

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



1. Events: in the Village Hall unless shown otherwise

26 Nov (Tues) (usually every 4 th Tues)	Trefoil Guild: 2pm Embroidery with Deborah 17 Dec: our Christmas Party
7 Dec (Sat) (usually every 1 st Sat)	Community Coffee Morning: Church 10.30-12 noon All welcome
7 Dec (Sat)	Community Christmas Event: 5pm Festive songs around the village Christmas Tree, then mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall, with crafts for the children
10 Dec (Tues) (usually every 1 st Tues)	WI: 7.30pm Festive meeting - Robert Kendrick returns to entertain us & test our skill in music recognition with Christmas melodies. Please bring a plate of food to share, and festive items for the Food Bank
24 Dec (Tues) Christmas Eve	Carol Concert, 7pm, Drinks before at 6pm Preston Deanery Church
Every Mon **short break after 10 Dec until 6 Jan**	Power Pilates: 11am Classes cost £8 drop-in and new joiners welcome Contact Anna for more info: krivenko.pam@gmail.com
Every Thurs	Short Mat Bowls Club: 7-9pm All welcome (contact Ken Feakes or Val Core for more info)
	Please note - **no Book Swap in December**

2. Church News

Date	Time	Service	Leader
24 Nov	10am	Parishes Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
8 Dec	10am	Parishes Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
22 Dec	10am	Parishes Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
24 Dec (Tues)	5.30pm	CHRISTMAS EVE Carols by Candlelight	Major Mike Crouch
25 Dec (Wed)	10am	CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion	Rev Mark Hurley
29 Dec	11am	Benefice Service Holy Communion	Hardingstone

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. Quinton Church, Carols by Candlelight

Tues 24 Dec (Christmas Eve) 5.30pm

Perfect to get your Christmas Eve started with your family and friends and be transported to a realm of beauty and joy.

4. Preston Deanery Church, Carol Concert and drinks

Tues 24 Dec (Christmas Eve)

6pm for Festive nibbles and drinks.

7pm Carol Concert.

(By kind permission of the Churches Conservation Trust.)

5. Food Aid Far Cotton: next deliveries Thurs 5 and 12 Dec

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated for our November delivery. You are all amazing!

I am planning to make 2 food bank runs during December. First one on **Thurs 5 December**, second one on **Thurs 12 December**.

It would be good if you are thinking of donating this time, to perhaps include some goodies for the children.

As always, the following are needed to stock the shelves at St Mary's Food Bank:

- ◆ UHT milk and packets of 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

6. Village Hall news

- *thank you to Helen Padbury for this update on our Village Hall*

As we reflect on the past year, it has not been an easy one. The loss of our much-loved chairman, Pete, has left a significant void, and our thoughts remain with his family and friends. His dedication to the Village Hall and hard work he put in continue to inspire us.

The Village Hall is more than just a building—it's the heart of our community, a place where friendships flourish, events are celebrated, and memories are made. However, like many community spaces, we've faced financial challenges this year. Funds are low, and the Hall's future relies heavily on the generosity and commitment of the people who care about it.

We wish to thank all the individuals, local groups, and organisations who have offered their time, resources, and contributions in 2024—thank you. Whether through fundraising events, donations, volunteering, or simply attending activities, your efforts ensure the Hall can continue to serve as a hub for the entire village.

Particular thanks are extended to Ben for keeping the village hall grass under control, to our team of volunteer gardeners and specifically to Abbi, Malc, Alan and Maggie our gardening stalwarts and the champions of the rubbish bins, who not only ensure they are put out each week but also take on the unenviable task of sorting out the wrong rubbish in the wrong bin! None of this goes unnoticed – Thank you!

As we move into 2025, your continued support will be vital. If you'd like to get involved in any way—be it joining a working group, organizing an event, or sharing fundraising ideas—we would be delighted to hear from you.

Together, we can ensure the Village Hall remains a vibrant and welcoming space for generations to come.

Village Hall Events

Friday 15th November saw the much-loved **Village Quiz Night** which once again drew a lively crowd, with friends and neighbours turning out to test their trivia prowess.

Quizmaster Phil, known for his engaging style and clever questions, kept participants entertained throughout the evening.

The competition was fierce, but it was the aptly named team "Without Wendy" that emerged victorious, winning by an impressive margin of 8 points. Their triumph was celebrated with hearty applause,

and they secured both the bragging rights and the winner's prize for this event.

We managed to raise **over £200** for Village Hall funds so thank you all!

The next quiz is already scheduled for **25th April**, organised by Louise, which promises another evening of fun, camaraderie, and spirited rivalry. Mark your calendars and start brushing up on your trivia knowledge—this is an event not to be missed! Thank You Louise!

Thank you to all who supported the **Book Swap and coffee morning** on Saturday 16th November. An enjoyable catch up and chat with Val's delicious cakes too. An extended thanks to Val and Kathey who hosted this month.

Upcoming Book Swap Dates for your diary:

January 18th

February 15th

Upcoming Village Hall Events:

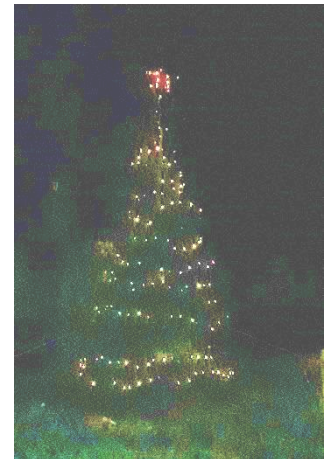
Community Christmas Event

Saturday 7th December, 5pm

Join us all at the Christmas Tree on the Village Green for Carols and Seasonal songs at 5pm. Don't forget to wrap up warm and a torch may be handy!

Then join us back at the Village Hall for mulled wine and apple juice, hot sausage rolls and warm mince pies.

Bryn has very kindly offered some craft activities again for the children as they were very popular last year! (who doesn't love a bit of glitter and glue at this time of year!)



Charity Race Night: Friday 7 February, 7 for 7.30pm

‘Come and try your luck on the horses’

join us for 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)

BINGO! Friday 7th March

Our very own bingo host Val Core will be running another fun night (Thank you Val!). Details in January's Stop Press

Village Hall Housekeeping:

Reminder to All Hirers and Village Groups

Please ensure you are using the correct outdoor bins for rubbish disposal.

- **Blue Bin: Recycling only**

- Acceptable items: Glass, paper, cardboard, cans (including tin foil) and recyclable plastics.
- **Do NOT put:** Black or white bin bags, food waste, or non-recyclables in the blue bin.

Important: These bins are for the use of the **Village Hall** only and are **not for use by residents**.

The council will refuse to collect bins that contain non-compliant materials

A final thanks to Kathey and Andy for Stop Press without which Village Hall communications would be terribly hard!! – Thank you!

7. 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.

8. Remembrance/Memorial - update

We had a very positive meeting last week.

The area identified is on the Village Green, close to the hedge opposite numbers 8 and 9. Some posts showing the area and footprint will be up for a week so people can see where we mean.

The Parish Council have approved this subject to a check for any utilities crossing the area.

A villagers' working party will develop the area 'as our mark of respect to our past friends and neighbours'.

The layout will be 7 upright Posts (Sleepers) 6ft above ground 3 at the back and 2 each side slightly forward and lower

(___ ___ ---- ---- ---- ___ ___) with a slabbed area in front 6ft deep.

Plaques 6"x 4" will be screwed to the posts.

Eligibility will be passed residents of Quinton with no memorial in the Churchyard.

Full details will be given in a future Stop Press.

Andy Bailey

9. Quinton Parish Council

Bus Service Petition

There is an online petition to try and get a better bus service in the village. The Petition will ask West Northants Council to step in and force the bus company to improve the services for the village. It is important that as many people as possible register interest and concern in the services.

Please logon to the council website (link below) or go to the Council Facebook page and follow the links.

[Noticeboard | Quinton Parish Council](#)

Road Closure

Washbrook Lane will be closed between 13-15th January for cabling work.

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 began, 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 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 21 January 2025, 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

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10. Websites

Quinton Parish Council

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

For all council information and services

11. Christmas Recycling

copied from: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/christmas-waste-and-recycling>

South Northamptonshire area collections due on:

Wed 25 December will take place on **Monday 23 December** and
Thur 26 December, will instead take place on **Saturday 28 December**.

Collections due on Wed 1 January will take place on **Mon 30 December**.

Food waste bins will continue to be collected on their usual weekly schedule.

Garden waste

Those subscribed to the garden waste service are advised there will be a **short break in collections from Mon 23 December until Mon 6 January**.

Real tree collections

Crews will collect real Christmas trees over a **two-week period starting Mon 6 Jan**.

Please ensure trees over 6 feet (183 centimetres) tall are cut in half so they fit in the lorries safely. They can also be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Residents in the South Northants areas should put real Christmas trees out on the day garden waste is due to be collected in their area.

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) are open as usual throughout the festive period except for **Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day**, when they will be **closed**.

Centres will **also close early on Christmas Eve at 2pm**.

If you have more recycling than your bin can handle, you can put it in clear plastic bags or boxes and present it alongside your recycling bins or boxes. You can also take this to your nearest HWRC.

12. 33/33A/X33 Milton Keynes to Northampton

through Hartwell, Hanslope and Salcey Forest

- valid from Sun, Nov 3, 2024 to Sun Feb 2, 2025

Monday to Friday - Northampton Bus Interchange

	33	33	33	33	33	X33 ¹	33 ²	X33	X33
Central Milton Keynes Central Railway Station	--	0710	0910	1110	1310	1510	1510	1720	1900
Central Milton Keynes The Point	--	0718	0918	1118	1318	1518	1518	1728	1908
Stantonbury Campus	--	--	--	--	--	1530	--	--	--
Bradwell Providence Place	--	0728	0928	1128	1328	--	1526	--	--
Hodge Lea Dalvina Place	--	0735	0935	1135	1335	--	1533	--	--
Wolverton Church Street	--	0745	0945	1145	1345	--	1543	1741	1921
Castlethorpe South Street	0600	0756	0956	1156	1356	1544	1554	1753	1933
Hanslope The Square	0607	0803	1003	1203	1403	1551	1601	1800	1940
Hanslope Salcey Forest	--	0816	1016	1216	1416	1604	1614	--	--
Hartwell Kits Close	0618	0819	1019	1219	1419	1607	1617	1811	--
Ashton Stoke Road	0629	0825	1025	1225	1425	1613	1623	1817	--
Roade Churchcroft	0635	0831	1031	1231	1431	1621	1629	1825	--
Quinton Preston Deanery Road	0642	0838	1038	1238	1438	1628	1636	1832	--
Wootton High Street	0648	0844	1044	1244	1444	1635	1642	1839	--
Northampton Bus Interchange	0700	0855	1055	1255	1455	1650	1655	1855	--

¹ Term Time Only ² Only During School Holidays

Monday to Friday - Central Milton Keynes Central Railway Station

	X33	X33 ¹	33 ²	33	33	33	33	X33	X33
Northampton Bus Interchange	--	0710	0715	0900	1100	1300	1500	1700	1900
Wootton High Street	--	0725	0728	0914	1114	1314	1514	1715	1915
Quinton Preston Deanery Road	--	0731	0732	0920	1120	1320	1520	1721	1921
Roade The George	--	0740	0740	0928	1128	1328	1528	1730	1930
Ashton Stoke Road	--	0745	0745	0936	1136	1336	1536	1735	1935
Hanslope Salcey Forest	--	--	--	0946	1146	1346	1546	--	--
Hartwell Kits Close	0600	0752	0751	0949	1149	1349	1549	1741	1941
Hanslope The Square	0611	0802	0801	1000	1200	1400	1600	1750	1950
Castlethorpe South Street	0617	0808	0807	1007	1207	1407	1607	1756	1956
Stantonbury Campus	--	0822	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wolverton Church Street	0632	--	0819	1019	1219	1419	1619	1808	2008
Hodge Lea Dalvina Place	--	--	0826	1027	1227	1427	1627	--	--
Bradwell Providence Place	--	--	0833	1034	1234	1434	1634	--	--
Central Milton Keynes The Point	0644	0833	0842	1044	1244	1444	1644	1820	--
Central Milton Keynes Central Railway Station	0650	0840	0850	1050	1250	1450	1650	1830	--

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Saturday - Northampton Bus Interchange

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Central Milton Keynes Central Railway Station	0710	0910	1110	1310	1510	1710	1900
Central Milton Keynes The Point	0718	0918	1118	1318	1518	1718	1908
Bradwell Providence Place	0728	0928	1128	1328	1528	1728	--
Hodge Lea Dalvina Place	0735	0935	1135	1335	1535	1735	--
Wolverton Church Street	0745	0945	1145	1345	1545	1745	1921
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Hanslope Salcey Forest	0816	1016	1216	1416	1616	--	--
Hartwell Kits Close	0819	1019	1219	1419	1619	1814	--
Ashton Stoke Road	0825	1025	1225	1425	1625	1820	--
Road Churchcroft	0831	1031	1231	1431	1631	1826	--
Quinton Preston Deanery Road	0838	1038	1238	1438	1638	1833	--
Wootton High Street	0844	1044	1244	1444	1644	1839	--
Northampton Bus Interchange	0855	1055	1255	1455	1655	1850	--

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Northampton Bus Interchange	--	0900	1100	1300	1500	1700	1900
Wootton High Street	--	0914	1114	1314	1514	1715	1915
Quinton Preston Deanery Road	--	0920	1120	1320	1520	1721	1921
Road The George	--	0928	1128	1328	1528	1730	1930
Ashton Stoke Road	--	0936	1136	1336	1536	1735	1935
Hanslope Salcey Forest	--	0946	1146	1346	1546	--	--
Hartwell Kits Close	0749	0949	1149	1349	1549	1741	1941
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Hodge Lea Dalvina Place	--	1027	1227	1427	1627	--	--
Bradwell Providence Place	--	1034	1234	1434	1634	--	--
Central Milton Keynes The Point	0832	1044	1244	1444	1644	1822	2022
Central Milton Keynes Central Railway Station	0840	1050	1250	1450	1650	1830	2030

13. Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund

A message from Brenda Rainbow

We are hoping for good weather on the 26th November for our trip to Winchester Christmas Market. We will tell you all about it in the next issue, together with how our Fish and Chip Supper went and not forgetting the parcels.

The Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Old Folks Fund by way of the Tote and would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a really enjoyable Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Tote results

Date Drawn: Thursday 7th November 2024
Drawn By: Margaret Smith & Brenda Rainbow
at Roade House Cafe.

Winning nos	Name & Village	Prize
01 13 09	Mrs D Saunders - Quinton	£150.00
06 04 05	Mr M McCafferty - Roade	£90.00
03 04 10	S Spick - Roade	£65.00
12 05 00	C Shurvington - Roade	£60.00
05 11 06	Mrs J Dunkley - Roade	£55.00
04 06 09	D Goodridge - Roade	£50.00
11 11 10	D Marsh - Roade	£45.00
13 10 00	L Stockdale - Roade	£29.00
03 11 03	J Baines - Roade	£12.00
08 05 13	Mrs L Wilson - Roade	£12.00

Total raised	£1,136.00
Total prize money	£568.00
Total paid to fund	£568.00

Money to Promotor: **Tuesday 3rd December**
Date of next Draw: Thursday 5th December
Time & Location: 12 noon - Roade House Cafe

14. Future dates

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

4 Jan	Community Coffee Morning: Church, 10.30-12 noon
7 Jan	WI: 7.30pm, Games Evening
18 Jan 15 Feb	Book Swap and coffee morning: 10.30-midday
21 Jan	Parish Council Meeting: 7pm
28 Jan	Trefoil: 2pm, probably a lunch out (date to be confirmed)
7 Feb	Race Night: 7 for 7.30pm, see details p4
7 March	Bingo: hosted by Val
25 April	Quiz Night: with Louise

15. 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' (profile pic is Quinton church with the remembrance poppy cascade) 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

Wednesday 18 December

to kathey.bailey@outlook.com

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

- You'll get it quicker
- 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'.