

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

Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

27 Feb (Tues)	Trefoil Guild: 2pm Celebrating Thinking Day A chance to share Guiding memories, remake our Promise and enjoy a sing.
26 March (Tues)	2pm: our AGM and an Easter craft
1 March (Fri)	Charity 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 5)
2 March (Sat) (usually every 1 st Sat)	Community Coffee Morning: Church 10.30-12noon All welcome.
5 March (Tues) (usually every 1 st Tues)	WI: 7.30pm "Identifying our local butterflies" talk by Dave James, Northamptonshire Butterfly Recorder.
15 March (Fri)	Whiskey Tasting: 7.30pm arranged in conjunction with Lactodorum Whiskey Club (see p3)
16 March (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
19 March (Tues)	Parish Council Meeting: 7.00pm
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)

1. Church News

Date	Time	Service	Leader
25 Feb	10am	Holy Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
10 Mar	10am	Holy Communion Mothering Sunday	Rev Mark Hurley
24 Mar	11am	Holy Communion, Palm Sunday Hardingstone	Rev Julie Scott
31 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion, Easter Day	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)

Message from Rev Mark Hurley

Greetings one and all, I've been asked to write a few words by way of introduction.

I was born and brought up in Bristol, the large council estates on the southside. I was not from a church or religious family – quite the opposite.

A card-carrying atheist, until one night when God's presence became very real and close. In the course of time, I will explain and share more with you.

I studied for my first degree at Trinity Bristol, then moved to Salisbury and worked toward a further degree. This time though I was studying to become a minister in the Church of England. Once completed, I went to Lincoln Diocese to be a curate (like an apprenticeship – without Lord Sugar!!).

I have served in three posts in Lincoln, whilst also being a hospital chaplain, prison visiting, drug centres, victim support and many other places. I was even asked to join the Royal Army Chaplains Dept, after spending several weeks with them, as well as time at RAF Scampton and even flew with them.

I have also served in Oxford, Rochester and Bath and Wells before coming to here.

There are many things I am interested in, in a personal sense, but most is about music, both playing and production. Also military history, especially wargaming.

I will leave it there for now and hopefully have chance to share with you more at a later date.

With every blessing, Mark.



2. *Our people - Pete Collyer*

All the village was shocked and saddened when they heard of the sudden death of Pete Collyer, Chairman of Quinton Parish Council, who died at his home on 20th January.

Our thoughts go out to his family, especially his daughters Maya and Lydie.

There will be a full tribute to his life, and the important contribution that he made to Quinton, in the next Stop Press.

3. Village Hall News

We were shocked and saddened by the loss of our long-standing committee colleague Pete Collyer at the end of January.

Pete's service to the village hall pre-dates the rest of the committee by some margin, and his contribution to the village hall has been a real blessing. We will miss him dearly.

Thanks to everyone who attended our community evening at the start of the month. We'll be hosting more of these later in the year. Meanwhile, we have a full calendar of events on the horizon.

On **1 March (Fri)**, the hall will be hosting a **Race Night**, back by popular demand. There are still a few tickets available - please contact Kathey (kathey.bailey@outlook.com) as soon as possible if you'd like one. Tickets cost £2.50, and you're invited to bring along your own drinks and snacks, plus plenty of 50p coins for placing bets!

Our next event follows hot on the heels of the race night on **15 March (Fri) at 7.30pm**, with a **whiskey tasting evening** arranged in conjunction with Lactodorum Whiskey Club. Tickets cost £30 and can be purchased from Mark (mbmc.behan@btopenworld.com). Please get in quickly if you'd like to come.

Then in April we have a **quiz evening**, very kindly led for us by Louise Bromfield. The quiz takes place on **19 April, 7pm for a 7.30pm** start. Tickets will be available from early March at a cost of £5, bring your own drinks and snacks.

You can register as a team (max 6 per team please) or buy tickets individually and we'll make up some teams on the evening.

Please contact Emma (emma_wise100@hotmail.com) to book your place.

Amongst all of this, we continue to host our regular **book swap and coffee morning** monthly, usually on the third Saturday of each month, from 10.30am to midday. Come along and join us for a hot drink and cake (donations welcome) and/or to buy or swap a book. We have a good and varied selection of books and very nice cake!

The next two book-swaps take place on **16 March and 20 April**.

And finally, our bi-annual gardening events have become a firm fixture and are so valuable in helping us keep the village hall gardens presentable. Our **2024 gardening dates** are:

11 May, 10.30am

7 September, 2pm

We'd love to see you at either of both. Please bring gardening tools if you have them, but we can lend them to you otherwise.

Emma

4. 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.

5. Food Aid Far Cotton: next delivery Thursday 7 March

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated during February, you are all amazing.

The next food bank run will take place on **Thurs 7 March**, do you have any of the following that you can donate:

tinned meat, fish, vegetables or fruit; pasta/rice/noodles; jars of sauce; or any other non-fresh food; any household cleaning or personal hygiene products.

They are particularly very low on Cereals and UHT Milk.

Any Easter goodies for the children would be wonderful.

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

6. Charity Race Night: *Fri 1 March, 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

Raffle

Bring your own drink and snacks

Tickets from: Kathey Bailey (kathey.bailey@outlook.com)

(event limited to 60 tickets)

Start saving your 50ps!

(there will be change available on the night)

7. 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 rn536@gmail.com or Val Core valcore@mail.com

8. Quinton WI

We meet every month, usually the 1st Tuesday in the Village Hall, and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter, often with a craft or an interesting speaker (and, of course, tea, coffee, wine, and snacks).

Our next meeting includes a talk by Dave James, Northamptonshire Butterfly Recorder on “Identifying our local butterflies”

- so why not come along, find out more about what’s flying around in your garden, and also what the WI can offer you, both in the village and further afield.

9. Quinton Parish Council

Pete Collyer

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Pete Collyer, a stalwart of the Quinton community.

Pete had an indelible impact on the community with his devoted time and effort spent on parish council work and projects. He will be sadly missed by all his colleagues on the council.

Our best wishes and thoughts go to his family and friends.

Speeding Enforcement

The Police carried out traffic speed monitoring in late January in the village. They used a portable speed camera and there were no offences committed during the period they were active.

The Police have supplied the following information.

- The camera was positioned on the Quinton Road outside the last house before you leave for Northampton.
- It was a handheld device, not a camera, and it was there for only 30 minutes.
- Local PCSO was the operator of the speed gun, and had a fully marked Police vehicle, and in full uniform.
- Motorists may have been pre-warned by each other, and many modern sat navs even have the ability to log our presence.

Manor Oak Homes

There have been some developments on the planning application submitted by Manor Oak Homes. National Highways have submitted an objection as Manor Oak have not supplied sufficient information for an approval. They have requested a further 3-month delay to any approval. The timetable for approval remains the same with an expectation that the application will go before the Planning Committee in the summer.

Budget 2024-25

The council passed its budget for the 2024-2025 year at the January council meeting. Details are available on the website in the minutes section. Anyone who does not have access and wishes to see the budget should contact the Clerk.

Chicken Farm Odours

I know this is a repetition but 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.

Next Council Meeting 19 March 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.

John Scott

clerk@quintonparishcouncil.org.uk

07738 760618

10. 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

11. 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.

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

12. 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.

13. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

Tote results

Date Drawn: Friday 9th February 2024
Drawn By: Joy & Colin Westnidge at Roade Bowls Club

Winning numbers	Name & Village	Prize
10 09 02	Mrs O'Brien - Roade	£150.00
11 05 07	Mrs C Ward - Roade	£90.00
11 01 05	P Letts - Roade	£65.00
06 00 10	Mrs K Johnson - Roade	£60.00
08 02 11	A Shelswell - Roade	£55.00
11 00 03	B Penn - Roade	£50.00
06 06 02	Mr J Clements - Roade	£45.00
09 11 13	K & B Jones - Roade	£35.00
05 03 02	Mr A Patel - Roade	£12.00
00 08 02	E Lightwing - Roade	£12.00
Total raised		£1149.50
Total prize money		£574.00
Total paid to fund		£575.50

Money to Promotor: **Tuesday 5th March 2024**

Date of next Draw: Thursday 7th March 2024

Time & Location: 12.30pm at The Roade House Cafe

14. Future dates (all events are in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise)

2 April	WI: AGM + First Responder Matthew Watkins, 7.30pm
6 April	Community Coffee Mornings: Church, 10.30 - 12 noon
4 May	
19 April	Quiz Evening: 7 for 7.30pm start
20 April	Book Swap and Coffee Morning: 10.30-midday
24 April	Fashion Show "Rock Those Frocks": 7-10pm
11 May	Village Hall gardening: 10.30am
7 Sept	2.30pm

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Tuesday 26 March

to kathey.bailey@outlook.com

...and remember that Stop Press is also available by email

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- You'll be able to access website links easily
- You'll have it with you on your smart phone!

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