



Quainton Village Society

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"Caring about the village"

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Dear QVS supporter,

Newsletter 2017/1

The Chairman's Newsletter – by which I try to bring you up to date with some of the actions and activities of QVS since I last wrote to you.

Planning

1) I am sure that you will know that Quainton's Neighbourhood Development Plan has been 'made'. This means that the plan now has statutory weight and that *"decision-makers are obliged to make decisions on planning applications for the area that are in line with that neighbourhood development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise"*.

With that in mind, we await the outcome of the planning appeal in respect of the application to build 31 houses at the entrance to the village on The Strand.

2) With respect to the application to build on the land between 62 Station Road and Seechfield, objections have now been withdrawn following amendments made by the developers.

3) It should be noted that the new owner of what has been called 'Orchard Farm', which is a site of some 12 acres just beyond the entrance to Ladymead Farm and immediately to the south of the Blackgrove Road (the road which extends from the Strand eastwards to the cross-roads) has applied for planning permission for a change of use of the land to allow the siting of a 3 bed-roomed mobile home and the creation of 88m long access track to link new agricultural buildings to the existing track.

It appears that any permission that was granted to erect new agricultural buildings was given "by default" – the land in question is not only designated as 'Attractive Landscape' and of Archaeological Importance, but it is also a very prominent view point.

The owner has already commenced works on the site.

Your committee is strongly opposed to this application and has been in correspondence with both AVDC and our District Councillor.

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4) You may have heard that Quainton church are preparing plans to develop the Anstiss Trust land at Bones Close. This is the land to the north of the lay-by opposite the Village Shop.

Such a development would breach Quainton's Neighbourhood Development Plan and we understand that a presentation is to be made prior to the next Parish Council meeting at 8pm on 13 April 2017.

Village Boundary/Burial Stone

This stone, in the verge outside 36 Upper Street, Quainton, is believed to be a Saxon boundary stone and, in recent centuries, was the place at which funeral parties from outlying villages was met.

George Lipscomb, country doctor, writer and historian, was born in Quainton in 1773. He died in 1846 and his 'Great Work' - *A History and Antiquities of the County of Buckinghamshire* – was published posthumously in 1847.

In it he writes “ *About one furlong westward from this spot (ie from the cross on the village green) on a causeway leading towards Lee and Doddershall, is a boundary mark, to which it was an ancient custom for the officiating clergyman to go to meet the funeral processions from these hamlets, and thence conduct them to the parish church.*”

QVS recently applied to English Heritage to have the stone listed but, unfortunately, the application was not accepted. We have, however, now asked for the stone to be designated as an Ancient Monument.

Events

1) We are planning a visit to **Hook Norton Brewery on 30 May 2017** and, **should there be a sufficient response, will we hire a 25 seater coach as transport.**

Brewery tours start from the Visitors Centre and last approximately 2 hours. The first 1½ hours are spent around the brewery where you'll see the original steam engine, learn about the history and how they make their range of delicious beers. After a tour of the stables, if they are in residence you'll be able to see the lovely Shire Horses who still deliver beer to local pubs in the traditional way.

Upon completion of the tour, it's back to the sampling bar in the Visitor Centre for a ½ hour beer tasting.

Ladies, please join us - we would love to have your company! This is not just a 'beery afternoon for the boys'! Hook Norton Brewery is a truly fascinating place to visit which should appeal to all and which is steeped in brewing history and tradition.

We will meet on Quainton Green no later than 1.30pm. The tour costs £14.50 per person or the over 60 concession price of £12 per person, while the cost of the coach per person will be £5 per person or reduced to £4 per person if we fill the coach.

Please email me at martinjacobs@hotmail.com or telephone me on 01296 651448 to book your place - **which will be accepted on a strictly 'first come – first served' basis.**

Greatmoor Incinerator

On 11 April 2017, we will be visiting the Incinerator for a tour of the facility and the chance to ask questions and, hopefully, to put our minds at rest about the site's emissions.

Unfortunately, the tour can only accommodate 15 people per visit so, again, we will accept on a 'first come – first served' basis. However, should demand be great enough, we will organise further visits as required.

Again, please email or 'phone me to book your place.

Saye and Sele Hall

The Hall, in Lower Street, has long been a great asset and amenity, available to the Village for social and sporting events and for meetings and demonstrations. However, the hall is now in need of modernisation and restoration and the Saye and Sele Trust has been seeking grant funding for this purpose. With this in mind, your committee has made a £1000 donation to the Trust to be put towards the restoration costs. It is thanks to the Society's fund raising activities that our funds were deemed sufficiently robust to enable us to demonstrate the support of the village for this restoration and to recognize the value of this Village asset. In gratefully accepting our donation, The Trust has stipulated that, should, for any reason, the restoration not go ahead, then our donation will be returned to us. We very much look forward to a 're-invigorated' Hall being available to the Village.

Dormer Memorials restoration – Quainton church has received grant money to enable them to carry out the restoration of these two very large, important and magnificent marble memorials which stand on either side of the ringing chamber at the back of the church. Work is currently in progress with the memorials having been dismantled.

QVS members attended the talk, given by the conservators, in the church on Thursday 16 February,

General News – An ornamental tree - Acer Brilliantissimus – has been planted, on the land at the junction of White Hart Field and the Strand, to provide a more permanent reminder of our Queen's 90th birthday, the memorial plaque will be joining it in the coming week.

Your Society is in excellent health with a strong and dedicated committee. If renewing your membership has slipped your mind, you will find a renewal form at the end of this email. Our grateful thanks go to Peter Taylor-Lane, your honorary membership secretary, for his valuable work in keeping the membership of your society together.

We look forward to your company and continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Martin Jacobs

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OR RENEW PLEASE COMPLETE

New Membership/Membership Renewal 2016-2017 (Delete as necessary)

Please complete this form and send it with your cheque or cash to:

**Peter Taylor-Lane,
Honorary Membership Secretary,
The Old Chapel, 48 Lower Street, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BJ
Telephone: 01296 658273 email: peter.taylorlane@gmail.com**

Please make your cheque payable to the Quainton Village Society

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

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**Annual membership fees:
Joint £5/Solo £3/Senior £1 minimum**

Amount enclosed: £ _____

(Office use) Date received: _____ / _____ / _____

Membership Number(s) _____ / _____

QVS New Membership/Membership Renewal Form 060713