



Quainton Village Society

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"Caring about the village"

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Dear QVS supporter,

Newsletter 2018/2

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.

In my last newsletter I wrote that *2018 has started with a lot of good news both for Quainton and for QVS* and it is very good to be able to report that your committee has been very busy on your behalf so that the trend continues!

Membership

I am delighted to tell you the excellent news that membership is rising fast and that, for the first time that anyone can recall, membership of QVS now exceeds 170 people who are *Caring about the Village*. We are now aiming at the magic number of 200!!

2018/9 Village Directory

Existing members will know that QVS publishes a new Village Directory every two years. Doing this involves many hours of work for the Directory sub-committee but eventually results in a document which is distributed free to every household in the village, provides an excellent public service as a vital local reference – particularly for new residents – and brings in advertising revenue for the society. Our very sincere thanks go to the Directory sub-committee and we look forward to getting copies printed and distributed.

March Hare Event

On 13th March about 70 QVS members and guests enjoyed a fascinating talk on the Brown Hare by Peter Thompson, Biodiversity Officer of the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust. This event, presented by a very knowledgeable and natural communicator, ranks as one of the best talks and slide shows that we ever had and more than justified the excellent turnout of people who came to listen to Peter.

Quinton Village Society supports Quinton Windmill Restoration

On Saturday 14 April 2018, Quinton Village Society raised £311.50 for the Windmill restoration fund when some 50 people stood, chatted, wandered and sat in the garden of Hatherways, enjoying the beautiful sunshine, Spring flowers and the views across the Vale.

We were so lucky that, after what seems to have been endless days of rain, the sun came out and blessed us with a real 'shirt-sleeve' day.

Thank you to all who came to support us and a big 'Thank You' to all those QVS members who rallied around to help us. Particular thanks to those two lovely people who helped my wife Caroline produce those wonderful plants for sale.

Future Events

Garden visit - 2 years ago, we visited Serena and Tom Aldous' very beautiful and inspiring 6 acre garden at Kingsbridge Farm. This visit was so popular and well attended that we have arranged to visit it again, this time in partnership with Quinton's Garden Society.

The visit takes place on 14 June 2018 and, as usual, we will travel by private cars, leaving Quinton's village green at 2pm.

We have had a very good response from members wishing to go and expect to fill our joint quota of 50 people.

Liberty of London - 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

Tring Park Mansion House

We are hoping to arrange a private visit to Tring Park in late July 2018. Tring Park was built to a design of Sir Christopher Wren in 1685 and was visited several times by Charles II. It is now a School for the Performing Arts.

This should be a fascinating visit from a historical perspective but will also give us a chance to see behind the scenes of the theatre school.

I will inform you by email when, hopefully, a date has been fixed.

Planning

- 1) Orchard Farm - 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). The owner has already sold off approximately one third of the site for equestrian use and is now offering the rest of the site for sale. This is after having constructed an 88m long access track across this ancient ridge and furrow land and erected two large, skeletal, portal frames across the views of a part of Quainton, which has been designated as an Area of Attractive Landscape. It would appear that Permitted Development rules have been ignored and we trust that enforcement will be effective
- 2) North End Nursery – Laxton Properties have withdrawn two proposals for the development of this site but we are told that a third may soon be submitted.
- 3) Trail Flatt farm – It is understood that the enforcement procedure is progressing – albeit slowly - and we still await a proper conclusion to this long drawn-out affair.
- 4) Swan and Castle site – The application to build two new houses beside the Swan and Castle is still undetermined but permission has now been granted for the change of use of the Swan and Castle building itself to a dwelling house.
- 5) Land behind 151 Station Road – 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) Ladymead Farm – A further application for conversion of a farm building to residential use has been received while a decision on the further development of the industrial units is awaited.
- 7) Land between Seechfield and 62 Station Road – A decision is still awaited on the application to erect 13 houses on this site.
- 8) Brudenell House – amended plans in respect of repairs, alterations and conversion of the Coach House to residential use have been submitted and a decision is awaited.
- 9) 24 Caultly Close extension, 16 Church Street Dormer, 3 Church Street extension - all awaiting decision
- 10) 2 Church, new windows, Oak Tree Farm new agricultural building – both approved

11) Harpers Ground Doddershall, new farm house – a decision on amended plans is awaited

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

Martin Jacobs



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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:

**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: _____

email: _____

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

Amount enclosed: £ _____

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

Membership Number(s) _____ / _____