

## Highlights

Welcome to the July 2024 Quarndon Newsletter.

There is no 'councillor update' this month because in the election run-up we must not publish material that might be construed as promoting any political party. However, we can remind those that are eligible to vote on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – and remember to take suitable identification with you!

Our newsletter team will be taking a summer break, so there will be no Quarndon Newsletter produced for August. We will be back with the September edition, to be issued just before the end of August. We wish everyone a lovely summer and hope there may be some sunshine!

UK Volunteers' Week was 3 to 9 June 2024. This celebrates the amazing contributions volunteers make to communities. In Quarndon great work done in June included Wayne, Jim, Reggie and Oliver tidying the Old Churchyard; QCG members working on the Community Garden - assisted by John - and providing a haircut for the Barn Close willow structures. **Many thanks to all.**



*Volunteers in action: Reggie & Oliver (left) and John and Alison (centre)*

This Newsletter, in addition to 'What's On', includes:

- Allestree Park Voice update on the rewilding of Allestree Park
- Quarndon Swift Group update – now that the birds are in the area
- Blooming Quarndon – displays due on 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Duck travels...
- St. Paul's church:
  - Clock repair update
  - Completion of the War Memorial underpinning
  - Heating system appeal
- Giant hogweed returns to Quarndon
- Barn Close recreation ground willow structures – the June haircut
- 20's Plenty – so why are our speed limits still 30mph?

Please get in touch if you wish to contribute to the Newsletter or publicise any events or activities in the Newsletter and the Quarndon website. Contact Keith or Clare via [QCG@quarndon-village.org.uk](mailto:QCG@quarndon-village.org.uk)

## What's On

### St Paul's July 2024 Sunday church services

- Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am Holy Communion in Church
- Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm T Time, an informal family get together with refreshments, in the Hall
- Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am Holy Communion in Church
- Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am Morning Praise in Church

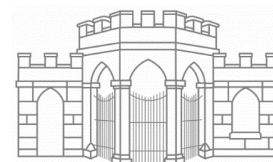
More information about the church is [here](#).



### 24 June 2024 - Quarndon Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm at the Village Hall

The Quarndon Parish Council meets monthly in the meeting room at the Village Hall. The agenda is published in advance on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Hall and on the Quarndon website [here](#).

All are welcome to attend. 'Public speaking' is at the start of each meeting if you have an issue to draw to the attention of the Parish Council.



### 29 June 2024 - Quarndon Repair Café - 10am to 12noon

Come along to see if our team of volunteer repairers can fix your broken items - if you can bring it, we will have a go at fixing it. We have computer whizzes, so if you have any IT problems give us a try.

You don't have to book in but if you want advice, or have a specialist problem email Isobel [isobeljshorrock@gmail.com](mailto:isobeljshorrock@gmail.com)



**COFFEE AND CAKE ALWAYS AVAILABLE** – so come for a chat even if you have nothing to fix.

Nicola Yeoman, who provides various plastic-free products and refills will not be at the Café in June but will be back for the July Repair Café. If anyone needs refills before July, please email Nicola using her address: [hello@harris-rose.com](mailto:hello@harris-rose.com)

**We are still collecting bikes and suitcases for Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity.**

We look forward to seeing you at the Café.

### 5 July 2024 – Duffield Swift Walk - 7:30pm

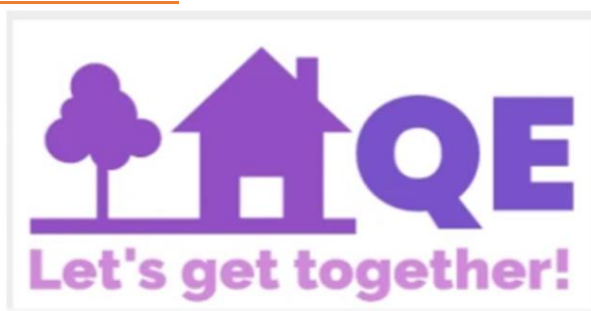
Expert-led walk starting at 7:30pm from Greys Recreation Ground, DE56 4FF. The skies were thick with swifts last year. This event, run by Duffield Save Our Swifts is highly recommended. To book email: [sosduffield@gmail.com](mailto:sosduffield@gmail.com)

### 7 July 2024 – Broomfield Hall Gardens Plant Fair

The Derby College Broomfield Hall site at Morley, Ilkeston, DE7 6DN, will be open from 10am to 4pm to visit the gardens and/or buy plants. Tickets will be available by cash or card on the day at £5 per person, children are free.

Plant specialists available selling rare plants including fuchsia, cacti, carnivorous, tropical plants and so much more. The gardens will be open to walk around and explore, plus the popular pop-up volunteer run cafe will be open for homemade cake and drinks.





## **Quarndon and Parish “What a job!” Scarecrow Trail 2024**

**organised by Quarndon Events**

**Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July**

*Come and have a lovely walk around the village with family and friends to view all the scarecrows*

*Which will be your favourite?*

What you need to know:

- The trail map will be on Quarndon’s website [www.quarndon-village.org.uk](http://www.quarndon-village.org.uk) nearer the date
- The full trail will be available to view from midday on Friday
- The winner will be announced on the village website

### [27 July 2024 - Quarndon Repair Café - 10am to 12noon](#)

Details as for the 29 June 2024 Repair Café above, except that Nicola Yeoman, who provides various plastic-free products and refills will be back with us again in July.

### [29 July 2024 - Quarndon Parish Council – 7:30pm at the Village Hall](#)

Quarndon Parish Council meeting details as for the 24 June 2024 meeting above.

## **Allestree Park update**

Allestree Park Voice (APV) tell us that there is not much to report. APV is liaising with Hardyal Dhindsa and Carmel Swan at Derby City Council, seeking a direct voice for public representation on the Rewilding Board. APV has also asked David Winslow, a manager in the Parks Department, when they are going to address damaged paths and flooding of the road.

Any answers will be shared with everyone as soon as possible.

You can contact APV at their email address: [naturefirst@allestreeparkvoice.co.uk](mailto:naturefirst@allestreeparkvoice.co.uk)



## Quarndon Swift Group

Spotting elusive airborne swifts is much easier now, following the arrival of juveniles that migrate to the UK from late May (and some warmer drier weather).



Watch out over Quarndon for their scythe-shaped wings, dark bodies and short forked tails. They can be seen any time of day but the hours before dusk is when they come lower in the sky. They're incredibly acrobatic in flight, swerving, diving and wheeling to catch tiny insects, and often screaming loudly; the "Supermarine Spitfire" of the bird world!

The juveniles are here to explore potential nest sites for next year or 2026. So, those with nest boxes should ensure the swift callers are on, helping the birds find the 40 or so boxes around the village.

**TIP:** If the birds you see are perching, have any white areas, or long tails, then they're not swifts - more likely they will be the smaller, house martins or swallows.

If you can't see them, consider joining the free, professionally-led swift walk between 7:30pm and 9pm on 5 July in Duffield - organised by Duffield Save Our Swifts; for details click [here](#) and to book email [sosduffield@gmail.com](mailto:sosduffield@gmail.com) or [jpfarnsworth4@gmail.com](mailto:jpfarnsworth4@gmail.com).

Duffield has a good number of swift colonies in the roads around Avenue Road/Vicarage Lane and New Zealand Lane. Belper, which started its own swift preservation club this year, also has strong colonies near the marketplace.

Happy spotting!

For more information on getting involved, or to obtain free literature, email John Farnsworth of QSG at [jpfarnsworth4@gmail.com](mailto:jpfarnsworth4@gmail.com)

## Blooming Quarndon 2024 – Displays expected 25 June



We expect the 2024 floral displays to be installed during the evening/night of Tuesday 25 June.

Many thanks to all those who have donated, enabling the displays to be funded again this year. If you would still like to donate, it is not too late. Please make gifts by bank transfer, to: **Quarndon Parish Council**, Sort code: **30-92-59**, Account Number: **03328525**, reference: **BLOOM24**, or by cheque payable to Quarndon Parish Council, write on the back 'Blooming Quarndon 2024' and post it to: QPC clerk, Unit 108731, PO Box 15113, Birmingham, B2 2NJ.

## Duck Travels!

We are delighted to report that the brass duck, after its visit to the Quarndon Repair Cafe where it had its broken wing repaired by Norman – see the June 2024 edition of this newsletter, has returned to its home on the tiller of a barge and resumed its travels!

*Thanks to Fiona for sharing this photo with us*



## St. Paul's Church Clock

The clock installation dates from Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It began to chime in Nov 1897. In 2004, it was upgraded to use the time signal transmitted by GPS satellites to give precise accuracy.

However, the chiming stopped over three years ago when it became apparent that the clock needed a major overhaul. Since then a great amount of time and energy have been dedicated by the Church Warden, Mike Annable, to getting one of Quarndon's most familiar sights and sounds going again.

The major repair of this old clock was completed earlier in the year at which point it was realised that a permanent platform was needed in the clock tower to comply with safety regulations before the clock could be reinstalled. Once this platform was completed, the clock was fitted back in place. Then yet another problem arose to delay the return of the chimes... It was discovered that the clock face was showing significant damage and needed repair. So, that is the current works in waiting.

The costs have been mounting over these two years, but the Church is determined to have its clock going later on in 2024.



*Photos of the clock installation – the new platform features in the bottom centre photo*

## War Memorial at St. Paul's

Further to the update in the June Quarndon newsletter, we are pleased to report that the restoration work is now complete. The plinth has been fully strengthened with a new reinforced concrete foundation (see photos).

It is a pleasure to be confident that the War Memorial, another of Quarndon's well known sights, will now stand proudly for many more years thanks to a very generous local donor.



## St. Paul's Heating Appeal

The 60-year-old heating system in the Church is in urgent need of replacement, which will cost up to £80,000. If you can help, please donate by cheque payable to: St. Paul's Quarndon PCC Appeal Account and send c/o 9 Woodlands Lane, Quarndon, Derby, DE22 5JU; or by BACS to: **St. Paul's Quarndon PCC Appeal Account**, Sort Code: **05-04-07**, Account Number: **70035285**. Thank you.

## Giant Hogweed Returns to Quarndon

Giant Hogweed has been found on Footpath 11, the highest path leading off Church Road. Though attractive to look at, this is not a plant to go near and certainly not touch as its sap can cause burns.

Giant hogweed contains *furocoumarin*, an organic chemical compound that makes skin extremely sensitive to sunlight. Sap on the skin plus sunlight can lead to painful and long-lasting burns. The landowners are in the process of dealing with this unwelcome visitor. Meanwhile please give it a wide berth and ensure that your pets do likewise.

If you see giant hogweed around Quarndon please don't touch it but contact the Parish Clerk on 07718 587450 or email: [clerk@quarndon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@quarndon-pc.gov.uk) Photographs and *What Three Words* reference are very helpful. See <https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app>

For more info on giant hogweed visit <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk> the Woodland Trust website.



## Barn Close Recreation Ground – Wigloo and Willow Tunnel

The willow Wigloo and tunnel on Barn Close Recreation Ground have been given their June haircuts.



Willow structures are great fun to play inside, but no climbing please! There is a climbing frame in the Recreation Ground for this. If you'd like to know more about willow structures and how they are made contact [web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk)

## 20's Plenty where people live – So why are our speed limits still 30mph?

Discussion piece by Keith Thomas:

The Quarndon Parish Council along with almost 100 other parish and local councils throughout Derbyshire has for several years been advocating 20mph speed limits 'where people live', i.e. where the speed limits are currently 30mph. This advocacy included meeting with Barry Lewis, leader of Derbyshire County Council (DCC) which is responsible for our roads, back in 2022, to make the case.



Unfortunately, DCC are strongly opposed to 'signed only' 20mph speed limits, claiming that they are ineffective in reducing road casualties and have no other community benefits. The current DCC leadership was elected in 2021 on a manifesto that promised 'Greener Town' trials including 20mph zones in two Derbyshire towns. Long Eaton and Buxton were eventually selected for these trials but then, at the height of the controversy caused by blanket replacement of 30mph speed limits with 20mph across Wales in September 2023, DCC 'consulted' on these trials with the following results:

- In Buxton 205 responses were received, with 104 in favour and 100 against and one blank
- In Long Eaton 306 responses were received, with 63 in favour and 184 against, 59 were blank

DCC used this as 'evidence' to cancel the trials in both towns, despite less than 1% of the combined population (2021 Census) of the two towns having responded to the consultation.

Prime minister Rishi Sunak even jumped on the bandwagon attacking the Welsh implementation of 20mph speed limits saying he wanted to stop "hare-brained" road calming and safety schemes, including 20mph zones, to end what he said is a "war on motorists".

**Now the facts.** The much-maligned Welsh implementation was on 17 Sept 2023. The road accident casualty data for Quarter 4 (Q4) 2023 has recently been published on the *StatsWales* website.

**Comparison of 2022 & 2023 Q4 road casualties in Wales for all roads with speed limits of 30mph or less**

	Killed & Seriously Injured		Slightly Injured	
	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	2022 Q4	2023 Q4
10mph	0	0	0	0
15mph	0	0	0	0
20mph	11	99	62	300
30mph	118	14	490	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>350</b>
	Reduction 16 (12.4%)		Reduction 202 (36.5%)	
	Overall average reduction 32%			

The table (left) compares casualties on all roads in Wales, with speed limits of 30mph or less in:

- 2022 Q4, which was before the 20mph speed limits were widely implemented
- 2023 Q4, the first full quarter since implementation.

**The bottom line is a reduction in total Q4 casualties of 218 or 32%.**

Note that because (almost) all roads in Wales that previously had 30mph speed limits have changed to 20mph limits, it is not unexpected

that casualties on roads with 20mph limits have gone up – there are now far more roads with 20mph limits. The important point is that total casualties across all roads with speed limits of 30mph or less has gone down significantly.

Scotland is rolling out 20mph speed limits where people live using a progressive approach, which plans to complete by the end of 2025.

Meanwhile in our Derbyshire towns and villages there is no progress. If you have a view on this, please email DCC Council Leader Barry Lewis at: [Barry.Lewis@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Barry.Lewis@derbyshire.gov.uk) and/or Charlotte Culpit, DCC Highways Assets and Transport Cabinet Member, at [Charlotte.Cupit@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Charlotte.Cupit@derbyshire.gov.uk)

## The Quarndon Village Website

In addition to regular newsletters, Quarndon Parish Council and Quarndon Community Group post information on the Quarndon Village website:

[www.quarndon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.quarndon-pc.gov.uk) alias [www.quarndon-village.org.uk](http://www.quarndon-village.org.uk)

This site brings you information about local groups and services, up-to-date news about planning issues and applications, plus Parish Council documents to keep you au fait with events affecting all of us in the village.



Not only is the website a source of current and future events, but it is also a record of village activities, in particular through its photo gallery page. If you have any photos of village life that you would like to be considered for inclusion on the website, please email them, with background information about the image and the permission of any people seen in the photo, to [web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk)

Information, suggestions, ideas, photographs, drawings about village events; in fact, all contributions from residents - of all ages - are warmly welcomed. Contact us at [web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk)

## Quarndon News and Events

If you are organising an event in Quarndon, or wish to publicise some news, please email details to Clare at [web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk) for inclusion on the website [www.quarndon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.quarndon-pc.gov.uk)

*Contributions to this Newsletter are welcome – please email Keith at: [QCG@quarndon-village.org.uk](mailto:QCG@quarndon-village.org.uk)*

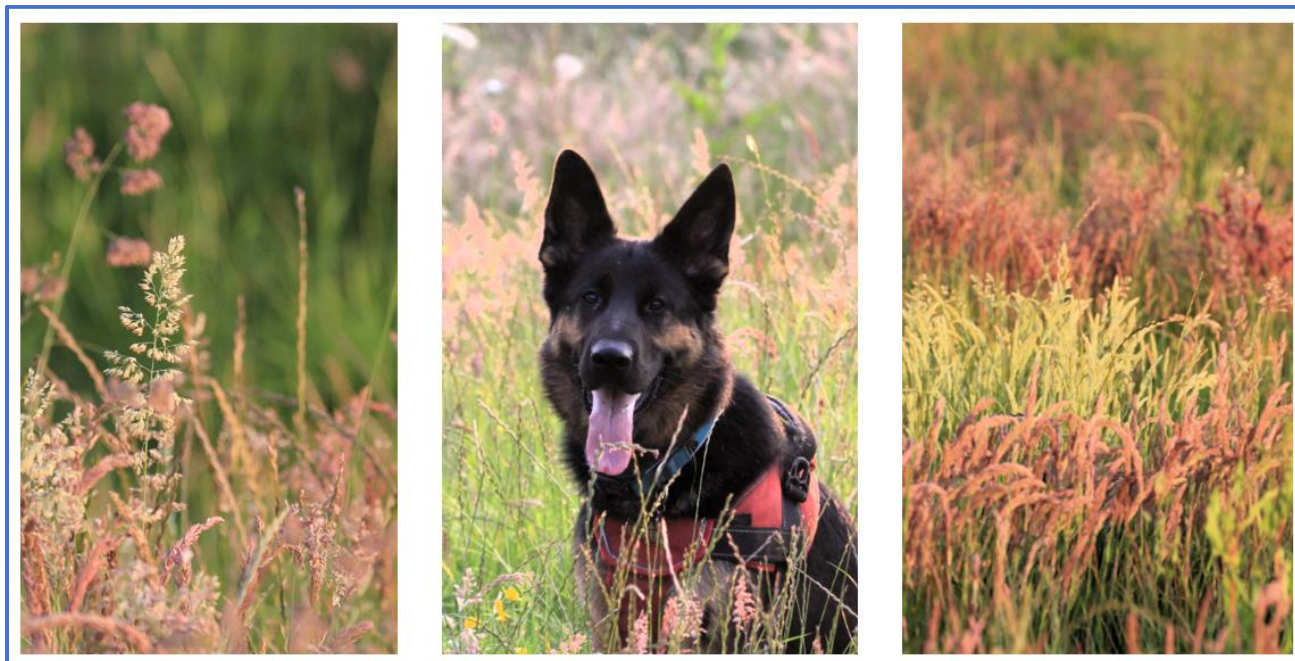
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*Not for hay fever sufferers! A triptych of June grasses around Quarndon - featuring Gaia*