

Quainton Village Society

Registered Charity No. 802608 "Caring about the village"

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Dear QVS supporter,

Newsletter 2018/1

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.

2018 has started with a lot of good news both for Quainton and for QVS.

<u>Firstly</u>, as I hope that you all know by now, the appeal by PAG Ventures, in respect of the application to build 31 houses at the entrance to the village on The Strand, was dismissed by the Inspector.

Our thanks are particularly due for the work of our District Councillor, Kevin Hewson, our parish clerk, Brian Fludgate, and to all the villagers and members of QVS who put in so much time and effort into objecting to the appeal, attending the appeal hearing and turning out for orderly and dignified protests around the village.

<u>Secondly, and very importantly,</u> I am delighted to be able to announce that your committee has been strengthened by the addition of David Gladwin and Peter Burness – and that Margaret Tebb has very kindly agreed to take over the very important role of Honorary Secretary from Brian Cantwell.

For those who may not know them, David and Angela have been members of QVS since they came to the village and live in Mallets End. David has a very sound knowledge of village matters, having been chairman of a village society in Somerset, and is particularly keen on the preservation of our village life, wildlife and environment

Peter Burness will be known to many of you in that he and Julie now successfully run our rejuvenated village store. Peter is also a very practical and experienced maintenance man.

Margaret Tebb, and her husband Richard, moved to Upper Street in December 2016 and have since thrown themselves quietly, but enthusiastically, into joining

in and supporting many aspects of Quainton life. They have been QVS members Page 2 of 4

since they arrived here.

<u>Planning</u>

1) 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 had its application 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, refused by AVDC and it is expected that enforcement action will soon be taken.

It is now apparent that a new, large, portal framed structure is being erected on the property and a planning Breach Enquiry has been submitted to AVDC

- 2) <u>North End Nursery</u> Laxton Properties have withdrawn two proposals for the development of this site but we are told that a third may be submitted.
- 3) <u>Trail Flatt farm</u> I understand that the enforcement procedure is progressing and hopefully await a proper conclusion to this long drawn-out affair.
- 4) <u>Swan and Castle site</u> Amended plans are currently being considered by AVDC. These do not satisfy previous objections and QVS have again objected
- 5) <u>Land behind 151 Station Road</u> The application to build 80 houses on this site was refused, and so has a subsequent proposal to reduce the number of house to 40
- 6) <u>Ladymead Farm</u> There is still concern that the current proposals could lead to provision of a warehouse facility, which could have an accompanying heavy transport implication, both of which would be unwelcome in this very rural location.
- 7) <u>Land between Seechfield and 62 Station Road</u> The resolution of the application, to erect 13 houses on this site, is still awaited.

MAD MARCH HARES EVENT



Exciting News – We have secured the services of Peter Thompson, Biodiversity advisor at the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, to talk at our March 13th event in the Memorial Hall.

Peter's topic is "The Life and Times of the Brown Hare in farmland Britain" and covers history, mythology, ecology, decline in numbers and how we can help increase numbers of this fascinating and enigmatic creature. Peter's knowledge and experience mean he is uniquely qualified on the subject, which he puts across very entertainingly, linking in with other relevant species and scientific research.

Date:- 13th March 2018 Time:- 7.00 for 7.30pm Place:- Quainton Memorial Hall

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Refreshments available, non-members welcome. (You can join on the evening!)

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Further events and visits

1) Looking further ahead to the next AGM, we are delighted to announce that the talk following that meeting will be about Liberty of London.

Arthur Lasenby Liberty was born in Chesham, Buckinghamshire, in 1843 and, with the help of a £2000 loan from his father-in-law, went on to found and develop the now famous London Store.

More details of this fascinating talk will be provided nearer the date

2) Your committee meets for the first time in 2018 on 6 February and you will be informed by email of our proposals for further events and visits in 2018.

Saye and Sele Hall

As you will be aware, QVS donated £1000 towards the renovation of the Hall and is delighted that the renovations, which are expected to take some 28 weeks, are due to start in February.

<u>Quainton's past on Video</u> – Why not take a step back into Quainton's past and have a look at the videos that are now available on your Society's website at :-

quaintonvillagesociety.org

Finally, if renewing your membership, and thereby continuing to support your Village Society, has slipped your mind, you will find a renewal form at the end of this email. As ever, 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



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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OR RENEW PLEASE COMPLETE

New Membership/Membership Renewal 2017-2018 (Delete as necessary)

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

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