

Quinton and Preston Deanery Stop Press! (April)

A sad anniversary of a year with Covid – something we could never have imagined 12 months ago. But it's good to see that there are now two future 'dates for your diary' – let's hope we are able to add more soon. In the meantime, keep up-to-date on the villages' Facebook site and 'Stay Safe' everyone.

1. Update on events

<p>WI meetings</p> <p>Tues 13 April</p> <p>Tues 6, 20 & 27 April</p> <p>Fri 9, 16, 23 & 30 April</p>	<p>WI meetings – open to all – do join us. All via Zoom, log-in info the same for each: ID: 632 619 3772 Passcode: 7cQFmd</p> <p>Monthly meeting 7pm session one: "My trip to Keukenhof" Lynne Tebbenham</p> <p>7.45pm session two: WI meeting</p> <p>7.30pm – social evenings</p> <p>10.30am – coffee mornings</p>
<p>Wed 7 April</p>	<p>Broadband presentation by Gigaclear 6:30pm via Zoom Meeting ID: 814 1340 7838 Passcode: 497721</p>
<p>Info on other clubs will be shown when they resume</p>	

2. Church News - Quinton Services

The adverts for the two posts for a Benefice Priest (to replace Beverley) and the new position of a House For Duty Priest (to look after Quinton and Piddington) are now in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website - closing date 14th April.

We continue having services with visiting priests, under strict Covid regulations (sanitising, face coverings, spacing, no singing).

Please reserve your places.

Date	Time	Service	Leader
4 April	10am	Said Holy Communion (Easter Day)	Revd Canon Michael Webber
11 April	10am	Said Holy Communion	Revd Dr Peter French

In view of social distancing requirements, places are limited.

Please contact Mike to reserve a seat:

tel (01604 862096) or email (747crouch@gmail.com)

Face covering is required. Please arrive before 09.50.

Virtual services at:

10.00am on Sundays

You can join on the WhatsApp group by contacting Emma Dil on dilemma68@gmail.com

St John the Baptist, Quinton is open for private prayer/reflection **by appointment.**

Please contact Andy Bailey (01604 862292) or Julia Javes (01604 315788).

3. Village Hall News – Comedy Night 11 September

We're pleased to announce that the long ago postponed Quinton comedy night has been rescheduled for Saturday 11 September, taking place in the village hall. Some of you will still hold tickets from the original date last year and these will be valid on the new date. If you're not able to make the rearranged date, please email mark.hinds@comedyatwork.co.uk for a refund on your ticket.

If you don't yet have a ticket for the event and would like to attend, please send me an email (emma_wise100@hotmail.com) and I can reserve tickets for you.

We're looking forward to a fun evening; I'm sure it will be worth the wait!

Village Hall Committee

4. Quinton Parish Council

Wooton Road Roadworks

I have checked the ongoing plans for the work, Highways Northampton advise me that the contractor has a license to operate temporary traffic lights until 23 May 2021. The contractor has advised that the work could take 2-3 more months.

Village Green - Trees

You will be aware that a significant sized branch has fallen off one of the trees. This will be removed as soon as is possible and the council has authorised a safety inspection to be carried out. In the meantime, please take extra precautions when near the trees until the safety has been clarified.

Parish Council Elections 6 May

On 6 May you can vote for your preferred Parish Councillor. You also can stand as a candidate in the election. If you feel you can contribute to the work the council does, you should contact the Clerk for further information. There are deadlines:

Nomination forms (available from the Clerk) must be submitted to South Northants Council no later than **8 April** at 4pm. You will need 2 sponsors; these must be residents of the village and on the electoral roll.

Queens 70th Anniversary in 2022

Next year the Queen will celebrate her 70th Anniversary and the council has agreed that we should celebrate this with an event in the village. They are looking for ideas as to what we would like to do as a community. If anyone has any ideas, please contact the Clerk. All ideas will be discussed at future council meetings.

Broadband Meeting 7 April, 6:30pm

Gigaclear, a company proposing to offer Broadband Services to Quinton, will make a presentation to all interested parties on 7 April at 6:30pm via Zoom. If anyone is interested, please join the meeting using the information below.

If you cannot make the meeting and have any questions, please let the Clerk know and we will submit these on your behalf.

Meeting ID: 814 1340 7838

Passcode: 497721

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81413407838?pwd=Qy9Zdnc5NWVQQTMwQnRNTVhXWkRjZz09>

Election in May – Postal Votes

There will be local elections in May for the Unitary Councils, Town and Parish Councils, it is not clear at the moment what the position will be regarding Covid-19 restrictions. It is suggested that voters should register for postal votes, this can be done by email or telephone. The information is below.

mail elections@southnorthants.gov.uk or call 01327 322128.

Village Meeting

As the Corona virus restrictions are still in place, there will not be a face to face Village meeting again this this year, however if anyone would like to have a virtual meeting this can be arranged. I will be putting together an info package for the next issue of Stop Press.

The restriction will hopefully be lifted so that a meeting could be held after the 21 June 2021.

Next Council Meeting

Next council meeting **18 May** 2021, it is expected that this will still be an online meeting at 7:pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join please contact the clerk, or those familiar with Zoom please use the details below.

Meeting Login ID 618 529 8871 No password is needed

Tel 0203 481 5240 (calls will be charged at your normal tariff) use the same meeting Login ID as above.

Stay safe.

John Scott

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5. Update on two Working Parties (from Andy Bailey)

Flooding

We are making good progress on this:

- local landowners have been consulted and are helping with field run-off problems
- the culvert down School Lane, which empties behind the Sewage Treatment Works, is going to have a camera put through it as there seems to be a blockage in the field.

Michael Clarke, our retiring County Councillor, has been very helpful in getting replies and action from the Highways Department.

The clearance of drains is being chased again.

Gateways

We have now received the necessary licence and approval from Highways to install the new signs. The existing gateways are being scheduled for painting, as the weather permits.

Unfortunately, the cost is slightly higher than was originally budgeted and approved, so the Parish Council needs to approve the extra expenditure from the Community Fund.

6. Quinton and Preston Deanery Produce Show 2021.

The Quinton and Preston Deanery Produce Show in its current format, has been running for over 30 years.

Originally held in the grounds of the Manor House, Quinton where Neville Ronson first started it with a committee of local friends. The idea was to promote friendly competition between the two villages and bring everyone together.

It is therefore part of our Village life and tradition and we are very grateful to all for your support and participation each year.

It is not intended as a fund raising event but any monies made pay for the engraving of the trophies, cups, printing etc. Any surplus is kept and used for specific Village needs, eg contribution towards Jubilee celebrations, purchase of original Village Marquees, funding for Village youngsters travelling abroad on educational trips etc.

It takes place on the first Sunday of September each year as this is when the produce grown for the Show is ready for harvest and it is usually the last weekend before children go back to school.

We look forward to seeing you at the Manor House, Quinton on the **5th of September** (subject to Covid restrictions of course).

The schedules are being delivered with Stop Press (those who get SP by email will be receiving theirs soon).

Quinton & Preston Deanery Produce Show Committee.

7. News from the villages' Facebook site

This site was created a year ago in response to Covid – how sad that this is still one of its reasons to exist. However, with nearly 80 members it has now also developed into an important way for us to keep in touch – let's hope that soon this will include updates on social events.

News and comments this month included:

- **Requests for recommendations/info for:** a tiler, electrician, well-rotted manure, someone to install weathervane on Village Hall, childminder for holiday, an Indian Take-away;
- **Requests for info on:** correct addresses for mis-directed post; missing parcels; missing dog
- **Comments on:** sad news of dead cat on verge on PD Road; resident with concern about oil fumes and scum on fish tank
- **Warning about:** trees on green after storm; unknown group of people behind Wootton Rd houses; people taking footballs from the green
- **Info on:** plants for sale for WI funds; bus timetables
- **Updates on:** superfast broadband; WI meetings and get-togethers; Wootton Road roadworks and problems with water; commemorating the National Day of Reflection on 23 March
- **Offers of:** collecting prescriptions; free mugs

All residents in Quinton and Preston Deanery are eligible to join (or they can nominate a representative if they are not on the Internet or cannot join Facebook because of their job).

As the group is 'private' and 'hidden', you won't find it on Facebook and you need to be invited by an existing member.

If you don't already know someone on the site, then search Facebook for 'Andy Quinton' (you will recognise the profile pic – it's Quinton church with the remembrance poppy cascade. This profile was set up purely to add members to the site).

Invite him to be a 'friend' and he can then invite you onto the village site. Please let me know if you would like help with this.

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8. Roade & Quinton Old Folks Fund

Suspended due to Covid-19.

9. Dates for your diary:

- 5 September** Quinton and Preston Deanery Home Produce Show
11 September Quinton Comedy Night – Village Hall

10. A reminder of our village websites

Quinton Parish Council website (www.quintonparishcouncil.org.uk)

- Information on COVID-19
- Information on Food Bank help
- Planning information and links to the PC's response to applications
- Links to report problems with street lighting and the state of the roads
- Notices, minutes and village events

Living Brook website (www.livingbrookbenefice.blogspot.com)

Information about our churches including service times, history and social events.

11. Thank you to our distributors

I would like to thank the people who deliver this Stop Press to you each month: Helen Padbury along the Main Road; Karen and Sam Mackaness in Preston Deanery, and Andy Bailey along PD Rd and School Lane in Quinton.

This month they have also delivered the Produce Show schedule, including to the people who receive their SP by email – special thanks from Pippa for helping with this.

Yet another example of how volunteers help to make our life in our villages a little easier.

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Wednesday 21 April

to 'kathey.bailey@outlook.com'

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