

Quinton and Preston Deanery Stop Press! (Jan '24)

Lots to look forward to over the next few weeks

Happy Christmas everyone and may 2024 be kind to us all!

1. Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

24 Dec (Sun)	Preston Deanery Carol Concert: 6.30pm Preston Deanery Church (see October Stop Press)
5 Jan (Fri)	Open House: anytime 7-10pm at White Gables Come and help us mark 'the end of Christmas 2023'
6 Jan (Sat) (usually every 1 st Sat)	New Year Community Coffee Morning: 10.30-12noon Church All welcome to pop in for a chat, coffee/tea and cake. We would love to see you.
9 Jan (Tues) (usually every 1 st Tues)	WI: 7.30pm Games evening and some refreshments
16 Jan (Tues)	Parish Council Meeting: 7.00pm
20 Jan (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
23 Jan (Tues)	Trefoil Guild: 2pm Our New Year's Party
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
24 Dec	10am	Christmas Eve Holy Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
	5.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Major Mike Crouch
25 Dec	10am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
31 Dec	11am	Benefice Service Holy Communion	Rev Mark Hurley & Rev Julie Scott
14 Jan	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
28 Jan	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Mark Hurley

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 *Thursday 4 January*

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated during December. I hope you saw the photo on the Community FaceBook page and we made a second run on 21 December because more of your donations came in. The next food bank run will take place on Thursday 4 January, 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**.

People who go along to FAFC are struggling to feed their families on top of trying to keep warm this wintertime. Every single item you donate means that FAFC can help those who are desperate to provide for their families and themselves at this difficult time.

Many thanks
Julia

4. Open House: *Fri 5 Jan, 7-10pm, White Gables*

We're having an Open House to mark the 'end of the Christmas festivities' on Friday 5th Jan – do come and join us.

We'll provide plates, cutlery and napkins – you just need to bring your own drinks and glasses, and food to share if you would like to.

It would be helpful to know if you are coming (but don't worry if you need to change your mind).

We look forward to seeing you!

Kathey

5. Fashion Show: *Wed 24 April 7-10pm Village Hall*

Book the date for some ladies' early Spring fashion shopping with Jackie's pop-up Fashion Show "Rock Those Frocks". Items will be available to try on and purchase at a reasonable everyday price.

This is to help with the running expenses of the Village Hall.

Tickets £5 (including a glass of wine or juice) and there will be a raffle.

Tickets limited to 50 people and available from:

Diane Saunders rnh536@gmail.com or Val Core valcore@mail.com

6. Quinton Parish Council

Chicken Farm Odours

Please be vigilant on this issue, if incidents don't get reported then there will never be a positive outcome.

If you are aware of any odour, please report this to the Environment Agency's 24-hour Incident Hotline **0800 80 70 60**.

Please provide as much information as possible about the location, length of time this has been happening, times and dates and any other information which may help. Please quote the following reference: 231106/TR03 Permit for Chicken Sheds Courteenhall Estates Northants GE/ 26965.

Parish Councillor - Casual Vacancy

Due to a recent resignation from the council there is still a vacancy for a councillor. Anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact the Clerk for more information.

This is valuable work undertaken on behalf of the residents of the parish and is a rewarding and fulfilling challenge for those who get involved. Have your say on shaping the future of the parish.

Community Fund

We are fast approaching the time (January) when decisions are made as to how to spend the funds received from the wind farm.

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

The council will meet in January to finalise the budget for the year 2024/25. If you have any ideas or comments, please let the Clerk know.

Next Council Meeting: **Tues16 January 2024**

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 4 days in advance of the meeting if you want it on the agenda.

Stay safe and Merry Christmas

John Scott

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7. *Quinton Farmers Diary – Winter 2023*

Oh what an autumn! Have you noticed that it has been raining? I think we should consider growing rice. I have never known the ground so wet. Since 1st August we have had 357mm of rainfall at Quinton Green. This compares to 250mm the previous autumn of which 100mm fell in November 2022. Last winter I invested in three remote weather stations which are located at Quinton Green and at our farms at Silverstone and Buckingham. They record rainfall by the hour as well as high and low temperatures, humidity and wind speed and direction. This information is easily accessible via an App on all farm staff mobile phones. This has proved very valuable and saved a great deal of travelling between farms only to find when you get there it is raining and you cannot undertake the field work planned.

The oilseed rape fields along the Preston Deanery Road have been growing and thickening out. The companion crop of buckwheat flowered and then the first frost in early November killed it off as it is very frost susceptible. During its short lifespan the buckwheat scavenged phosphate from the soil and when the plants die back the phosphate was released into the soil and taken up by the oilseed rape plants to aid its growth. The berseem clover companion crop carried on growing through the early frosts but was killed by the harder more prolonged frosts in early December. Berseem clover is a nitrogen fixing crop which as it dies back releases the nitrogen for the benefit and further growth of the oilseed rape crop.

The fields have recently been sprayed with a herbicide which contained two active ingredients, one is a residual which works through the soil to control the roots of the blackgrass and the second is a contact active ingredient which controls the mayweed and sow thistles through contact with the plants leaves.

We started our autumn winter wheat drilling campaign on the 9th October and this proved to be a very big challenge due to the very high levels of rainfall. We did manage to get all of the winter wheat crops drilled by the 28th October although out of all the crops drilled 70% look OK, 20% are poor and 10% have failed due to waterlogged ground conditions which has resulted in rotten seed coupled with the constant slug pressure. Usually when we have completed the winter wheat drilling, we move on to drilling the winter beans. Unfortunately, the soil has been so wet we have not been able to drill any of the beans and we wait for a dry 2-week period to allow the soils to dry out so that we can get onto the fields.

A polite reminder for all the walkers. We have various well marked rights of way/public footpaths across our land and we ask that you please keep to them and if you are walking your dog, please keep it under control and on the footpath and don't allow it to roam across the open fields. As you know we have many grass margins around the fields and these are wildlife corridors and are not to be walked on by members of the public as this negates the benefits the margins give to our wildlife.

Giles Benson

8. Singing round the tree, mulled wine and mince pies

What a lovely village evening we had at the beginning of December to start off the Christmas Season. The weather was kind to us and Emma did a great job leading the singing round the Christmas Tree.

Thanks go to the Village Hall Committee for organising the mince pies, mulled wine and decorated tree in the hall; the Community Fund for the funding; Bryn for the amazing job he did with crafts for the children - they were all completely absorbed; and Carl for their snacks and the photos.

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

Keep up-to-date with what's going on the village and ask for, or offer help, 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

10. 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, photographs and information on 'Historical Quinton', and things that are going on.

West Northamptonshire Council

www.westnorthants.gov.uk

For all council information and services.

11. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

Tote results

Date Drawn: Thursday 7th December 2023
Drawn By: Sally Merrett and Brenda Rainbow at Roade House Cafe

Winning numbers	Name & Village	Prize
02 09 06	Mr A O'Hanlon, Roade	£150.00
05 13 06	Mrs G Tapp, Roade	£90.00
07 04 11	J Bains, Roade	£70.00
04 03 04	Mrs A Baxter, Roade	£65.00
05 03 07	J Caesar, Roade	£60.00
00 10 13	Mrs Simms, Roade	£55.00
13 05 12	G Tilley, Roade	£45.00
06 12 10	Mrs J McAlear, Roade	£30.00
13 08 05	L Dartnall, Roade	£12.00
08 10 01	D Farebrother, Roade	£12.00

Total raised	£1179.50
Total prize money	£589.00
Total paid to fund	£590.50

Money to Promotor: **Tuesday 9th January 2024**
Date of next Draw: Friday 12th January 2024
Time & Location: 6.30pm Roade Bowls Club

An update from Brenda Rainbow

The clocks have gone back and winter is well underway now. Summer seems such a long time ago but we just wanted to tell you about everything we have been up to over the last few months.

We held on the 24th August an afternoon tea to say thank you to all of our Tote Collectors. They do an amazing job and collect the tote money that enables us to subsidise the events such as the holiday and provide the ever-popular Christmas hampers to our members as well as the Fish and Chip Supper. Like every other charity our Funds are dwindling and it is becoming difficult to cover all the events that we would like to put on. **If anyone can afford to buy an extra tote ticket (50p) to help, it would be much appreciated.**

We are always looking for new Tote Collectors so if anyone is interested, please contact Paul Smith on 07795 250852 who will be happy to provide you with all the details.

In the next issue of Stop Press we will catch up and give you more details about how the Christmas Market Trip to Worcester went, the Christmas parcels and of course the Fish and Chip Supper.

All of our Committee would like to thank you for your continued support over the last year and wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all at the various events we hope to put on during the year.

12. Race Night: *Friday 1 March, 7 for 7.30pm*

In aid of Village Hall funds.

Get your tickets from me (numbers are limited to 60):

£2.50 each, bring your own drink and snacks

Hope you can join us.

Kathey

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13. Historical Quinton: our memories, photos and records

Do visit to see a large amount of Quinton's history via people's memories, photographs and records
...go to the Parish Council website:

www.quintonparishcouncil.org.uk and just press the green 'Historical Quinton' button.

Kathey



14. 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

- 3 Feb (Sat) Community Coffee morning:** Church, 10.30 -12 noon
- 17 Feb (Sat) Book Swap and Coffee Morning:** 10.30-midday
- 1 March (Fri) Race Night:** 7 for 7.30pm
- 19 April (Fri) Spring Quiz**
- 24 April (Wed) Fashion Show:** 7pm

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Sunday 14 January

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