

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

Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

2 April (Tues) (usually every 1 st Tues)	WI: 7.30pm our AGM and talk by First Responder Matthew Watkins
6 April (Sat)	Litter Pick – Preston Deanery to Quinton: Starting 9.30/10am from PD (see page 3)
6 April (Sat) (usually every 1 st Sat)	Community Coffee Morning: Church 10.30-12noon All welcome.
19 April (Fri)	Spring Quiz: 7 for 7.30pm (see page 3)
20 April (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 April (Tues)	Trefoil Guild: 2pm: Bus Pass Day – details to follow
24 April (Wed)	Fashion Show “Rock Those Frocks”: 7-10pm (see page 4)
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
31 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion, Easter Sunday	Rev Mark Hurley
14 Apr	10am	Holy Communion Followed by the Easter Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Council Meeting	Rev Mark Hurley
28 Apr	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)



**You are warmly welcome to our services in
the Living Brook Benefice**

HOLY WEEK		
w/c Sunday 24th March 2024		
11:00am	Palm Sunday	Benefice Eucharist at St Edmund's Church.
7:00pm	Maundy Thursday	Service at Piddington Church.
7:30pm	Maundy Thursday	"Watch" at Quinton Church.
2:00pm	Good Friday	Service at St Edmund's Church
7:30pm	Saturday	Easter Vigil: Lighting the Fire at Piddington Church

EASTER DAY		
Sunday 31st March 2024		
9:00am	Easter Sunday	Eucharist Service at Piddington Church.
10:00pm		Eucharist Service at St Edmund's Church.
10:30am		Holy Communion at Quinton Church.

2. Litter Pick: Sat 6 April, from 10am Preston Deanery

Our biannual Quinton and Preston Deanery litter pick is taking place on Saturday 6 April.

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

3. Village Hall News

Firstly, thanks to all who've attended our flurry of March fundraising and community events – including the Race Night organised by Andy and Kathey Bailey, the Whiskey Tasting evening and our bumper book swap. It's been a really busy month in the hall and we're delighted to see that. As you'll see below, there's lots more to come in the weeks ahead too.

Spring Quiz: Fri 19 April, 7 for 7.30pm

We're excited to be hosting our first Spring Quiz Night this month, kindly led for us by Louise Bromfield.

The quiz takes place on 19 April, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets cost £5, and we invite you bring your own drinks and snacks (we'll provide glasses).

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.

Book Swaps: Sat 20 April, 10.30-midday (and 11 May)

We continue to host our regular monthly book swap and coffee mornings, usually 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!

Gardening Morning: Sat 11 May, from 10.30am

As well as hosting the book swap, on 11 May, we're also hoping to be joined by a crew of volunteers for a morning taming the village hall garden and parking area.

Please join us from 10.30am, with your garden tools if you have them. It's always enjoyable as well as rewarding, and we bribe all volunteers with free refreshments too so do come along and lend a hand if you can, no experience necessary.

4. Fashion Show: Wed 24 April, 7-10pm Village Hall

Book the date for some ladies' early Spring fashion shopping with Jackie's entertaining pop-up Fashion Show "Rock Those Frocks".

Clothes to suit all shapes and sizes available to purchase on the night.

Supporting (50/50) Quinton WI and Quinton 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

5. Bingo evening: Fri June 21st, 7pm

...and another QVH date for your diaries and a different event in the Hall - an evening session of Bingo led by Val.

This is at 7pm on Friday June 21st and open to all ages.

More details to follow!

6. 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.

7. Whiskey Tasting Evening - report

The Village Hall recently hosted a Whiskey tasting in association with the Lactodorum Whiskey club. It was a very convivial and educational evening, raising £110 for the village hall.

A big thank to those who attended. I will be exploring a wine tasting evening next, watch this space!

Mark Behan

8. Quinton Parish Council

Road Traffic Information – Road Works

This is a new section to the Clerk's report – I will display any information that is available from the Highways Network.

The only current planned works relate to:

temporary traffic lights in Hartwell which may lead to congestion at the Wooton Road / Hartwell junction in Salcey Forest.

Work starts 2 April until 5 April.

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.

We have also heard that the new West Northants Local Plan will not include the piece of land that Manor Oak is proposing to use. We are unsure at this stage how this will affect the application, but it is certainly not bad news.

New Councillor

The Parish Council has a new councillor, James Padbury was unanimously elected to the council at the meeting held on 19 March. He will be a valuable new addition to the team.

Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in a rewarding and interesting position 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.

If anyone has difficulties using the process, please let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

Next Council Meeting: 21 May 2024 including the Annual Village Meeting

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

9. Food Aid Far Cotton: next delivery *Thursday 4 April*

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated during March.

The next food bank run will take place on Thurs 4 April - 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.

Please bring them along to **3 Church View, Quinton**.

People who go along to FAFC are struggling to feed and care for their families and themselves.

St Mary's Church is also a safe and warm space for people who are lonely and need a bit of company or are struggling and need some support. A warm welcome can always be found there.

Many thanks Julia

10. Charity Race Night - report

Thank you to everyone who supported this community event on 1st March – we were pleased to welcome 40 people for a fun evening (and delighted to raise £321 for the Village Hall at the same time).

11. Quinton Community Afternoon: *Sat 13 July, 2.30-6pm* - in appreciation of Pete Collyer's commitment and service to Quinton

Both Quinton Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee wish to appreciate Pete's commitment and service to the village with a Quinton Community afternoon at the Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday July 13th, 2.30 'til 6pm. More details will follow but please make a note in your diaries!

All villagers, together with Pete's contacts through his work with the respective committees, are very welcome to come along.

12. Our people - Pete Collyer (1949-2024)

Pete was born in Northampton on the 19th May 1949 - he grew up in Brixworth and went to Trinity High School in the 1960s.

He met Nola through Trinity Rugby Clubs - they moved to Quinton in 1985 and married on the 2nd November 1987.

He loved playing rugby, as well as watching it – particularly the Saints. Someone from the Trinity Old Boys RFC remembers that “Pete was a great guy and a real gentleman. It was a real pleasure to share the front row with him at Trinity.”

Another rugby memory is: “In recent seasons we travelled to and from Saints Rugby matches with Pete, and often with Lydie and Lee as well. Pete was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable rugby supporter, and in his time was both a regular player, prop forward I think, and Hon Sec of Trinity Old Boys RFC.” *(Chris and Tracy Harris)*

One of his biggest contributions to our community was through his role on the Parish Council as a committed councillor and a dedicated chairman for over 25 years, and the current council remember his...

“Gentle but firm chairmanship of the council which has overseen many changes to the parish including, the setting up of the Community Fund, the refurbishment of the Village Green equipment and the constant battles he fought with developers to ensure the village remains a village. His legacy to the development and protection of the village and its facilities will remain for all to see.

Always a gentleman, always patient, always understanding, and will always be missed.”

(from current members of the Parish Council)

“Pete was chairman of the parish council for the whole ten years that I was clerk. His great people skills and easy-going attitude made him extremely easy to work with. He was a great community champion dedicating so much time and effort to Quinton and our residents.

I always chuckled at his Excel spreadsheets which he used for everything including report writing when Word would have been so much easier, but all I got from him was a wry smile, a raised eyebrow and another Excel document.

Pete was a friend and a genuine good guy, his passing leaves a huge hole in our community and he is sorely missed.” *(Alison Benson)*



Pete and Nola at Lydie and Lee's wedding in Quinton Church, 2018

“Pete Collyer was a great friend to us...we knew he would be an asset from the moment we spotted him doing up the cottage with his Dad. Always reliable and calm...nothing seemed to faze him. When we had Mystery Murder Nights he was the last one to be suspected, he just looked too honest. A great asset as chairman of the Parish Council in later years, he was steady in his opinions and always anxious to do his best for the village.” *(Jackie and Jim Haynes, who used to live at Bakehouse Cottage)*

“I will miss Peter. I first met him as Chairman of Quinton Parish Council, where he was a driving force behind the protection of Quinton as a village and the development of its facilities. He will be sadly missed by the Council and the village.

Pete was a unique person who touched the lives of countless people through his many acts of public service.” *(Councillor Stephen Clarke)*

Pete also loved cars, gardening, reading the newspaper and going out for dinner.

Another major contribution to the village that Pete made was through his work with the Village Hall Committee, who have written:

“Pete’s contribution to the running of the village hall pre-dates all of the existing committee by some margin, but suffice to say his service to the village hall was decades long.

Over this time, Pete approached his responsibilities as a committee member and village hall trustee with conscientiousness, calm and diligence. His presence at our meetings was always welcome: supportive of other committee members and a safe pair of hands, Pete always knew the background and history to any aspect of running the hall and we will sorely miss the link he provided to the hall’s past and his ability to see the full picture.

We relied on Pete to manage much of the maintenance of the hall, and as well as liaising with suppliers, he was often hands-on with this. We remember just last spring his energetic and thorough cleaning of the hall garden drains on our gardening morning, a man who genuinely didn’t mind getting his hands dirty!

He was a stalwart of our many events, particularly the quizzes, and was always able to round up many friends to bring along.

We’ll remember his generosity (in November, he procured the prizes for our quiz night and refused to be reimbursed), his kindness, his willingness always to propose or second a motion at our AGM, his reliability. And we’ll miss his company and gentle presence, very much.” *(by current members of the Village Hall Committee)*

“I will always remember Pete, standing with Paul Turney in the Village Hall at Christmas time. The tables all set and decorated, tree with lights on and everyone sitting in their place waiting for our two friends to start carving the two enormous turkeys!

Such lovely memories.....” (*Fran Piercy*)

Pete and Nola were both very involved with the new kitchen extension some years ago. People remember that Nola in particular was busy with the arrangements and they both worked very hard at the fundraising.

Pete also supported village events organised by other people:

“Peter and his family were staunch supporters of the annual Quinton and Preston Deanery Home Produce Show. Pete was active in the early years serving on the committee but lately championed the ‘Men's Only’ Class and very often won in the Cake Baking classes.

We all valued his support and contribution to so many Village activities and our way of life. He was a kind and gentle man. He was our friend. He will be missed.” (*Pippa Ronson*)

...and some final thoughts and memories:

“He was one of the kindest people we have known. He was never too busy to give people advice or help with any problem they had. He helped us and other members of our family on several occasions with various building projects using his professional expertise.

Our lives revolved around the various dogs we both owned especially with the puppies they walked for the Guide dogs for the Blind.” (*David and Mary Gillam*)

“Pete, you will be sadly missed. You always had time to chat with myself and Malc. Going to miss having you as a lovely neighbour.”

(*Abi and Malc Stubbs*)

...and our memories come from the beginning and end of the 40 years that we shared in the village.

For Andy, it is his first recollection of Pete as a member of the Village Quiz Team...“We used to travel to other villages in the Inter Village Quiz League. Teams were not that keen to come to the home matches here as we met in the Church (pre new Village Hall) – normal social drinking was not encouraged(!) Pete was a strong member of the team, often steering us to many correct answers.”

And I will always remember being invited to supper at Pete’s just a few months ago. He provided a lovely meal that we shared with a few friends – an evening filled with laughter and memories that I will treasure forever. (*Kathey and Andy Bailey*)



With his grandson Noah

13. Quinton Farmers Diary Spring 2024

Has spring arrived? Well, it's nearly the end of March, the daffodils have been flowering and the oilseed rape is just starting to flower - but the rain just keeps coming making our field operations very difficult.

Since 1st January, we have had 188 mm of rainfall, which compares to 148 mm for the same period last year.

Total rainfall for 2023 recorded at Quinton Green was 738 mm compared to 495 mm for 2022.

We have been recording rainfall since 1939, the wettest year since then was 1960 with 1023 mm for the year, long before my time!

Between the rain and the wind, we have applied 3 applications of fertiliser to the oilseed rape crops alongside the Preston Deanery Road. The first application was of urea which contains 46% nitrogen and is granular fertiliser. This was spread variably, based on our latest satellite imagery, with the poor parts of the crop receiving more fertiliser to encourage growth.

The second application was of ammonium sulphate which contains sulphur and nitrogen. The sulphur is essential for many growth functions in plants including nitrogen metabolism, enzyme activity and protein and oil synthesis. Sulphur used to come from the atmosphere when there was a lot of pollution coming from the brick manufacturing chimneys, but as they have cleaned their act up, we as farmers have had to start applying sulphur so our crops are not deficient.

The third application was of urea variably applied again but this time the better parts of the crops received more fertiliser to maximum their yield.

The fertiliser spreader had its annual "MOT" the other day checking that all its components are in good working order and spreading the fertiliser over a series of trays laid out every half metre to the full width of spread which is 36 metres wide. The content of each tray is then placed in a series of test tubes so we can check that we are getting an even spread of fertiliser over the full 36 metres width and change the spreader settings if not. This annual test needs to be completed as part of our Farm Assurance status, and also because the cost of the fertiliser is high so you need to make sure that it is all spread evenly.

With the weather being so wet over the winter period most of our time has been spent doing regular maintenance jobs on all our machinery ensuring it is ready to go when the fields dry up. We have still not managed to drill the winter bean crop as the soils have been so wet, and we also have spring oats to drill when soil conditions improve. Let's hope the weather improves when the clocks change over the Easter weekend.

14. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

Future date of an event supporting the Fund

Joules heavily discounted Outlet Sale: Sat 12 October

Roade Village Hall, Bailey Brooks Ln, Roade

Preview Sale £10 12-12.30pm

General Sale £8 12.30pm, 1.15pm, 2pm and 2.45pm

Contact: Eventbrite, email roadejoulessale@gmail.com
or contact 07952 476651 (Sally) or 07798 897137 (Lucy)

Half of the funds from ticket sales will be donated to
Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

Tote results

Date Drawn:

Thursday 7th March 2024

Drawn By:

Terry & Janet Lyons at Roade House Cafe

Winning numbers	Name & Village	Prize
05 13 01	A Holland - Roade	£150.00
09 01 05	G Jackson - Roade	£90.00
10 00 11	A Napier - Roade	£65.00
02 04 02	Mrs Elliott - Roade	£60.00
08 10 12	M Whitefield - Roade	£55.00
02 00 02	Mrs S Gardner - Roade	£50.00
03 12 07	S Mobley - Quinton	£45.00
12 00 04	Mrs P Brittle - Roade	£29.00
02 12 10	R Sutherland - Roade	£12.00
11 01 02	Mrs C Moore - Roade	£12.00

Total raised £1138.50

Total prize money £568.00

Total paid to fund £570.50

Money to Promotor: **Tuesday 2nd April 2024**

Date of next Draw: Thursday 4th April 2024

Time & Location: 12.30pm Roade House Cafe

15. 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 things that are going on.

Also information on 'Historical Quinton' (Quinton's history via people's memories, photographs and records) just press the green button at the bottom of the page.

[Historical Quinton](#)

West Northamptonshire Council

www.westnorthants.gov.uk

For all council information and services.

16. Join our villages' Facebook Group to keep up-to-date

...and ask for, or offer help. Only open to residents in Quinton and Preston Deanery (or a nominated representative) and is 'private' and 'hidden' – so you won't find it on Facebook

Ask a current member, or 'Andy Quinton', to be a friend – they can then invite you onto the site

...and if you don't get a quick response, just email me. Kathey

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

4 May	Community Coffee Mornings: Church, 10.30 -12 noon
7 May	WI: 7.30pm, discussing Resolutions followed by an activity
11 May	Book Swap and Coffee Morning: 10.30-midday
11 May	Village Hall Gardening: 10.30am
7 Sept	2.30pm
21 May	Council and Annual Village Meeting: 7pm
21 June	Bingo Evening: 7pm
13 July	Quinton Community Afternoon: 2.30-6pm (in appreciation of Pete Collyer's commitment and service to Quinton)

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Friday 19 April

to kathey.bailey@outlook.com

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

...and you can always change back to having a delivered 'hard copy'.