



Quainton Village Society

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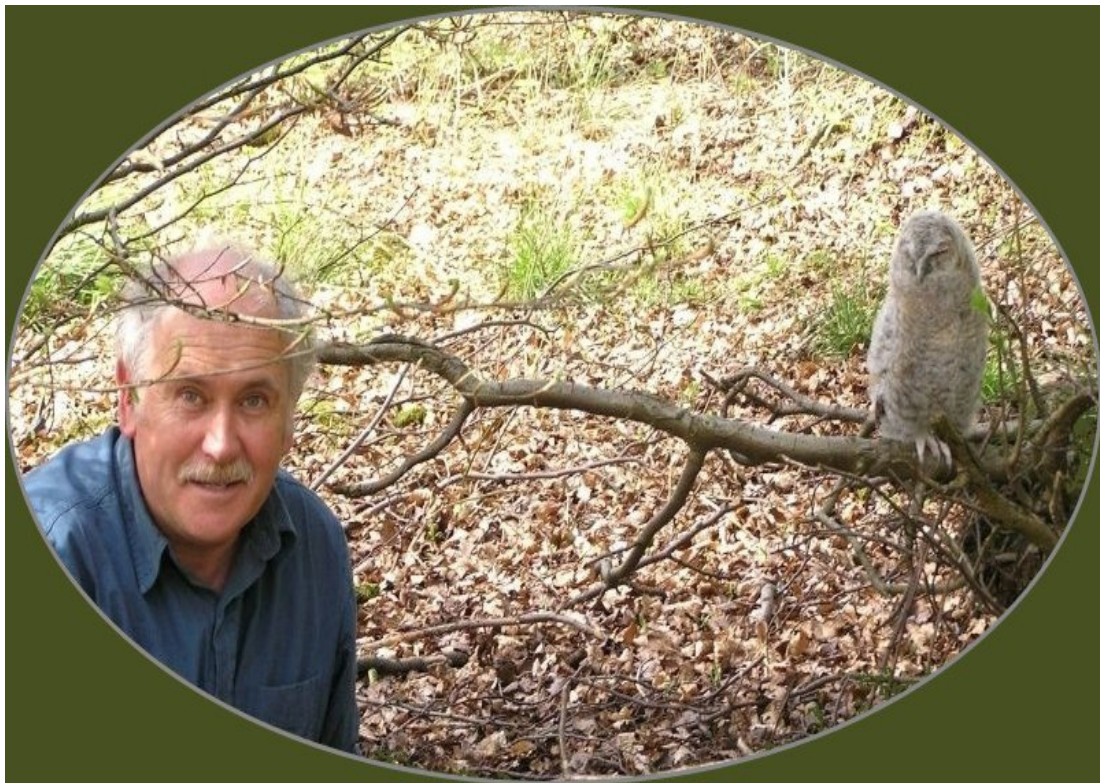
Dear QVS Supporter

Chairman's Newsletter

After a very difficult eighteen months – QVS are back and very keen to get back to as much normality as we can!

Looking out of the window at the sunshine on the garden and the hill behind, I saw insects, birds, small animals and a fox, all going about their normal lives, and it hit me again that, while we have shut our lives down over Covid, the natural world has continued to go on for us to appreciate – Thank Goodness!!

So - we are very fortunate that the naturalist, **John Tyler**, has agreed to give our Autumn talk.



John has visited us twice before and his presentations were so well received that we were asked to get him back again as soon as possible!

This time, his subject will be **The Ridgeway**, which can claim to be one of the oldest trackways in Europe, stretching nearly ninety miles from Ivinghoe to Avebury and over 5,000 years from the Stone Age to the present day. This talk offers a blister-free walk along this ancient chalkland path, describing both its prehistory and the rich wildlife that it supports today.



The Ridgeway - a route used since prehistoric times by travellers, herdsmen and soldiers through ancient landscapes.

John's talk, in the main hall of Quainton's Memorial Hall, will start at 7.45pm on 12 October 2021 and precede our AGM for those who wish to attend.

As usual, wine and refreshments will be available from the start of the evening at 7.30pm and we very much look forward to your support and company in joining us for a fascinating and enjoyable evening. I can't believe that the last time that we had the chance, for all of us to get together, was on 10 March 2020 – 18 months ago!! – when Gill Tierney packed the Hall for her talk on Antiques Roadshow and her other programmes.

Please put the date in your diary and help us fill that Hall again!

Your Village Society has continued to operate during lockdown, despite all the problems.

Obviously, we could not just carry on as usual and a major casualty was our last AGM and our programme of events for the membership.

However, committee meetings have been held, planning applications approved or objected to and plans for the future discussed.

But by far the biggest achievement that has been made is the preparation of the new **Quainton Village Directory**. The enormous amount of work to achieve this has been carried out, virtually single-handed, by Peter and Sonja Taylor-Lane and David Leeming, and the proof has now been sent to the printers - after which it will be delivered to every household in Quainton.

Our directory was described by the editor of Quainton News as the 'go-to' source for everything that you need to know about Quainton, and it is an important service that your Society has undertaken, every 2 years for the village, for the last 25 years

Best wishes - Martin