

Highlights

Welcome to the September 2024 Quarndon Newsletter. The Newsletter writing, compiling and editing elves have returned with renewed vigour from our summer break. This Newsletter covers some of what has been going on during those (few) lovely summer days and looks forwards to a bumper crop of local activities in the coming weeks.



Some of the scarecrows that featured in the Quarndon Events Scarecrow Trail back in July (see page7)

This Newsletter, in addition to 'What's On' and our local councillor updates, includes:

- The St Paul's church heating appeal
- Quarndon Community Speedwatch news
- Quarndon Swift Group update
- Pedestrian safety crossing the road by the Joiners Arms
- Blooming Quarndon 2024
- Quarndon Events
 - Scarecrow Trail; and
 - 2024 Survey
- What3Words signing of the Barn Close and Kedleston Grange play areas

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

What's On

St Paul's September 2024 Sunday church services

- Sunday 1st 10am Holy Communion in Church*
- Sunday 8th 10am in Church#
- Sunday 15th 10am Holy Communion in Church
- Sunday 22nd 10am Morning Praise in Church
- Sunday 29th 10am joint service with St Nicks in Church (St Paul's)



* There will be no coffee after the service on the 1st. Instead we will be joining St Nicks for coffee and lunch at 11am in their Church Hall where we will say goodbye to Anna Oldknow. She has been Children, Youth and Family worker for several years in our Churches and Schools. She has been a wonderful asset to the team and has made a difference to lots of young people's lives showing warmth and understanding throughout her work here. We will all miss her. At the same time, we are so happy that she has been accepted for ordination training and wish her and her family Godspeed in this new direction in their lives.

The informal afternoon service that has previously been held every 2nd Sunday in the Hall is being replaced with a 10am service in church, the format of which has yet to be decided.

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

31 August 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



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

Nicola Yeoman of Harris-Rose, who provides various plastic-free, refills will be at the Café again. You can contact Nicola by email at: hello@harris-rose.com

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

We look forward to seeing you at the Café.

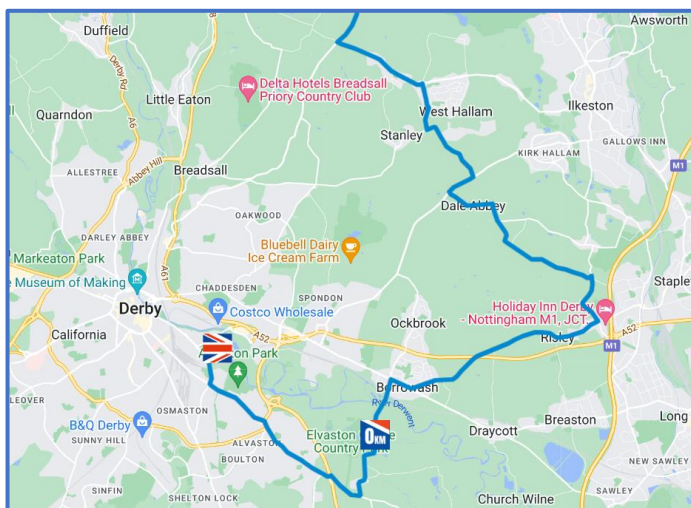
Friday 6 September 2024 - Tour of Britain Men - Stage 4 Route - Derby to Newark-on-Trent

The men's Tour of Britain is coming to Derby again in 2024 with Stage 4 starting at 11:00am from the Arena (Velodrome) on Pride Park.

The initial 'processional' route will head south before racing starts at Elvaston Castle County Park. The route, after heading to the east, swings back northwest passing through Stanley Common and Smalley – quite close to Quarndon, if you fancy a trip out to watch the race go past.

The race is expected to include some of cycling's biggest stars, including Remco Evenepoel, Julian Alaphilippe, and GB's Tom Pidcock.

Full route details are available on the Tour of Britain website [here](#).



7 September 2024 – Turnditch and Windley Show

The annual T&W Show will take place on fields to the west of the B5023 Wirksworth Road, just north of Duffield.

This year's Show will feature:

- Equestrian classes
- Dog show and Peak Performers Flyball (dog agility)
- Dog and duck display
- Land Rovers, Tractors, Vintage and Classic vehicles
- Licensed bar, food and drink
- Crafts and produce show in the marquee
- Sideshows and children's amusements/activities

Prizes to be presented by the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Mrs Elizabeth Fothergill CBE



23 September 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.



28 September 2024 - Quarndon Repair Café - 10am to 12noon

Details as for the 31 August 2024 Repair Café above.

2 October 2024 – Brailsford Ploughing Match

The 2024 Brailsford Ploughing Match will be held at Middleton Park Farm, Alkington, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 3DH. Full details on their website: <https://brailsfordmatch.uk>

The Match opens for visitors from 9:00am and will feature horse & tractor ploughing, crafts and working exhibitions, vintage tractor display, hedge cutting competitions, livestock judging, ladies & children's classes, stick show, and trade stands.

It can be a grand day out – especially if the weather is kind.



28 October 2024 - Quarndon Parish Council – 7:30pm at the Village Hall

Quarndon Parish Council meeting details as for the 23 September 2024 meeting above.

From our Local Councillors:

Green councillors recently met with the Finance Director at Amber Valley Borough Council to discuss the ethical investment of the council's funds.

When the council invests public money, they must ensure the investments are safe and provide good returns for Amber Valley residents. While these two things are really important, Green councillors want the council to also consider if the investments are ethical.

Ethical investment means making sure that funds go into businesses that are good for people and the planet. It means avoiding investments in companies that profit from fossil fuels, deforestation, tobacco, and weapons, or those with poor worker practices. This doesn't mean the investments don't make as much money - investing ethically can still deliver high returns.

By focusing on ethical investments, the council can support businesses that promote sustainability and fairness, benefiting both our community and the wider world.

Councillor Alison McDermott has asked that when the council presents its review of investments in September, they also include an ESG (Ethical, Social and Governance) score - a globally used rating system that scores investments on how good they are for people and the planet.

County Councillor Gez Kinsella has also been pressing Derbyshire County Council to ensure that County's pension funds are invested responsibly and have a good ESG score.

If you want to find out more about how you can invest ethically, the 'Make My Money Matter' website has lots of information, from choosing your bank to greening your pension.

Gez pushes for better bus service

A Quarndon resident recently contacted Councillor Gez Kinsella about the poor bus service in the area, with even greater demand for public transport with the development of the new Kedleston Grange estate. Gez has investigated this issue with Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, and Trent Barton. The housing developer has made a commitment to work with Trent Barton to extend an existing Allestree service. Despite this commitment, it has not happened. Gez is ensuring all parties are being held to account, continuing to press for the promised new bus service.

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Alison, Gez and Eva

St. Paul's Heating Appeal

Further to the appeal included in the July Quarndon Newsletter and that circulated separately by email, all homes in the Parish are being leafleted to remind residents of this appeal. Whether you are an active member of the congregation or not, the Church is important to the community as a whole, so please support the appeal to replace the 60-year-old heating system in the Church.

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.

Quarndon Community Speedwatch - Update

You may have noticed the Quarndon Community Speedwatch (CSW) team out on the roadside at various times and places in the village. We are one of 99 teams in Derbyshire operating under Derbyshire Constabulary.

Unfortunately, speeding is a very widespread problem, and the police have to concentrate their enforcement teams on the worst affected areas. If you feel strongly, the best thing to do is join our band of volunteers. It's a very cathartic and satisfying experience.



10% to 20% of the vehicles passing at each session are usually measured to be speeding, which by the police definition is more than 35mph in a 30mph limit. Those recorded as exceeding 35mph get warning letters from the police the first and second time they are caught by any of the Derbyshire CSW teams. Third offenders get an 'educational' visit from the police. For fourth offenders, the police put together an intelligence package – which is forwarded on to local police and the traffic cops for further enforcement. The police check registrations of all vehicles that are recorded as speeding. This often reveals drivers without road tax, insurance or MoTs – which the police can follow-up.

A recent Derby Telegraph news report found that:

- 70% of drivers agreed that seeing CSW activity would make them drive slower in future;
- 66% of offenders agreed CSW is a useful way of tackling speed; and
- 72% of offenders agreed that receiving a warning made them want to change their driving.

Of course there are a few drivers, often those speeding, who object to having their speed monitored and reported – and are perhaps unaware that CSW is a police-led initiative.

We have recorded many drivers exceeding 40mph, and a few at ludicrously dangerous speeds. The fastest was travelling at 78mph into the village on Church Road. This individual's registration was passed by the police CSW team to their traffic cops, who a few days later identified the vehicle using their Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras. They stopped him. He tried to give a false address and was found to have no insurance or road tax. He won't be driving again for some time.

If you fancy joining the Quarndon CSW, please email Isobel at isobeljshorrock@gmail.com. You will have an online training session and a roadside apprentice session, then you are ready to form part of any one of the teams of four that provide the CSW in Quarndon.

Quarndon Swift Group



After an exciting summer for swift-watchers, during which swifts were spotted many times over Quarndon, callers are now switched off with the birds having departed on their migration back to Equatorial and Southern Africa.



Whilst no nesting pairs were reported in Quarndon in 2024, the signs are good for this long-term project. With the large number of sightings of birds investigating Quarndon's nesting opportunities this summer, it is hoped that some of these were juveniles that will return in future years and set up home here.

The photo above shows two of a group of four or five swifts that investigated the 'swift bricks' on the Village Hall back in early July.

For more information on getting involved, or to obtain free literature, email John Farnsworth of QSG at jpfarnsworth4@gmail.com

Pedestrian safety crossing Church Road by the Joiners

Where the pavement changes from the east side of Church Road to the west side just uphill from the Joiners has been a road safety issue for many years. Pedestrians are forced to cross the road here and the visibility to check for oncoming traffic in both directions is poor. Similarly, the bends in the road mean that drivers in both directions, even when adhering to the 30mph speed limit, cannot see pedestrians crossing the road until the last moment.

There have been many near-misses at this crossing point. The Quarndon Parish Council (QPC) Traffic Group, with support from our county councillor, Gez Kinsella, has pressed Derbyshire County Council (DCC) for several years for initiatives to make the crossing safer. A meeting at the crossing point involving representatives of QPC, DCC, the police, and Curzon School in September 2023 concluded that action was required.

DCC has responded in July this year by:

- replacing the existing pedestrian warning sign facing traffic coming downhill with a much larger one that also gives the distance to the crossing point; and
- putting up a new pedestrian warning sign facing traffic coming uphill, also specifying the distance to the crossing point.



These signs will only make the crossing point safer if drivers take notice of them and reduce their speed. As previously stated, the speed limit on Church Road is 30mph but this speed is too high in relation to the sight lines available at the crossing point. We therefore encourage all drivers to take notice of the new signs and reduce their speed to less than 30mph when approaching this dangerous crossing from either direction.

Blooming Quarndon 2024

The 2024 floral displays were installed on Tuesday 25 June and will continue to brighten the Parish for several weeks to come.

Many thanks to the Parish Council and all those who donated, enabling the displays to be funded again this year.

As well as the 'flower towers' and village entry sign 'holsters' this year, the displays include two pollinator-friendly tubs at the Community Garden and three beside the roundabout junction between Kedleston Road and Vicar Wood Way on Kedleston Grange.



Quarndon Events - Scarecrow Trail and Survey



**The Winner:
'Medical Muse'**

July 2024 – Scarecrow Trail

The Quarndon Events (QE) team would like to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone who made the effort to take part in the 'What a Job!' themed scarecrow trail over the first weekend of July.

The QE Judging Team were very impressed with all the scarecrows. Finding a winner was hard and there were several contenders for the top spot.

We had several criteria which we used to help make our decision: Execution; Originality; On Topic, and the 'Wow' Factor.

The winner was 'Medical Muse' on Barn Close. When we delivered the winner's hamper, we were touched to find out that the scarecrow had been based on the winner's own job as a Palliative Care Nurse. 'What a Job' indeed!

See the front page of this Newsletter and the Quarndon website [here](#) for more photos.

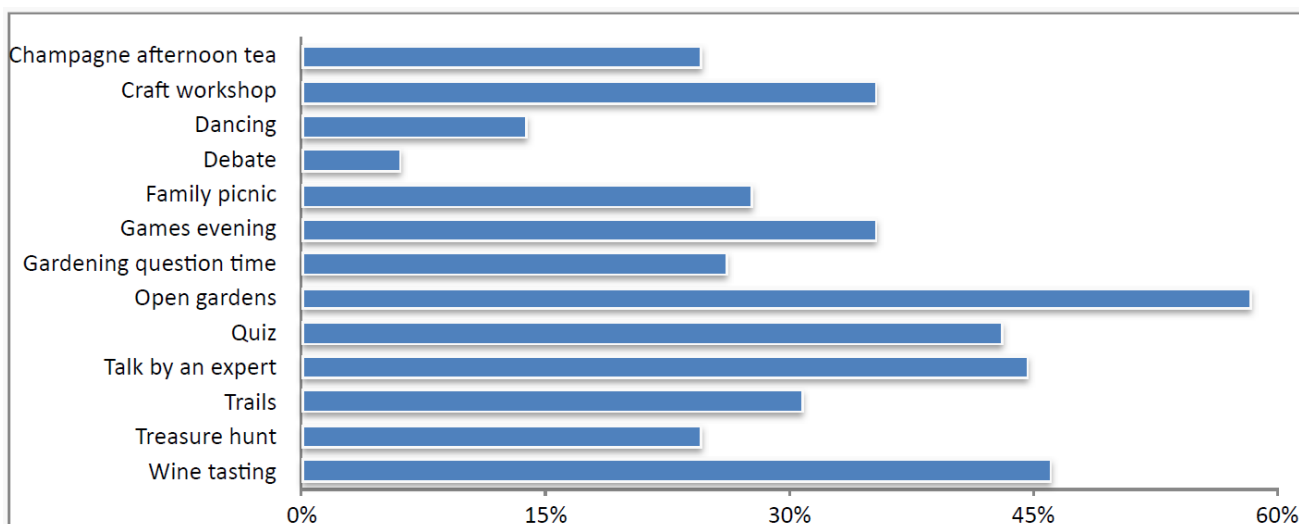
Quarndon Events Survey

Another big thank you to all those who took the time to fill out our survey and especially those who had not heard of us before. We had over 60 responses and these will be very helpful in driving our plans for future events.

The top category of events people would most likely attend was Open Gardens, this was overall and also when split down by age band and children in household. Definitely one for us to take away!

For those with children in the household, trails and craft workshops were also popular responses.

Fireworks was mentioned several times in the additional suggestions; and this was the most popular event that respondents ticked as having been to. Unfortunately the only suitable venue in the village is the Cricket Club and we are no longer able to hold the event there.



Graphic showing the relative popularity of possible future events arranged by QE

What3Words at Barn Close and Kedleston Grange Play Areas

Sometimes street addresses aren't enough to pinpoint a place like a park precisely, so Barn Close and Kedleston Grange play areas are now equipped with What3Words signs to make it easy for visitors and, if necessary, emergency services to find their exact locations. What3Words divides the world into three metre squares, giving each square its own combination of words.

The signs are on the notice boards with the W3W logo at Barn Close and in pyrography on wood on the notice board in the play area at Kedleston Grange (photo right).



Click on this link for more information about What 3 Words:
<https://what3words.com/about>

Can you use W3W to track down these Quarndon locations?

1. [Lifted.heat.vine](#)
2. [Note.petty.bands](#)
3. [Varieties.tigers.ports](#)
4. [Drape.crate.corner](#)
5. [Youth.rental.code](#)

Answers at the bottom of this page.

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 alias 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

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

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 for inclusion on the website www.quarndon-pc.gov.uk

Contributions to this Newsletter are welcome – please email Keith at: QCG@quarndon-village.org.uk

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clerk@quarndon-pc.gov.uk - contact the Quarndon Parish Council

1. Lifted.heat.vine	Barn Close play area seesaw
2. Note.petty.bands	St Paul's Church gate
3. Varieties.tigers.ports	Signpost to footpath 6 on Montpelier
4. Drape.crate.corner	Bench, Community Garden
5. Youth.rental.code	Inside telephone box book exchange