

Quinton and Preston Deanery Stop Press! (Sept '21)

It's been good to see so many clubs and events starting up again and a lot of activity during the month – here are the plans for September.

1. Update on events

5 Sept (Sun)	Produce Show: The Manor (entry forms in by 4pm 2 Sept) 10.30-12.30pm staging exhibits; 12.30-2pm Pizzas; 12.30-4pm Bar; 3.15 auction, prize giving and raffle.
7 Sept (Tues)	WI Monthly meeting: 7.30pm Village Hall Flower arranging, including a demonstration and a bunch of flowers to arrange ourselves.
28 Sept (Tues)	Trefoil Guild: 2pm Village Hall. Business meeting and ideas for the year, followed by beetle drive (or similar)
Every Mon	Monday Club: 2-4pm Village Hall All Senior Citizens welcome - contact Joan 01604 862065
Every Mon	Yoga Group: 6pm Village Hall (booking required: Hayleyhendersonyoga@gmail.com or 07488 233779)
Every last Thurs	Relax and Restore wellbeing session: 6-7pm Village Hall (see info on page 2)
6 Oct (Wed)	Story telling and the 'Feast of Fools': 7 for 7.30-10pm Village Hall (1 Sept postponed – see page 8)

2. Church News

Revd Julie Scott has been appointed Incumbent of the Living Brook Benefice: she is likely to start in October.

The House for Duty post has been readvertised.

We continue having services with visiting priests under eased Covid advice.

Date	Time	Service	Leader
12 Sept	10am	Said Holy Communion	Revd Dr French
Social distancing measures are being maintained. Face covering is recommended.			
26 Sept	10am	Said Holy Communion	Canon Judy Evans
Covid precautions as for 12 Sept service.			
3 Oct	5pm	Harvest Festival	Julia Javes
We hope to be able to sing hymns at this service.			
Please contact Mike, tel (01604862096) or email (747crouch@gmail.com) if you have any concerns about attending any of these services			

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)

Harvest Raffle

The church has been unable to have its usual fundraising events due to the pandemic, and the lack of church services has also severely reduced the amount of the collection. So this year there is an additional raffle to raise funds to help with the overheads.

It will be drawn at the Harvest Service in Quinton Church on 3rd October and the prizes are:

- 1) a £100 supermarket voucher (of your choice)
- 2) a bottle of wine
- 3) a box of chocolates

Tickets £1

We do hope that you will support this and help us to continue to keep our beautiful Quinton and Preston Deanery Parish Church open.

Andy and Kathey

3. Monday Club: 2-4pm every Monday

A message from Joan Adams that:

“The Monday Club would welcome any senior citizens to come and join us, especially any newcomers to the village.

Just come along to Village Hall. If you need a lift just ring Joan 862065.”

4. Relax and Restore wellbeing session:

‘A blissful hour which balances self-care with gentle restorative yoga practice’: **6-7pm - last Thurs of each month.**

A calm and slow session which calms the mind and relaxes the body.

Yoga Nidra, also known as 'yogic sleep' is a deep relaxation practice that works directly on the energetic body, inducing a state of wakeful calm and deep rest. On an emotional level, the practice becomes deeply healing and nourishing.

Expect to sleep well after this class 😊

Contact Hayley for further details;

Hayleyhendersonyoga@gmail.com or on 07488 233779

5. Produce Show *Sun 5 September*

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Produce Show on the 5th September.

Just a quick reminder, entry forms need to be with Ann Bull: Dinas, School Lane, Quinton, 07779 594913, ann@annmbull.com by 4pm, *2nd Sept (Thurs)*.

All exhibits must be staged between 10.30am and 12.30am ready for judging. If you need help with transport, we will be happy to collect entries and if anyone would like a lift please let us know.

The auction of produce will commence at 3.15pm followed by prize giving and the raffle.

The bar will be open 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Lunchtime refreshments including Pizza made to order will be served from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm and Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee and Cakes will be available throughout the afternoon.

There is plenty of room for parking.

Dogs are welcome to join us and we will have some garden entertainment.

On the 31st August, we will be setting up at the Manor House at 7.30pm. We would be very grateful for any volunteers, all helpers will be served drinks and a trial Pizza!

Any winners from 2019 who still have their trophies and/or cups, please let us know when it will be convenient to collect them from you or please return to Val Core ASAP.

Thank you for your support.

Quinton & Preston Deanery Home Produce Show Committee.

6. Food Bank at Far Cotton

Next delivery to Food Aid Far Cotton will be on **Thursday 9 September**.

Any donated items of :

UHT milk

Tinned meat/fruit

Soup

Pasta sauces

Squash

Tea/coffee

Will be gratefully received at 3 Church View, Quinton.

Thank you

Julia

7. Village Hall: Comedy Night - Sat 11 September

Last call for comedy night tickets! Our long-awaited comedy night takes place on Saturday 11 September 7.30pm-10.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £10 each and available from

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/comedyatworkltd/348339/> or please contact me on emma_wise100@hotmail.com for offline sales.

The evening is being organised in conjunction with Comedy at Work and there'll be 6 comedians to entertain us on the night. We'll be operating a paid bar stocked with beer and wine too.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Tidying-up the Village Hall garden

...and can I say a big 'Thank You' from all of us who use the Village Hall to everyone who helped to tidy up the garden (especially to those who battled with the ivy!)

Kathey

8. Old Rectory Gardens

Charity Choir Concert – 'Songs at Sunset' Fri 10 September

We're delighted to be hosting the Musica Charity Choir for an evening concert in the garden on Friday 10 September in aid of Olney-based charity Advantage Africa.

Gates will open at 6pm with the concert starting at 7pm. Please bring along picnic chairs, blankets, cushions and anything else you might need to make yourself comfortable.

We'll have a paid bar selling wine, fizz and bottled beer and delicious interval canapes are included in the ticket price. We'll also be running a raffle with some very cool prizes.

The Musica choir performed in the garden back in 2019 and it was a beautiful evening. They're back with a new programme of music that promises something for everyone so we're really looking forward to a special event.

Tickets are £20 each and available from

<https://www.breathe4good.co.uk/seasonal-workshops/songs-at-sunset-musica-charity-choir-in-quinton-old-rectory-garden>

Nation's Favourite Garden – The English Garden Magazine

We're thrilled to have made the shortlist for the Nation's Favourite Garden competition, run by The English Garden magazine and the National Gardens Scheme. The competition is extremely tough and we'd really appreciate any votes. Voting is online at

<https://www.theenglishgarden.co.uk/ngs/vote/?garden=oldrecQuinton> and takes only a minute or so. You can see lots of photos of the garden on our website www.garden4good.co.uk or come along for an open day or event.

9. Quinton Parish Council

Road Works

The roadworks on Washbrook Lane are due to finish on 28th August, hopefully there have been no delays.

If anyone has any further info please let me know.

Gigaclear Broadband

We hope to hear soon (September/October) about the availability of superfast broadband, watch this space.

Village Green Play Equipment

Some of the equipment is coming to the end of its life and the council is considering suitable replacements, in particular the wooden climbing frames. The council welcomes new ideas for the replacement equipment and all ideas should be sent to the Clerk, these will then be discussed at the next appropriate council meeting.

Chicken Farm

I have not heard of any reports recently about the obnoxious aroma coming from the farm but if anyone has a complaint, please let me know. Alternatively, episodes can be reported by email to:

environmentalservices.snc@westnorthants.gov.uk

Or call 0300 0126 7000

New Council Website

If anyone has photos for the website, please feel free to send them and I will upload for everyone to see.

Inconsiderate Parking

I have not had any reports of inconsiderate parking so hopefully this issue has been resolved. If not let me know and I will investigate.

Queens 70th Anniversary in 2022

Next year the Queen will celebrate her 70th Anniversary and 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.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting is on **Tues 21 September** - this will be a face-to-face meeting in the Village Hall starting at 7pm. Although the Covid restrictions have been lifted it would be appreciated if you could advise the Clerk if you are going to attend. If you have any items you wish to be discussed at the meeting, please let me know.

Stay safe.

John Scott,

Clerk@quintonparishcouncil.org.uk

07738 760618

10. Update on Working Parties

Gateways

We were pleased to be able to unveil one of the new gateway signs at Quintonfest and you can now see the first one on the Preston Deanery Rd into Quinton – thanks to John Scott who helped me install it.

The others on the Main Rd will follow once the woodwork is painted - unfortunately 'rain stopped play' when the painters were due last Monday – hopefully they will be back soon.

Andy Bailey

11. Our WNC Councillors

Cllr Fiona Cole has sent me the August update from our three WNC councillors (see details in last month's Stop Press).

This is too long to include in Stop Press so I have posted a link to the .pdf on our Facebook site.

It includes information on:

the Northampton Market Square Survey; Adult Safeguarding; Public Consultations; Council Constitution; Waste and recycling collections in Northampton; Northampton Heritage Open Days (10-19 Sept); Beat the Streets (a free digital treasure hunt in the town); Oxford Cambridge arc which includes our area; and Help with highways.

If you are not part of the Facebook group, or do not have a printer and would like a paper copy, please let me know,

12. Our villages' Facebook Group

This group is:

- open to all residents in Quinton and Preston Deanery (or a nominated representative if they cannot join Facebook).
- 'private' and 'hidden' – so 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.

kathey.bailey@outlook.com

13. Quintonfest

We were all delighted (and relieved!) that Sat 14 August turned out to be dry and wind-free so that we could all enjoy a wonderful community event on the Green.

It was good to be able to start with the long-awaited crowning of our beautiful May Queen, Isabella. The trailer, provided by Courteenhall Estates, was decorated with flowers and pots to receive her and her attendants, and looked lovely. Maypole dancing followed her crowning and this was enjoyed by many people both watching and taking part.

The afternoon festivities then got off to an excellent start with Nick Hewer judging the cake competition in his own inimitable style – an entertainment enjoyed by everyone, especially Joan Adams who was awarded first prize. Also, congratulations to Joseph and Isabella who shared the Junior prize. Thank you to Ann for the rosettes, and to all who entered – we enjoyed eating your entries during the rest of the afternoon! (thank you to Julia, Gill and Steve who looked after the tea tent).

The dog show was once more a success – thank you to Joan and Val who organised it and provided the prizes, and to all the dogs who brought their owners along to assist them.

Lots of people joined in the tug-of-war, sports and football – thanks to Dave, Emma, Isabella, Callum and Gary for keeping these on track!

The Pig Roast was very tasty and seemed to go down well – it was good to see so many decorated tables and people entering into the spirit of the occasion (congratulations to the Gent family who won first prize, chosen by judges Gill and Steve). The Two Feathers music was then a perfect finish to an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Events like this can't happen without the help of a lot of people – this one included the organising committee who have been working on it for some months (including our new neighbours, Diane and Graham, and John Scott who did a lot of the paperwork and buying). Also Helen who helped with the tickets, and everyone who helped on the day by setting-up the Green, especially Joe who provided transport to move things to and from the storage unit. A special thank you to VIP for the loan of the PA equipment, Mike for sorting all the electrics, Miriam's mum for being first-aider, and to Ed who stepped-in at the last minute to do the white lining. (And apologies to those we've not mentioned by name!)

We also appreciated all the people who turned-up on Sunday to help take everything down – clearing the Green in an hour must be a record!

Kathey and Andy Bailey

(and thank you to everyone who contributed to my beautiful 'Olivia' bouquet – a lovely thought and very much appreciated – Kx)

14. 'Storytelling at the Feast of Fools'

I have received the following message from Richard York:

"It's been decided that our planned meeting on Sept 1st will not now happen in the village hall, it'll be online once again... there's still a lot of caution about gathering a lot of people in one place, and after much discussion we've decided it's the best thing to do this time."

These sessions are planned for the first Wednesday of each month, so hopefully the one on **Wed 6th Oct** will be able to go ahead.

15. Roade & Quinton Old Folks Fund

Date Drawn: Friday 6th August 2021

Drawn By: Lucy Westnidge & Alan Huddart

Winning numbers	Name & Village	Prize
1 2 5	J Metherwen – Roade	£150.00
6 4 5	N McGafferty – Roade	£90.00
12 11 3	A Napier – Roade	£70.00
4 6 11	A Huddart – Roade	£65.00
3 4 5	Martyn Smith – Roade	£60.00
5 0 12	R Sleeman – Roade	£55.00
12 12 9	B Chapman – Roade	£45.00
9 2 1	P Geddes – Roade	£36.00
5 7 5	H Palmer – Roade	£12.00
12 13 12	S Curtis – Roade	£12.00

Total raised £1,193.00

Total prize money £595.00

Total paid to fund £598.00

Money to Promotor: **7 September 2021**

Date of next Draw: 13 September 2021

Time & Location: 3.00pm – The Evergreens Club at Cripps House

Deadline for items for the next Stop Press

Sunday 26 September

to 'kathey.bailey@outlook.com'

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