

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

1. Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

1 July (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 July (Tues) (usually every 1 st Tues)	WI: we are joining Hackleton WI on a visit to a Flower Farm near Duncote, Towcester. Sorry, members only this time due to numbers - but we are always glad to have visitors to our monthly meetings in the village hall.
24 June (Sat) 15 July (Sat) (usually every 3 rd Sat)	Book Swap: from 10.30am – come and swap or buy a book from our growing collection, and enjoy a coffee, cake and a chat.
18 July (Tues)	Parish Council Meeting: 7pm
25 July (Tues) (usually every 4 th Tues)	Trefoil Guild: Outing to Old Dairy Farm Craft Centre, Upper Stowe
Every Mon	Yoga Group: 6-7pm (Drop in, or contact Hayley on 07488 233779 Hayleyhendersonyoga@gmail.com)
Every Mon	Power Pilates: 11am (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
9 July	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Chrys Tremthanmor
23 July	10am	Holy Communion	Archdeacon Richard Ormston
13 August	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Julie Scott

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

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

3. Food Aid For Cotton: next delivery *Thurs 6 July*

Have you got something in your food cupboards or maybe you could add some items to your weekly shopping?

School holidays are coming up and it is always a difficult time to feed children who would normally receive school lunches during term time. Could you help parents to feed their children good, nutritious meals?

FAFC is especially needing canned fish/meat/vegetables/fruit and breakfast cereals but anything you can spare is always very much appreciated.

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

Thank you so much.

Julia

4. The Quinton & Preston Deanery 39th Home Produce Show

will be held at The Manor House, Quinton

on Sunday, 3rd September 2023

(The schedule for the Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Preserves, Cookery & Handicrafts classes has now been delivered.).

There will be an auction of produce, prize giving, raffle and children's games.

Bar open 11am to 4.00pm.

Lunchtime BBQ & refreshments served from **12.00pm to 2.00pm.**

Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee and Cakes throughout the afternoon.

You don't need to put in entries to join us, everyone is welcome.

Dogs are welcome to join us too.

We look forward to seeing you, thank you for your support.

5. Village Hall News from Emma

Book Swaps: Sat 24 June and 15 July, from 10.30am

Apologies to those who expected a book swap on 17 June, we've rescheduled this now to 24 June. Come along to the village hall from 10.30am, swap or buy a book from our growing collection and enjoy a coffee, cake and chat.

Our July book swap will take place on 15 July (from 10.30am).

Village Hall Website and Bookings

The village hall is going online! We'll shortly be launching our new website www.quintonvillagehall.co.uk and going forwards ALL bookings will need to be made via the website. For paid bookings (those not covered by the stipend paid to the hall by the Parish Council to cover the use of the hall by village organisations), you'll be able to pay your hire charges online as you book, and the village hall calendar will be visible to all on the new site.

There will also be a change to the way the hall is accessed. This will be via the key held in the key-safe at the hall, with the key-safe code (which will be updated weekly) made available to hirers by email.

We'll be contacting regular hall users by email a few days ahead of the website launch with more details, and we'll also organise an information session in the hall to demo the new booking system and answer any questions.

Once the website is up and running, Sally will no longer be accepting bookings or holding any keys, so please don't contact her to ask.

6. Our villages' Facebook Group

Keep up-to-date with all the latest news (including Manor Oak) 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). And if you don't get a quick response, just email me (address on back page) and I'll remind him to check the site!

Kathey

7. Quinton Parish Council

Manor Oak Homes

To date no application has been submitted, we do not have a reason for the delay.

The council is preparing its objection to a potential application. At the same time, we would urge residents to submit their own objections. We are preparing a list of objections which may be useful to you and will help focus on the main issues, this list will appear in the next issue of Stop Press once the council has discussed the content.

Bus Shelter

Repair work is under way, it has a new roof and internal skin and soon it will have a perspex window.

Community Fund

We will receive more funding again this year for the fund and your ideas on what the council should spend the money would be much appreciated. Please let me know.

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.

Next Council Meeting **Tues 18 July 2023**

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

Stay safe

John Scott

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8. *Quinton Farmers Diary Summer 2023*

Time flies by in the farming calendar as it doesn't seem five minutes since I was writing the Spring edition.

We went from a very dry February to a cold, wet March with the weather finally allowing us to establish our Spring Oat crops on the farm over the Easter weekend so when you were all feasting on Easter Eggs, we were hard at work in the fields.

The wheat crops in Lower Farm, Village and Watt fields were slow developing through the month of March but the warmer weather in April pushed the crops through their various growth stages at a rapid rate meaning the flag leaf (the final leaf to emerge before the ear of wheat) came out around the 18th May which is traditionally as expected and is mainly governed by the length of daylight hours.

The grass weed which has emerged in Lower Farm field above the wheat is called black grass which is the most difficult and costly weed to control in our arable crops. It is a marine plant and thrives in wet heavy soils with poor drainage, which is why there is more of the weed in the eastern side nearest Preston Deanery on the heavier wetter soils and to the north of the Quinton sewerage works. This area to the north was traditionally known as "Clayty" when the big field was made up of many smaller fields in times gone by. This area is made up of a very heavy clay soil which is poorly drained.

The crop of Crusoe winter wheat in Lower Farm field is being grown for seed production and will be harvested, stored separately to the other wheat on the farm which will go to central storage for milling. The seed crop will be collected at harvest, taken to a seed processing plant, cleaned, bagged, and sold to farmers nationwide providing it meets the required germination standard which is 90% and weed free. The seeds are sieved and sorted in the lab and then a known quantity is grown on a bed of sand and counted to get the percentage germinated. You do not want to be buying seed if half of what you buy will not grow!

Our spray operator Laurence has been busy applying herbicides to control the broadleaf weeds and the crops have received 4 fungicide sprays roughly 3 weeks apart to the crops to keep disease free. The 2 main wheat diseases we are aiming to control are Septoria and Yellow Rust. We only apply these products when and where necessary and all applications are targeted at specific weeds and diseases.

Dan our fertiliser spreader operator has been busy applying nitrogen with our variable rate technology across the crops. We have been through the wheat crops 4 times applying the nitrogen on a little and often approach. You may have noticed some flags in Village Field, these are marking out a trial area for a different fertiliser product which we are trialling for A.D.A.S (an independent provider or agricultural research and development) part of the fertiliser is made up of a product mined in North Yorkshire making it unique as nearly all the fertiliser we use in the UK must be imported from abroad.

The wild bird seed mixes were established in May and are now emerging although they desperately need rain.

As I write this, all the ears of wheat have fully emerged and over the coming weeks the grain will fill and the crops will start to senescence which is the process of plant aging and ripening. Ideally, we need some more rain and bright sunny days but a top temperature of no more than 22 degrees. Too hot and the wheat plants shut down and do not fill the grains in the ears leading to lower yields and poorer quality.

Harvesting of the wheat crops usually takes place in early August, the team will be under pressure to get the harvest in at the optimum time. Please be aware that there will be increased tractor and trailer movements around the rural roads during this very busy period.

9. Our People

Thank you to Karen Mackaness for the following tribute.

Bob Borwick

All of us in Preston Deanery are very saddened by the passing of Bob Borwick.

He has farmed here for some 54 years, when he and his wife Margaret came to live at Preston Lodge Farm as Farm Manager for the Mackaness family. When the farms were split up he continued to work for Charles and together they started a very successful herd of Hereford Cattle, which he continued in a very professional way, winning numerous awards.

He has been a custodian to Preston Deanery and the farming community around. He was a hive of information and we will all miss the daily chugging of his faithful Landrover and the greetings of his cattle.

Our sympathies go to Margaret, Belinda, Robert and their families.

Funeral service at Piddington Monday 26th June at 11.30am.

All are welcome.

10. Historical Quinton: our memories, photos and records

Have you seen our fascinating collection of photographs, memories and records of Quinton filed in the 'Historical Quinton' section of the Parish Council website? <https://www.quintonparishcouncil.org.uk/>.



Just look for the big green button

(if you're on your phone you may need to go via the 'site map', or choose the 'desktop version' link at the bottom of the Home Page).

Keep visiting – there's a lot to see - and we're adding to it all the time!

Kathey

11. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

Update from Brenda Rainbow

By the time you read this News Letter our old folks would be back from their holiday to Llandudno. We hope that they all had a great time and that the weather was kind to them.

We have nearly finalised the details for a Day Trip and hopefully the invitations will be sent out shortly.

As you may be aware Roade Parish Council have organised a:

Roade Gala to take place on **Sunday the 25th June**.

...on the same basis as the event last year.

The Roade & Quinton Old Folks have joined forces again with Roade & District Royal British Legion and are holding a Tombola Stall (under cover) so can we please ask everyone to come along and support these two very worthwhile organisations. It would be much appreciated. Just keep our fingers crossed and hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

We appreciate that times are very hard at the moment, but **can we be really cheeky and ask if people could just buy another ticket** for the Tote. It is **only an extra 50p a month** and would go a long way in helping to increase the fund so that we can continue to put on the events throughout the year that our old folks so enjoy, particularly the Christmas Concert and the Christmas Parcels. The Committee thank you in advance.

We are in great need of new Collectors so if anyone could spare a couple of hours each month in their area, we would be very pleased to hear from you. If you would like more information, please contact our Tote Promoter Mr. Smith on 07795 250852 or the Secretary Miss B. Rainbow on 01604 862866

Tote results

Date Drawn:

Thursday 8th June 2023

Drawn By:

Brenda Rainbow, Chris Jackson & Sally Merrett

Winning numbers	Name & Village	Prize
02 01 05	Mrs S Judkins - Roade	£150.00
13 07 13	Mr D Hill - Roade	£90.00
08 01 08	Mrs S Gardner - Roade	£70.00
04 06 04	Mrs Tapp - Roade	£65.00
08 11 09	Mrs Blackburn - Roade	£60.00
07 10 13	J Brown - Roade	£55.00
07 00 12	B Duncan - Roade	£45.00
04 05 00	P Lewis - Roade	£20.00
06 05 07	Mrs S Parker - Roade	£12.00
12 11 13	Mr M Thomas - Quinton	£12.00

Total raised £1159.50

Total prize money £579.00

Total paid to fund £580.50

Money to Promotor: **Tuesday 4th July 2023**

Date of next Draw: Friday 7th July 2023

Time & Location: 7.30pm Roade Bowls Club

12. Future dates

3 Sept (Sun) Home Produce Show, The Manor House, from 11am

23 Sept (Sat) Village Hall Gardening Day, 2pm

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Thursday 20 July

to 'kathey.bailey@outlook.com'

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