



Quarndon Parish Council

November, 2015



Christmas Light Switch on
12th December 2015

Rubbish Skip
7.30 am to 11.00 am
Saturday, 21st November
Village Hall Car Park

Quarndon Events
Fireworks Evening
7th November from 6.00 pm

A Tribute to Bryan Harris (1932-2015)

Quarndon Village lost a well-known and much loved resident when Bryan Harris died on 15th September. He took an active part in many local activities and organisations, including being chairman of Derby Decorative & Fine Arts Society. In 1994, he was made a Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire.

After a degree in English at Nottingham University, Bryan's professional career was with BBC Radio, starting at Bush House in 1959. He then moved to Birmingham Pebble Mill, Radio Cleveland and finally to Radio Derby in 1982. At Radio Derby he won several awards and will be remembered for many excellent programmes including the annual Radio Derby's Money Mountain auctions which raised thousands of pounds each year for local charities.

Bryan was a long serving and valuable member of the Parish Council, including 17 years as its chairman. One of the highlights was organising the design and erection of the millennium stone and topograph which stands on Bunkers Hill, overlooking the Derwent Valley. Bryan was a true 'wordsmith' with a deep knowledge of literature, especially poetry. He will be remembered as a great storyteller with a fund of excellent jokes and stories. He edited the Quarndon Parish Council newsletter for many years.

One of Bryan's important contributions to the village was the editing and publication of the 232 page full colour book 'Quarndon: Then and Now' in 2008 which was distributed to all households. The book is a fascinating account of the history and features of the village and its people.

QUARNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Car parking Issues

As we all know Quarndon benefits greatly from its thriving community with many people wanting to live in the village, send their children to the school or participate at the many events at the village hall. An unfortunate side effect of this popularity is that at times the levels of traffic within the village are greater than we would like.

Recently the Parish Council has received a number of communications from residents who are rightly frustrated with some of the less considerate actions of car and commercial vehicle users. The main concerns relate to the number of vehicles wanting to park in the village, for a variety of reasons and the excessive levels of parking on pavements.

The legal position with respect to pavement parking is not simple. Whilst it is illegal to drive on the pavement it is not illegal to park on the pavement as long as this does not restrict movement along the pavement for either wheelchairs or pushchairs.

Therefore, whilst enforcement may not be the answer we would encourage everyone to follow some reasonable and common sense rules to improve the situation as much as possible: Wherever possible please ensure that sufficient room is left on the pavement for our more vulnerable neighbours.

Please do not obstruct driveways or other access routes when parking
If you have workmen at your property please ask them to park off the road on your property if possible or alternatively at the car park behind the village hall
If all else fails then dangerous parking can be reported to the police by dialling 101.
Hopefully, by adopting these measures we can alleviate some of these problems which will be to the benefit of all.

The Parish Council has discussed the issue at its meetings and also sought advice from the Police and Derbyshire County Council to clarify the legal position.

Telephone Box Book Exchange

A wide range of donations continues to keep the telephone box shelves attractive and interesting. We hope that the notice board, currently used by Quarndon Events, keeps visitors to the book exchange up to date with what's going on in the village. Any other village organisation wishing to display a small flyer or poster, preferably A5 size, should contact the Parish Clerk at quarndonpc@virginmedia.com in the first instance.

The Parish Christmas Tree

on Church Road will be lit from 12 December coinciding with St Paul's Church Christmas Tree Festival.

Quarndon Events fireworks evening

Sat 7th Nov at the Cricket Club
Food from 6 pm Fireworks at 7.30 pm
Bar open. FREE ENTRY

Doorstep Sellers

There have been several cases recently of doorstep sellers going round Quarndon. These young men may not be genuine pedlars (to be legitimate they must carry a Derbyshire Constabulary issued Pedlars Licence - a photo Id is not sufficient!) and residents are warned to be extremely wary. If in doubt, then don't open the door.

If you do buy items from these people you are likely to be obtaining low quality goods at an inflated price. A much worse outcome is that some of them will be having a good look at your property with a view to coming back and committing a burglary.

If you see them in your area, or have one call at your home, then please phone the Police on 101, the non-emergency number, and report the incident. Give descriptions of anyone in the area and the details of any vehicles. Also, please contact Quarndon Neighbourhood Watch by email to pricegerald3@aol.com or call 07982 129421 so that the information can be spread rapidly around the village.

Police will endeavour to attend the area and to speak to the callers and check that they have necessary Pedlars Certificates.

IMPORTANT - If you are harassed or verbally abused by a caller then call 999.

FOOTPATHS

We encourage residents, their friends, family, guests and visitors to walk our wonderful footpaths. There's lots to discover in and around our village and lovely views and spots in the gorgeous Derbyshire countryside to enjoy.

Please give us your comments and suggestions on any improvements you consider necessary and worthwhile. Please take your litter home with you. We would also like to remind dog owners that fouling of footpaths is an offence, so can we encourage you to pick dog poo up and drop it in the provided litter bins or take it home.

We hope that you are enjoying your walks in and around the village. Let's make it better with your help.

From Dr Paul Hodson, Chair, Quarndon Parish Council Planning Subcommittee

400 houses off Kedleston Road

Somewhat predictably, Catesby Estates has submitted a Planning Appeal against Amber Valley Borough Council's decision to refuse their application to build on the Kedleston Road site. There will now be an Inquiry run by one of the government's Planning Inspectors.

Although the inquiry will not be a court of law, it will feel like it. All of the representations made to Amber Valley since the original application was first made will be forwarded to the Inspectorate and will be considered fully before a final decision is made by the Inspector. In addition the two main parties, Catesby Estates and AVBC, are expected to instruct barristers to put forward their cases for them, presenting documents and witnesses and cross-examining the witnesses for the opposing side.

Quarndon Parish Council chairman and I met with Kedleston Voice recently in order to jointly apply for 'Rule 6 Status', allowing us to be part of this process. The intention is for us to appoint a barrister to make representations on our behalf and quoting case law which supports our opposition to the appeal. Needless to say this is a very expensive path to follow, but we are advised that we have a strong case.

Kedleston Voice has a war chest but still need financial help to meet the cost of funding a legal representative. Please consider contributing to the fighting fund. Donations can be made in 3 different ways:

You can donate directly into their bank account

Account Name: Kedleston Voice, Sort Code:01-02-66, Account Number: 25485865

You can donate securely on their website via paypal

Or simply send a cheque to their accountants, made payable to 'Kedleston Voice'. Please make sure you clearly state your name, address and email address on the cheque so they know how to contact you.

You should you cheque send to:

Alan Butler & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants

12 Darley Abbey Mill, Derby, DE22 1DZ

Tel: 01332 346241

AVBC Core Strategy

Independently of the planning appeal above, the hearings on the Revised Core Strategy are also restarting. You will remember that AVBC decided to withdraw the Kedleston Road site from their original list of potential sites for development. The Government Inspector (quite separate from the inspector hearing the planning appeal) will be considering this amendment as well as examining the basis on which it has been decided how many houses AVBC need to build to contribute to Derby City's shortfall in meeting their assessed needs for housing through to 2028.

Your Parish Council has filed comments with AVBC on both issues and you can follow my updates on the QPC website.