

# Quinton and Preston Deanery Stop Press! (Oct 24)

## 1. Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

<b>1 Oct (Tues)</b> (usually every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues)	<b>WI: 7.30pm</b> , talk by Robert Kendall about 78 Derngate. Open meeting, all welcome, visitors £5
<b>5 Oct (Sat)</b> (usually every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat)	<b>Community Coffee Morning: Church 10.30-12noon</b> All welcome
<b>5 Oct (Sat)</b>	<b>Village Hall Gardening Morning:</b> from 10am
<b>12 Oct (Sat)</b>	<b>Litter Picking: from 10am</b> at Preston Deanery
<b>15 Oct (Tues)</b>	<b>Village Hall AGM and Committee Meeting: 7pm</b>
<b>18 Oct (Fri)</b>	<b>Wine Tasting: 7.30pm</b> hosted by George Atkinson-Clark
<b>19 Oct (Sat)</b>	<b>Book Swap and Coffee Morning: 10.30-midday</b>
<b>22 Oct (Tues)</b> (usually every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues)	<b>Trefoil Guild: 2pm</b> Curling
<b>24 Oct (Thurs)</b> (usually every 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs)	<b>Craft Thursday: 2-4.30pm</b> come along for 'Craft and a Cuppa'
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Power Pilates: 11am</b> Classes cost £8 drop-in and new joiners welcome Contact Anna for more info: <a href="mailto:krivenko.pam@gmail.com">krivenko.pam@gmail.com</a>
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>Short Mat Bowls Club: 7-9pm</b> All welcome (contact Ken Feakes or Val Core for more info)

Date	Time	Service	Leader
<b>29 Sept</b>	<b>10am</b>	Benefice Communion	<b>Rev Mark Hurley</b>
<b>13 Oct</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Parishes Communion and Harvest Festival (refreshments after)</b>	<b>Rev Mark Hurley</b>
<b>27 Oct</b>	<b>10am</b>	Parishes Communion	<b>Rev Mark Hurley</b>
<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Act Of Remembrance	Major Mike Crouch

## 2. Church News

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. Litter Pick: Sat 12 October, from 10am Preston Deanery**

Our biannual Quinton and Preston Deanery litter pick is taking place on Saturday 12 October.

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](mailto:emma_wise100@hotmail.com) to confirm so we can ensure there are enough refreshments available.

Emma & Claude

### **4. Village Hall News**

#### **Book Swap: Sat 19 October, 10.30am-12noon**

Unfortunately, due to a limited number of committee members we had to cancel September Book Swap but we are planning to be back on 19 October. Starting at 10.30 and finishing at 12, please pop in for a cup of coffee or tea, a slice (or two) of cake and a browse of our books.

We've been finalising our events programme for the autumn and have two community events planned in October - see below.

#### **Wine Tasting: Friday 18 October – NOW SOLD OUT!!**

Should be a successful event – all tickets have now been sold.

#### **Quiz: Friday 15 November, from 7pm**

Always a successful and fun event we welcome guest quizmaster Phil back to Quinton to host our autumn quiz on 15 November from 7pm for a **strict 7.30 start**.

Teams of up to 6, or turn up and we'll form some teams on the evening

Prizes for first and second place teams

Bring your own food and drink

Entry - £6/ person and tickets are available via Email

[villagehallquinton@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallquinton@gmail.com) OR buy direct using this link:  
<https://quintonvillagehall.as.me/?appointmentType=68560547>

Bring along a £ or 2 for games of heads and tails, and as always there will be a small raffle. Raffle prize donations are very welcome

## **QVH Autumn Gardening Morning Sat 5th October, 10 am**

A big thank you to Abby, Mark, Alan and Maggie for doing such a tremendous job on the garden and the hedges at the front of the village hall earlier this month!

Our autumn gardening session for the back of the village hall is on Saturday, the 5th of October at 10 am. Please bring along your own gardening tools and gloves.

We look forward to seeing some volunteers, it shouldn't take too long and cake and a cuppa has been promised!

### **A Date for Your Diary:**

**Christmas Community Event: Sat 7 December (but to be confirmed).**

Due to the popularity of this last year, we are looking at repeating this year – Festive songs around the village Christmas Tree followed by mulled wine and mince pies back at the Village Hall.

This is not a fundraiser but a community event.

More information to follow next month

### **AGM and Committee Meeting: Tues 15 October, 7pm – can you help in any way?**

Finally, we have our AGM and short committee meeting in the hall on 15<sup>th</sup> October and we would like to invite anyone who might be interested in supporting the village hall to join us that evening from **7:30pm**.

**We're really short on numbers** and have some important officer roles to fill as well. The hall cannot remain open without an active management committee so please do consider coming along to find out more.

If you can't make the meeting but think you might be able to help in any way, please contact Emma (emma\_wise100@hotmail.com) to register your interest.

### **\*\*New paid role for QVH - available effective 15/10\*\***

It has been decided to offer an opportunity of a paid role to support our Village Hall. This will attract an annual retainer of £1200 which will be paid monthly. For a full job spec please email QVH:

[villagehallquinton@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallquinton@gmail.com)

Applications, to include a full CV and cover letter, are **required by midday on Tuesday 1st October**. Interviews will be w/c 7th October

## **5. Village Hall Website and Bookings**

All bookings need to be made via the website at: [www.quintonvillagehall.co.uk](http://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.

## **6. Fashion Show: Wed 25 Sept**

More than 30 people enjoyed a fun and financially very successful evening in the Village Hall. The audience enjoyed a drink whilst a variety of clothes and accessories were modelled by Val and Diane. We particularly appreciated the support of friends from other villages.

## **7. Remembrance/Memorial Area**

A number of Quinton villagers have passed away in recent years who have no memorial to them in the village.

I am looking to find out what interest there is in providing an area where people can be remembered.

If there is interest, I will convene a meeting to discuss what form it should take and where it could be. Some funding is available from the Community Fund.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Andy Bailey

## **8. Electricity on the Village Green**

It has come to the PCC's attention that there is confusion over whether or not the Church will provide electricity to the Green.

I can confirm, that as in the past, the Church is happy to provide electricity for Community Events.

Andy Bailey (PCC Treasurer)

## **9. Quinton Parish Council**

### **Road Closure: School Lane closed 14-16 October**

14-16 October, Anglian Water will be working on School Lane to install a connection. The road will be closed during this period,

### **Manor Oak Homes**

The date has still to be set for the decision on the Planning Application. There have been more documents submitted by Manor Oak to which the council will be responding.

### **Parish Elections 2025**

In May 2025 there will be Parish Council Elections, if you are considering standing for election, please contact the Clerk if you need any information regarding eligibility or the process.

### **Parish Council Budget 2025/26**

At the November meeting the first stages of the Budget process will begin, this will be where the council considers the potential expenditure and potential projects for the coming year.

If you have any ideas on how the council funds should be spent, please either come along to the meeting or contact the Clerk.

### **Dog Fouling**

There has been an increase in frequency of these episodes, in particular on the village green, and at least one resident has submitted a complaint to West Northants Council.

I think this will trigger a visit from the environment officer who has the power to impose fines on dog owners.

The village green is an important asset of the village and is used by many children. Please help to keep it clean and safe.

### **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. If you prefer you can always contact the Clerk with any information, but please be aware that this will be for record keeping purposes and not an immediate incident report.

## **Next Council Meeting: Tues 19 November, 7pm.**

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.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@quintonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

07738 760618

## **10. Websites**

### **Quinton Parish Council**

[www.quintonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.quintonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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

### **West Northamptonshire Council**

[www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)

For all council information and services

## **11. Food Aid Far Cotton: next delivery *Thursday 3 October***

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated for our September delivery.

The next food bank run will take place on Thurs 3 October.

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

Do you have any of the following that you can donate?:

- ◆ milk and cereals; 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.

Every single item you donate is always very much appreciated.

Thank you

Julia

## ***12. Quinton Farmers Diary Autumn 2024***

I can't believe that I have now completed 23 harvests here at Quinton. Time flies when you are having fun! All of the crops have been harvested and as predicted quality and yield were both down due to the lack of sunshine during June. The exception being the spring oats which somehow yielded 6.5 tons to the hectare and had reasonably good quality. I really can't explain why but at least the oats made up for some of the other crops.

The harvest team worked very well together and we got all crops in to store in a timely fashion. The oilseed rape crops which were grown along the Preston Deanery Road ripened early which allowed for one of the earliest starts to harvest ever. The rape seed left the Farm the week after it was combined and went into a United Oilseeds grain store near Market Harborough where it will be kept until it is required at the crushing plant. The end product will be what your McDonald chips are cooked in all around the country.

The fields have been cultivated in readiness for the winter wheat crops which will be drilled in October. Next year's oilseed rape crop was drilled later than usual because of the lack of moisture in the soil. The extremes of weather really are impacting our field operations. Although August was a relatively dry month, we still had to dry 75% of the harvested crops due to the small amounts of rain which just kept coming, and if we waited too long then the quality would have declined. The deluge of rain over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> September resulted in 120mm of rain and we just hope that there isn't too much to follow in the short term.

The wild birdseed mixtures have performed well this year and have set a lot of seeds for the birds this winter. This autumn we are establishing more grass and wildflower areas around Quinton Green on small areas which are difficult to farm with our large machinery. Our annual butterfly surveys were completed and showed that early season numbers were average but late season numbers were down, this is again due to the unfavourable weather in June.

We have adopted many new technological farming methods, but it just goes to show that we cannot control the impact of the weather and that impact is increasing with each farming year.

### **13. Quinton & Preston Deanery Home Produce Show 2024**

Thank you to all who came along to support this year's show it was a great success! We had approximately 200 entries and a good turnout. The bouncy castle, (kindly donated by Davey Day Care), games, BBQ and bar were enjoyed by many and we had a great day.

We even managed to avoid the threatened rain and thunderstorms!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up and dismantling and to our auctioneer Andy Bailey. Also thank you to our judges Joan and Catherine Adams, Alice Gadney and Lorne Murray and of course our committee members James and Helen Padbury, Diane and Graham Saunders and Wendy and Karl Kirton.

Congratulations and very well done to all those who entered their produce. The winners have now received their trophies and cups.

#### **Award Winners**

Best in Show		Alison Benson
Junior Points Cup		Izak Coleman
Quinton Points Cup		Murray Kirton
Best in Section	Children's Shield	Lois Austin
Best in Section	Norman Randell Trophy	Ruby Gale
Best in Section	Cookery	Wendy Kirton
Best in Section	Preserves	Ben White
Best in Section	Fruit & Vegetables	Claude Howard
Best in Section	Flowers	Alison Benson
Photography	Ronson Cup	Douglas Morris
Fruit Cake Cup		Peggy Albin
Quiche Plaque		Julie Austin
Apple Pie	Adams Cup	Julie Austin
Marmalade	Margaret Keech Rose Bowl	Ruby Gale
Heaviest Onion	Bill Maule Trophy	Ben White
Runner Beans	Mick Newberry Trophy	Diane Saunders
Tomatoes	Mary Turney Cup	Murray Kirton
Fuchsia	Quinton Gardening Club Cup	Wendy Kirton
Best Rose	Sylvia Thomas Rose Bowl	Alison Benson
Vase of Flowers	Delia Ronson Cup	Alison Benson



Each year we present Special Awards in appreciation for outstanding, support and long term commitment to the Show.

This year's awards went to:

Mike and Di Crouch

Sheila Gardner

Joan and Gerald Adams

Wendy and Karl Kirton

Val and Mick Core

James and Helen Padbury

Diane and Graham Saunders

Tim and Ann Bull

We hope we can keep the Show going into the 41<sup>st</sup> year.

Pippa



## **Quinton & Preston Deanery Home Produce Show**

Congratulations to all who took part in this year's Show. Grateful thanks to the organising committee and helpers.

My late husband, Neville Ronson, started the Show over forty years ago with the help of friends. It was intended to bring together the communities of both villages to meet and enjoy sharing fun with friends old and new.

Hopefully this will continue in the years to come.

Delia Ronson

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## **14. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund**

### **A quick update from Brenda Rainbow:**

I am so pleased to report that the day trip to Gloucester in August went off extremely well. The coach driver very kindly dropped us off near the shops so everyone did not have far to go and a visit to the cathedral was a must. The crowning glory as they say was the W.I. tea at Gorsley. This was fantastic. There were so many cakes and sandwiches to enjoy that they gave out doggie bags for us to take some home. They could not do enough for us – **in all a great day out.**

Our next event was the Tote Collectors get together held this month. We had 14 collectors attending, together with the Committee who enjoyed the sandwiches and cream cakes – not forgetting cups of tea. The Secretary had arranged for a free raffle for the collectors. This is held every year to show our appreciation for all the hard work the collectors do in collecting the tote money every month.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Christmas events which will be sent out soon.

### **Tote results**

Date Drawn: Thursday 5th September 2024

Drawn By: Ron Johnson & Brenda Rainbow at The Roade House Cafe

<b>Winning numbers</b>	<b>Name &amp; Village</b>	<b>Prize</b>
08 01 07	Mr B Luck, Roade	£150.00
04 03 02	Mrs Barwell, Roade	£90.00
09 10 05	Mrs D Jones, Roade	£65.00
08 09 02	Mrs D Robinson, Roade	£60.00
06 00 13	Mrs L Armstrong, Roade	£55.00
11 04 09	Mrs P Cushing, Roade	£50.00
00 07 13	L Cook, Roade	£45.00
13 12 06	Mrs J Smith, Roade	£29.00
00 09 04	J Kingston, Roade	£12.00
08 13 07	Mr B Poulter, Roade	£12.00
Total raised		£1143.00
Total prize money		£568.00
Total paid to fund		£568.00

Money to Promotor: **1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

Date of next Draw: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Time & Location: 12 noon at the Roade House Cafe

## 15. Future dates

*(all events are in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise)*

<b>2 Nov</b>	<b>Community Coffee Morning:</b> Church, 10.30-12 noon (2nd Anniversary)
<b>5 Nov</b>	<b>WI:</b> 7.30pm, Wig making with Lucy Swales "Pink Hair"
<b>15 Nov</b>	<b>Quiz:</b> from 7pm, with quizmaster Phil
<b>19 Nov</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting:</b> 7pm
<b>26 Nov</b>	<b>Trefoil:</b> 2pm, Embroidery with Deborah
<b>28 Nov</b>	<b>Craft Thursday:</b> 2-4.30pm come along for 'Craft and a Cuppa'
<b>7 Dec (tbc)</b>	<b>Christmas Community Event:</b> Festive songs around the village Christmas Tree followed by mulled wine and mince pies back at the Village Hall.

## 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

***Deadline for items for the next Stop Press***

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

to '[kathey.bailey@outlook.com](mailto:kathey.bailey@outlook.com)'

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