

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

1. Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

23 Sept (Sat)	Village Hall Gardening Day, **from 10am** please note change of time
23 September and 21 October (Sat) (usually every 3 rd Sat)	Book Swap: from 10.30–midday – come and swap or buy a book from our large collection and enjoy a chat, hot drink and homemade cake for a donation
26 Sept (Tues) (usually every 4 th Tues) 19 Oct (Thurs)	Trefoil Guild: 2pm talk by Jane Causebrook on 'Guiding Travels' 7.30pm Oct meeting Campfire Singers – **note different week and time)
30 Sept (Sat)	Preston Deanery to Quinton litter pick: 9.30/10am from PD (see page 4)
3 Oct (Tues) (usually every 1 st Tues)	WI: 7.30pm: theme of Harvest – inc ploughmans' supper and quiz
6 October (Fri)	Race Night: 7 for 7.30 pm Come and try your luck on the horses – have fun whilst raising money for the Village Hall (see page 3)
7 Oct (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.
Every Mon from 25 Sept	Power Pilates: 11am (see page 2) (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)
	Yoga Group: postponed until further notice (Contact Hayley on 07488 233779 Hayleyhendersonyoga@gmail.com)

2. Church News

Service times

Date	Time	Service	Leader
24 Sept	10am	Holy Communion	Canon Michael Webber
8 Oct	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Judy Evans
22 Oct	10am	Holy Communion	Canon Ann Slater
12 Nov	12:00 noon	Act of Remembrance	Major Mike Crouch

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

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

Preston Deanery Carol Concert: Sunday 24 December, 6.30pm

The Annual Preston Deanery Carol Concert will be held on Sunday 24th December.

We shall meet in the Church at 6.30pm for a Sloe Gin or soft drink, the concert will start at 7pm.

Please bring a plate of snacks – Stuart and Penny have agreed as usual to decorate the church. Readers are required for six short readings – any volunteers please ring me on 07801 024244 (Sam).
Collection for the church.

Should be a fun evening – plenty of carols we all know!!

Sam Mackaness

3. **Pilates from Monday 25 September**

Pilates will be back in the village hall from Monday 25 September, taking place at 11am weekly. All are welcome to the class.

Please bring along a Pilates/ yoga mat. Drop in rate £8 per class

If you'd like to find out more before coming along, please

contact Anna: krivenko.pam@gmail.com

4. Village Hall Committee news

Thank you for supporting our September community night; we raised a further £50 for hall funds, chipping away at our fundraising requirement. We'll host our next community night on **8 December**.

Book Swap and Gardening Morning: Sat 23 Sept, starting 10am

Meanwhile, we're looking forward to this Saturday's book swap and gardening morning. Starting from 10am on 23 September, bring along a book to swap or a £1 donation per book. Enjoy hot drinks and homemade cake for a donation,

...or join our gardening efforts and you'll be rewarded with free refreshments. We'd really appreciate any help in taming the village hall garden, and if you have gardening tools, please bring them along too. Even if you just have half-an-hour to spare, we'd be very pleased to see you.

Charity Race Night: Fri 6 October, 7 for 7.30pm

'Come and try your luck on the horses'

– a fun Community Night whilst raising some funds for the hall

Entry £2.50 Bets 50p

Bring your own drink Snacks for sale

Raffle

Tickets and more info from Kathey Bailey

Start saving your 50ps!

And a reminder that the annual **village quiz** takes place on **10 November**.

Village Hall AGM: Tues 10 October, 7pm

It's the Village Hall AGM on Tuesday 10 October at 7pm in the hall. All are welcome to attend and if you're thinking about joining the committee, it's a great opportunity to dip your toe in the water.

We really would welcome some new members to our tiny committee (4 of us!) as we ramp up our fundraising efforts.

Finally, thanks so much to the villagers who've made donations, either one off or regular, to the village hall. These all help to protect the hall for the village.

Emma

5. Litter Pick *Sat 30 September, 9.30/10am from PD*

Our biannual Quinton and Preston Deanery litter pick is taking place on Saturday 30 September.

We'll be walking from Grain Mill in Preston Deanery at 10am on the day, litter picking along the road to Quinton. It usually takes just over an hour to complete the job.

We'll be meeting beforehand, from 9.30am, at Grain Mill for bacon and egg rolls and hot drinks before we set off, and participants will also be rewarded with coffee and cake at the end of the route at Old Rectory in Quinton.

We have a few litter picking devices available, but please bring along a bag for litter and a pair of stout gloves too if you have them.

It's always a fun community event, so do come along and get involved if you're free that morning – and if you are intending to join, please could you email emma_wise100@hotmail.com to confirm so we can ensure there are enough refreshments available.

Emma & Claude

6. Food Aid Far Cotton: next delivery *Thurs 5 October*

Thank you to everyone who donated during August, the nice people at St Mary's were very grateful to receive your items.

During the school summer holidays there was an increase in the people who accessed the food bank and your donations came at just the right time as they were running low on a number of items.

The next food bank run will take place on Thursday 5 October and if you have anything to spare from your own food cupboards or perhaps you could add a couple of items to your shopping list, please bring them along to 3 Church View Quinton.

Every single item you donate means that FAFC can help those who are desperate to provide for their families and themselves.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Julia

7. Quinton Parish Council

Manor Oak Homes

The council's objection to the planning application will be submitted in the coming days. A copy of which will be available from the Clerk. The council would like to thank all residents who also sent in an objection, every one of those objections will count. We now await the outcome of the application.

Parish Councillor - Casual Vacancy

Due to a recent resignation the council will have a vacancy for a councillor. Anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact the Clerk for more information.

Working Party

The council will be forming a working party to follow up on issues regarding the increased traffic and speeding on Wootton Road. If anyone is interested in joining the Working Party, please contact the Clerk.

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.

Council Budget 2024/25

In November the council will also begin the process of creating its budget for next year, if you have any ideas or comments, please let the Clerk know.

Next Council Meeting: 21 November 2023

This will be a face-to-face meeting and will start at **7pm**. If you 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

clerk@quintonparishcouncil.org.uk

07738 760618

Manor Oak objection can be submitted on-line until 29 September. If you have not already done so, please follow this link:

<https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2023/5978/EIA>

8. *Quinton Farmer's Diary - Autumn 2023*

Since writing the summer diary entry a lot has happened on the farm. The crops turned to golden brown, they were then harvested and some of next year's crops have been established.

The weather this August was a total contrast to last year's very dry harvest with constant rain showers which only allowed harvesting for short periods of time. Most of the crops that we have cut have had to be dried at considerable expense. This has to be done to allow them to be stored safely without deteriorating.

All of our wheat from Quinton has left the farm and is being stored at our farmers' co-operative store Camgrain at Kettering. It all made milling quality and over the winter months will be delivered into the Hovis mill at Finedon to eventually be turned into bread.

The wheat crop off Lower Farm Field was grown for seed and it passed all of the seed quality tests and has now been processed at a seed plant near Buckingham for drilling into other farmers fields around the country.

The harvest team of Laurence who drives the combine and our two temporary harvest lads from Southern Ireland worked long hours and extremely hard when the weather conditions allowed as it was a very stop-start harvest.

As you will have noticed over the last couple of weeks the fields along both sides of the Preston Deanery Road have rapidly emerging crops of oilseed rape. They were established by Dan with our Fendt crawler and special oil seed rape drill. The drill low disturbance cultivates, sows the seed, injects liquid starter fertiliser and broadcasts slug pellets all in one operation. The seed is applied variably which means the heavier soil type parts of the field have more seed sown into them and the lighter parts of the field have less seed sown into them. This is because the seed will establish easier on the lighter soil types meaning we need more seed on the heavier soils so to ensure a good crop.

This year we have also planted a companion crop of buckwheat and berseem clover with the oilseed rape which has the advantage of attracting beneficial insects into the crop canopy, improves the crop nutrition and fixes nitrogen. The companion crops also improves overall soil health. Both of the companion crops are sensitive to frost and will be killed off when we experience our first frosts in winter leaving the oilseed rape to grow away on its own.

In the middle of October we will start drilling next years' winter wheat crop and by the end of October start drilling our winter bean crops.

The wild birdseed mixtures have performed well this year and have set a lot of seeds for the birds this winter.

The area of grass and wildflower mix to the rear of the Village has recently been mown and baled into hay. We have done this to remove the large amounts of grass which if left would have added to the soil fertility which the wildflowers do not like. Hopefully next year we will have a greater abundance of wild flowers.

Giles Benson

9. Historical Quinton: our memories, photos and records

There will be some updates soon – I'll post a notice on the Facebook site when they're loaded on the 'Historical Quinton' section of the Parish Council website: <https://www.quintonparishcouncil.org.uk/>.

(Do have a look at the fascinating collection of photos, memories and records of Quinton.)

Kathey



10. Our villages' Facebook Group – keep up-to-date

Keep up-to-date with all the latest news, including the proposal by Manor Oak Homes, 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

11. Quinton & Preston Deanery Home Produce Show 2023

We were very lucky to have such good weather on the day and such a good turnout again this year both in attendance and in entry numbers – over 120 in the various classes which kept the judges very busy!

We had a fun afternoon and the BBQ was great!

Thank you to our judges organised by Carol Henry and to the committee: Helen, Wendy, Diane, and of course the chaps who do so much to help out before and on the day: Karl, Rob, Dale, James, Johnnie and Graham. Our thanks also to all the other helpers and to Delia Ronson for hosting the event again this year.

Well done to all those who entered and to the award winners, the cups and trophies are being engraved and will be with you soon.

Best in Section - Flowers	Alison Benson
Best in Section – Fruit & Vegetables	Giles Benson
Best in Section – Preserves	Beryl Kirton
Best in Section – Cookery	Julie Austin
Best in Section – Handicraft - Norman Randell Trophy	Barbara Bentley
Best in Section – Children’s Shield	Lois Austin
Quinton Points Cup	Giles Benson
Junior Points Cup	Lois Austin
Best in Show	Lois Austin

Our thanks to you all for your continued support in keeping our Village tradition going!

12. Our People

An apology

...to Wendy and Karl Kirton.

The heading on their news last month should have read:

A great-grandson for Wendy and Karl

- I hope that he and his parents, Anjana and Dalton, are all doing **well**.

13. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

An update from Brenda Rainbow

The holiday to Llandudno in May was a success: the hotel was very good and they looked after us very well. We had some lovely days out - everyone had a great time and the weather was very good

At Gala Sunday, which was arranged by Roade Parish Council, we ran a tombola with Roade & District Royal British Legion. We were pleased to raise £380.00, which will be split between the two organisations.

The Day Trip to Evesham Country Park went ahead - there were fewer people than expected but we managed to secure a smaller coach.

The holiday next year to Exmouth will go ahead (there are still some twin-bedded rooms available).

Details concerning a trip to a Christmas Market and the Fish and Chip Supper will be sent out later.

(As a reminder: to be eligible for the many benefits of the fund, you must have lived in Quinton for 6 months, receive the State Pension and have been in the tote for at least 6 months.)

For more info and to join the tote, which is open to everyone: contact Wendy Kirton on 07838 433636 or

Brenda Rainbow brendarainbow@mypostoffice.co.uk / 01604 862866

Tote results

Date Drawn: Friday 7th September 2023

Drawn By: Paul Smith & Brenda Rainbow at The Roade House Café

Winning numbers	Name & Village	Prize
08 06 01	W Spencer - Roade	£150.00
04 00 11	A Harrison - Quinton	£90.00
10 13 06	L Mann - Roade	£70.00
13 03 01	S Mitchell - Roade	£65.00
06 10 07	Mr J Hawkins - Roade	£60.00
00 03 11	W Nightingale - Roade	£55.00
05 01 02	Mr P Holden - Roade	£45.00
02 04 09	Mr & Mrs White - Roade	£31.00
06 00 08	Mrs M Smith - Roade	£12.00
08 09 10	Mr J Metherell - Roade	£12.00

Total raised £1180.50

Total prize money £590.00

Total paid to fund £590.50

Money to Promotor: **11th October 2023**

Date of next Draw: 13th October 2023

Time & Location: 6.30pm at the Roade Bowls Club

14. Websites

Quinton Parish Council

www.quintonparishcouncil.org.uk

Covers a lot of information about our village, its societies and groups, the council's work, how to access government info and services, and things that are going on.

West Northamptonshire Council

www.westnorthants.gov.uk

For all council information and services

Village Hall Website and Bookings

All bookings need to be made via the website at:

www.quintonvillagehall.co.uk

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 pay your hire charges online as you book.

15. Future dates

– all events are in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

Saturdays: 18 November / 16 December

Book Swaps – 10.30-midday

November 10 (Fri)

Quiz Night – from 7pm

December 8 (Fri)

Christmas Community Night

December 24 (Sun)

Preston Deanery Carol Concert

(Preston Deanery Church)

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Wednesday 25 October

to 'kathey.bailey@outlook.com'

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