

Quinton and Preston Deanery Stop Press! (April '23)

1. Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

28 March (Tues) (usually every 4 th Tues)	Trefoil Guild: 2pm Our AGM and an Easter craft – making cards. Next meeting: 18 April - curling
1 April (Sat) (usually every 1 st Sat)	Community Coffee Morning: 10.30-12noon – in the Church All welcome to pop in for tea/coffee and cake.
4 April (Tues) (usually every 1 st Tues)	WI: 7.30pm AGM and Easter Art
15 April (Sat) (usually every 3 rd Sat)	Book Swap and Launch Event: 10am-11.30am (see page 2)
29 April (Sat)	Litter Pick: PD to Quinton from 9.30am (see p2)
Usually every Mon (check with Hayley first)	Yoga Group: 6-7pm (Drop in, or contact Hayley on 07488 233779 Hayleyhendersonyoga@gmail.com)
Every Mon Every Wed	Power Pilates: 11am Flow Pilates: 5pm (Drop in, or contact Anna: krivenko.pam@gmail.com)
Every Thurs	Short Mat Bowls Club: 7-9pm All welcome (contact Ken Feakes or Val Core for more info)

2. Church News

Service times

Date	Time	Service	Leader
6 April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Watch	Major Mike Crouch
9 April	10am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Archdeacon Richard Ormston
23 April	10am	Holy Communion Followed by the Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church meetings	Rev Julie Scott
30 April	10am	Holy Communion - Benefice Service	Rev Canon Dr Andrew Coleby

St John the Baptist, Quinton is open for private prayer/reflection **by appointment**. Please contact:

Andy Bailey (07905 202004) or Julia Javes (07903 506771)

3. *Food Aid Far Cotton: next donation run* **Thurs 6 April**

Thank you to everyone who donated last month when I took a car boot full of your essentials and goodies to FAFC. Every donation is so gratefully received by the lovely people at St Mary's because it enables them to reach so many people in need.

Do you have a couple of items from your food cupboards, or could you add a couple of items to your shopping list, that you could donate?

3 Church View is the place to drop off your donation.

THANK YOU

Julia

4. *Preston Deanery to Quinton Litter Pick:* **Sat 29 April**

Just a reminder that this is taking place on Saturday 29 April, meeting at Grain Mill in Preston Deanery for breakfast rolls at **9.30am** and making our way to Old Rectory for coffee and cake. Please bring along a rubbish bag.

All are welcome and the verges are in dire need of our help!

5. *Village Hall Events*

Book Swap and Launch Event: **Sat 15 April, 10am-11.30am**

Those who have been in the hall recently might have noticed a new, well-stocked bookshelf is now housed in the main hall. It's there to facilitate a book swap, which we'll be launching in April. Books will be available to take home with you in exchange for a donation of either a book or £1.

Once a month, generally on the third Saturday of the month, we'll be opening the hall for a couple of hours so you can come and exchange or buy a book, and we'll provide hot drinks for a small donation whilst you browse.

We hope it will be a good opportunity to mix with neighbours, recycle your pre-loved books and support the village hall (the energy price increases have quite an impact on our running costs so we'd really appreciate this!).

Outside of this monthly session, we encourage hall users to make use of the book-swap whenever they're in the hall.

Our inaugural event is planned for Saturday 15 April, 10am-11.30am, and we're hoping that the added inducement of bacon rolls will encourage lots of you to come along.

Village Hall Gardening Afternoon: 13 May from 2pm

Our village hall is blessed with a generous garden and we would really appreciate any help you can offer us in helping to maintain this space on the first of our biennial gardening afternoons. We'll make a start on our work at 2pm and will be providing refreshments free of charge to all volunteers.

Those who have supported our gardening afternoons in the past will know this is a really fun and satisfying way to get involved in the village community.

Please bring your own gardening tools if you have them, and rest assured no gardening experience is required!

6. Quinton Parish Council

Manor Oak Homes

You may be aware of the presentations that were made in the Village Hall on 1 March regarding the proposed development adjoining Quinton. Anyone who has any **comments** please let the Clerk know, ideally **by 15 April**, so they can be considered for inclusion in the Council's response to any application that is submitted. We are expecting the planning application to be submitted mid-April.

Your support is needed to the council's idea to spend some of its reserves on acquiring the services of a planning expert to assist us in compiling a response to the application. This will cost in the region of £3000 so it is important that you **let us know by 15 April** if you agree to this expenditure:

- you can email me at clerk@quintonparishcouncil.org.uk
- or visit www.quintonparishcouncil.org.uk where we have set up a simple Poll. Please visit the site and let us have your views. Follow the link and the poll is at the bottom of the page (you may need to open the 'More>' button).

Road Closures - Washbrook Lane

Kier will fell a number of trees along the above road. To undertake this work safely will require that the road will be closed for up to three days at off peak times and is expected to commence on the **24th April** 2023.

The closure and diversion can be viewed here: <https://one.network/?tm=133425618>

If you require more information about the works, please contact Jayne Hawtin on 01604 529700.

West Northants Council Consultation

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) is seeking to vary the Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control and Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places) 2022.

We want to continue to promote responsible dog ownership and also to prohibit smoking in certain public spaces in the West Northamptonshire area. The council is now seeking to vary the Order to cover the Northampton Area and include the requirement to keep dogs on leads in Northampton town centre and also at Upton Country Park Phase 2 and exclude dogs from certain public open spaces such as play areas and schools.

We are inviting you to read further information about the measures and proposals and complete an online consultation questionnaire to give your views.

Please visit https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/place/pspo-dog-ownership-smoking-prohibition_2023

Bus Shelter

We are pleased to report that work has now started, please bear with us until the shelter has a refit and facelift.

Defibrillator

For those new residents to the village, you may not be aware that we have a defibrillator in the Village Hall. If it is needed in an emergency there is information outside the Hall giving instructions on how to get access. Please make yourself aware of the process just in case.

The council will also be organising some training on how to use the unit, watch this space for further information.

Queen's Green Canopy Tree

We will be planting a Cherry Blossom Tree on the small green. The position has now been agreed- it is to be placed equidistance between the Hawthorne tree and the small walnut tree.

Coronation

The date is drawing near and so far we have had no response for volunteers to form a working party for the event. The council will fund some of the activities for this so please get in touch urgently if you feel you can help.

Next Council Meeting: Tues 16 May 2023

This will be a face-to-face meeting, and will start at 7:00pm. If you plan to attend and have any items you wish to be discussed at the meeting, please let me know 4 days in advance of the meeting if you want it on the agenda.

Stay safe

John Scott

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7. A Quinton Farmer's Diary - Spring 2023

Thank you to Giles for offering to do a quarterly update about the fields around us – I found his first entry below really interesting, as I'm sure many other people will do (I have to confess that I've lived here nearly 40 years and didn't know the names of the fields!)

Many people walk from Quinton towards Preston Deanery either along the road or on the permissive right of way and I get many questions about what is growing in the fields. In order to keep you up to date I plan to write a quarterly update which I hope you will find interesting.

The first field on the left as you leave Quinton is called Lower Farm Field and has a total area of 72 hectares. The first field to the right is called Village Field with a total area of 38 hectares. The next field along on the right is Watt Field with an area of 16 hectares.

Lower Farm Field has got 3 hectares of wild bird seed mix in it at the northerly end of the field adjacent to the Wootton Brook which is established in May each year and it provides a mixture of seeds for the bird population throughout the following winter. Lower Farm Field also has a 6-metre-wide grass margin bordering the watercourses, this is in place to protect the watercourses and provides a wildlife corridor around the edge of the field. Both of these features are part of the Government's Countryside Stewardship Scheme and accordingly must not be walked on by the public.

Village Field has 3 hectares of grass and wild flower mix running along the back of the Village. This is also part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme but was mainly put in to reduce surface water run-off going into the Village. This seems to be achieving its aim as water run-off has been reduced.

Watt Field has got the public footpath running diagonally across it towards the Rookery Woods which many people use. The field has an area of wild bird seed mix near to Park Farm and a grass margin which borders the brook. Each year we change the mix of seed-bearing plants in a similar way to crop rotation. This year's mix which we will establish in May includes sunflowers, spring triticale, spring barley, white millet, linseed, kale and fodder radish. Please don't pick the sunflowers even though they look attractive because you will be stealing wild bird food sources which they so desperately need.

All three fields have crops of Crusoe winter wheat in them which is a milling wheat variety and will ultimately be harvested and sent directly to our farmer co-operative store at Kettering where it will be dried, blended

and stored with other farmer members milling wheat. The vast majority of it will be sent to Rank Hovis flour mill at Finedon where flour will be produced to supply the Hovis bakeries.

At this time of the year the crops are waking up from the winter dormant period and we are starting to apply nitrogen fertiliser which the crop needs to aid growth. Each week I receive updated satellite imagery showing me the amount of crop growth and I can tailor the nitrogen application according to the crop canopy. This ensures that the correct amount of nitrogen is targeted to each part of the field. We call this variable rate application.

We have many rights of way across our land and take pride in marking and maintaining them so that they are as accessible as possible. We hope that you enjoy using them. If you are unsure as to where the rights of way are please refer to the West Northants Interactive Map https://maps.southnorthants.gov.uk/wml_public/Map.aspx?mapName=WNC_Map. Please do keep your dogs under control and on the right of way at all times.

In the coming months the fields will change as the crops grow and we will be establishing spring oats on some parts of the farm and also sowing next year's wild bird seed mix in various locations around the farm to benefit the bird population next winter.

8. Our People

New babies!

I was delighted to hear from Leanne that she and Ollie are now parents to twin girls, Dolly Maisie Stenson, 5lb 15oz, and Penelope Cherie Stenson 6lb 1oz, born at 11.42am and 11.45am on the 10th March 2023. We look forward to meeting them soon.

Alex Kinsella

Alex Kinsella died 15th March 2023 aged 72 just as he always wanted to go. No fuss and in the home he loved.

He had logged on and been working right till the last moments.

He had said he never wanted to retire because he loved his job so much and he got his wishes.

Loved and missed so much.

Lesley, Oliver, Alison and Sophie and Bournville (the cat)

Funeral details

Monday 3rd April

10.15am at Counties Crematorium

Address: Towcester Rd, Milton Malsor, Northampton NN4 9RN.

David Leggott

On **Saturday 29th April from 2pm** at Quinton village hall there will be a coming together to remember and celebrate the life of David who sadly passed away on the 29th January.

Anyone wishing to join the family in remembrance of David are very welcome.

Refreshment will be served.



9. *Our villages' Facebook Group*

Keep up-to-date with all the latest news (including Manor Oak and the Coronation) on our own Facebook site.

This group is:

- open to all residents in Quinton and Preston Deanery (or a nominated representative if they cannot join Facebook).
- 'private' and 'hidden' – so you won't find it on Facebook and you need to be invited by an existing member.

If you'd like to join, just ask 'Andy Quinton' on Facebook to be a friend and he can then invite you onto the site (this profile was set up purely for this purpose).

10. *Thought for the Coronation*

Andy and I will be on the green with a picnic at **1pm on Sunday 7 May** - why not join us?

We also hope that it will be possible to show the coronation on the large screen in the Village Hall on **Saturday morning**.

11. *Stop Press deliveries in Preston Deanery: can you help as a back-up?*

David Gillam has been a back-up to Sam Mackaness, for a number of years, for delivering Stop Press to Preston Deanery.

David and Mary have recently moved – are you able to take David's place supporting Sam? (it usually involves delivering to 27 houses just a few times a year).

Please let me know if you are able to help.

Thanks, Kathey

12. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

An update from Brenda Rainbow

Well, after a very successful year when the Fund organised a holiday to Weston-Super-Mare in May to the Jubilee Sunday which was organised by Roade Parish Council.

We then had our very special 60th Anniversary celebrations held in Roade Village Hall and with our special raffle and stalls we raised £1341. Then we went on our trip to Bakewell which was followed on in the afternoon to Ashford-in-the-Water for a lovely WI tea.

Our Christmas events went off extremely well with the Christmas Market trip to Nottingham in December and to round the year off was our Christmas Concert with two special guests being Lucy and Sam from Roade Post Office to celebrate their retirement. The raffle on the night raised £400.00 so thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

Last but not least was the Christmas Parcels which again was a challenge to get all the items for the parcels in on time now that we have to get the items ourselves as Morrisons and Tesco could not guarantee delivery on the day in December when we packed and delivered them.

Now is the challenge for this year. The Committee are in the process of putting together a programme and the first item will be the holiday to Llandudno in May when we hope the weather will be kind to us.

We are also looking into organising a day trip and our usual trip to a Christmas Market. We will let you know the dates of these when details have been finalised.

Tote results

Date Drawn: Friday 10th March 2023
Drawn By: Peter Mawby & June Hawkins at
Roade Bowls Club

Winning numbers	Name & Village	Prize
11 10 07	P Conlon, Roade - Roade	£150.00
11 07 05	Mr H Oakey - Roade	£90.00
03 00 06	Mrs Amos - Roade	£70.00
03 06 08	Mrs B Barby - Roade	£65.00
06 00 03	Mrs H Poole - Roade	£60.00
00 03 10	Mrs H Muskin - Roade	£55.00
02 05 10	Mr K Luck - Roade	£45.00
10 09 11	Mr C Rooks - Quinton	£24.00
04 03 08	Mr P Cowley - Roade	£12.00
00 00 01	W Kirton - Quinton	£12.00

Total raised	£1166.00
Total prize money	£583.00
Total paid to fund	£583.00

Money to Promotor: **Tuesday 4th April 2023**
Date of next Draw: Friday 7th April 2023
Time & Location: 12.30pm Roade House Cafe

13. Dates for your diary

Village Hall Gardening Days, 2pm:

13 May (Sat)

23 September (Sat)

16 May (Tues) Parish Council meeting 7pm

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Monday 24 April

to 'kathey.bailey@outlook.com'

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