report noise/nuisance only at weekends call 07704 851945.

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

Winwood Almshouses Trust: For enquiries contact: emmatoth@outlook.com

Refuse & Recycling Collections for March:

Monday 2 nd March	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 9 th March	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin**
Monday 16 th March	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 23 rd March	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin**
Monday 30 th March	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin



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SERVICES THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

- 1st March:** 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 9.30am Café Church Breakfast
 6.30pm Evensong
- 8th March:** No morning service
 6.30pm Holy Communion Quainton
- 15th March:** 9.30am Family Service Communion
 6.30pm Evensong
- 22nd March:** 9.30am Family Service Special For Mothering Sunday
 6.30pm Holy Communion
- 29th March:** 6.30pm Joint Schorne Team Songs of Praise at All Saints, Oving
- 5th April:** 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 9.30am Café Church Breakfast Special for Palm Sunday
 6.30pm Evensong

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

None

CHURCH ROTA - MARCH

	1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March
Morning Reader					
Morning Sidesman					
Evening Reader	J Serjeant	A Wearn	J Vowles	M Dorrell	SCHORNE TEAM SERVICE
Evening Sidesman	P Ramsden	J Serjeant	M Willoughby	D Campbell	
Altar Flowers	LENT NO FLOWERS UNTIL EASTER				
Pedestal Flowers					
Tea Rota					
Church Cleaning	Mrs Fell / Lucas / Merchant				Mrs Tooms / Swain / Willoughby



Thank you to Mark White for this atmospheric shot 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 – MARCH 2020

- 1st March:** Bingo, G&D, 7:30pm p.9
5th March: 2020 Lent Course Starts, The Rectory, 7:30pm, p.19
10th March: Quainton Village Society – How TV is Made, QMH, 7:30pm, p.22
12th March: Parish Council meeting, QMH, 8pm, p.11
13th March: RBLWS Whist Drive, QMH, 7pm, p. 9
20th March: Big Gig 2020, Church, 7pm, p5
28th March: Quainton PTA Bingo Night, Quainton School, 5.30pm, p.17
31st March: Sports Club – Tennis Section AGM, G&D, 7:30pm, p.9
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Future Dates for your Diaries:

- 8th May:** VE Day Picnic on The Green, p.5
11th July: QuaintFest, p.5

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