

Quinton Village Memories

At the beginning of the Queen's reign, Canon Hopkins was the incumbent of Quinton and Preston Deanery. Preston Deanery church then closed and passed into the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

Eight new houses were built in Quinton on Preston Deanery Rd. To celebrate the Coronation of Her Majesty the beautiful trees on the green were planted.

During the next years the Methodist Chapel, a wooden structure that stood in the field opposite the top of Church Lane, was closed leaving behind many happy memories. A large expansion occurred as properties were built in School Lane and on the old allotments now called Church View.

During all the years The May Day celebrations continued, sometimes held at Quinton Rising, or on the Green.

In 1980 a strong anti-airport campaign was fought with the threat of the development of an international airport at Yardley Chase. Commemorative seats can still be seen around the village purchased with left over funds from the campaign.

Improvements in the villages as the years passed included street lighting, the bus shelter and play equipment. Also many daffodil bulbs were planted at the entrances to the village and around the trees in the Churchyard and on the Green

An exciting development was the replacement of the Old Village School used for many years as the Village Hall. This was originally built during the reign of Queen Victoria in 1876 and the new Hall opened in 1997. The cost of the building was supported by the Lottery Fund, but mainly raised from donations and fund raising locally.

To celebrate the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011, a golden circle of cowslips was planted by the May Queen and her attendants around the re-instated Village Pump.

Ten years ago a walnut tree was planted to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Queen and another planted later to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee.