

Highlights

Welcome to the November 2024 Quarndon newsletter.

This newsletter has been written as we progressed damply through the first part of autumn. There have been occasional breaks in the clouds though, including on 10 October, when the Aurora Borealis was visible from Quarndon (see page 8). Then on 17 October the Hunter's 'supermoon' was visible. Your newsletter reporters have also been keenly scanning the sky for the A3 comet but, unlike some others in the East Midlands, have had no sightings. Click [here](#) to see photos on the BBC website.

In this newsletter, **we include a call from the Parish Council to all Quarndon's community and voluntary groups – please see page 5 for details.**



Brailsford Ploughing Match – 2 October 2024

This newsletter, in addition to 'What's On' (**don't forget to get your tickets for the Quarndon Events Christmas Quiz on 23 November**), includes:

- Quarndon Events – plans for 'Open Gardens' in 2025. Could you open your garden?
- Our councillors' update - focusing on the Belper Mills
- Update on Derbyshire County Council's tree-planting initiative
- Quarndon Parish Council call to community and voluntary groups (see page 5)
- Reminder to display 'garden poppies' for Remembrance - a few are still available
- St Paul's Church clock and heating update
- Brailsford Ploughing Match report
- Quarndon Community Speedwatch update

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 November 2024 Sunday church services

- Sunday 3rd 10am informal Holy Communion in Church
- Sunday 10th 10am Remembrance Service in Church
- Sunday 17th 10am Holy Communion in Church
- Sunday 24th 10am Morning Praise in Church

Whilst the weather is mild the Services will continue in Church despite the erratic heating system. However, please be aware that a last minute change to use the Hall may be necessary if the temperature drops.

More information about St Paul's Church is [here](#).

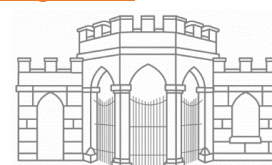
To help with the Church heating, please donate by cheque payable to: St. Paul's Quarndon PCC Appeal Account, send c/o 9 Woodlands Lane, Quarndon, Derby, DE22 5JU, or by BACS to: **St. Paul's Quarndon PCC Appeal Account**, Sort Code: **05-04-07**, Account Number: **70035285**. Thank you.



30 October 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.



13 - 16 November 2024 – QUADS 'Murdered to Death' – 7:30 at the Village Hall

Quarndon Amateur Dramatic Society production "Murdered to Death" by



Peter Gordon. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are available on



Ticketsource at £12.00 each. There will be a Cash Bar and pre-show/interval drinks can be booked on-line in advance. To purchase a ticket please visit our website: www.quarndonquads.co.uk

23 November 2024 - Quarndon Events Christmas Quiz – 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

At Quarndon Village Hall. Get in the mood for Christmas early. Come and have some fun with a range of quiz rounds including a team activity, all with a Christmas theme! Book as a team of 6 or just come along and join in with others.

Email quardonevents@gmail.com in advance for tickets at £10/person. Price includes small fish and chip supper with £1 donation to a local charity (for allergy info contact the manager at George's Tradition tel: 01332 557888). Please bring your own drinks & snacks.



25 November 2024 - Quarndon Parish Council – 7:30pm at the Village Hall

Quarndon Parish Council meeting details as for the 30 October 2024 meeting above.

30 November 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 not be at the Café this month. You can contact Nicola by email at: hello@harris-rose.com or order via her website [here](#).

We are still collecting bikes, suitcases and educational materials including dictionaries and textbooks for Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity.

We look forward to seeing you at the Café.

Quarndon Events – Open Gardens 2025

Quarndon Open Gardens 2025 - provisional dates 12th and 13th July.

As promised in the last newsletter, Quarndon Events have started planning an Open Gardens Event for 2025.



We would like to make this event a celebration of gardens in the widest variety of styles, size and purpose and are keen to encourage the next generation of gardeners with lots of ways children can get involved to create and cultivate. Full details of how children can participate will be announced in the spring and will include creation of a miniature garden, growing a plant from seeds, bulbs or cuttings or designing their ideal garden.



The success of this venture will depend largely on the generosity of residents who are willing to share their gardens for one day or two or volunteer to help with refreshments, ticket sales etc. We are appealing to all who read this to consider joining in to make this event a success. If you are willing to open your garden or help us in any way please email Liz Harris bryanlizharris@btinternet.com or phone her on 07960 824293.

Your garden doesn't have to be large or immaculate, weedy and wildlife friendly gardens are welcome!

Open Gardens entries will be limited to the Parish of Quarndon. All children with a connection to Quarndon can take part as a display space will be provided for children's exhibits.

From our Local Councillors:

The Future of Belper's Historic Mills

Belper's Mills, part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, has been a symbol of our local history for centuries. As one of the oldest cotton mills in the world, it remains an important landmark in our area. However, its future is now uncertain, and many are asking—what's next?

A recent UNESCO report raised concerns about the future of the site. The report warns that pressures from new developments and poor conservation could put the mill's World Heritage status at risk. Some key issues include not properly looking after important buildings, unsuitable developments nearby, and a shortage of funds to properly preserve these historic sites. Belper's North Mill and East Mill are particularly at risk due to neglect and decay.

Your Green councillors are passionate about protecting Belper's mills and the entire heritage site. After the UNESCO report was published, Duffield Green councillors, Alison McDermott and Eva Long, along with Belper Green Councillors, met with the council's conservation officer and the Head of Planning to review the findings and discuss next steps.

They also connected with a local historian and a community group dedicated to saving the mills. With Eva's experience as a conservation officer and Alison's background as an architect, the councillors are working hard to understand and tackle the challenges facing the mill.

To find out more details about the future plans for the mill and the latest news visit the Our Belper Mills website: <https://ourbelpermills.co.uk/>



Councillor Gez Kinsella at Belper Mill

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Help Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to hit their tree planting target

Can you help DCC reach the target to support planting of a million trees across the county by 2030?

The totaliser is now over 500,000. While many of these have been planted by large organisations, Derbyshire residents have planted more than 20,000 of them.

As we enter the main tree planting season, it's a great time to get out there, plant a tree or two and do your bit for nature. Add your trees to the [online map](#).

If you've planted a tree anywhere in Derbyshire since June 2021 it can be counted towards the million trees target.



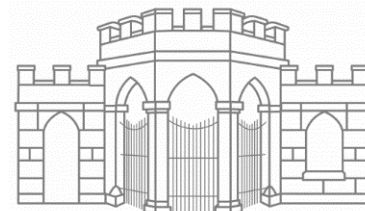
Parish Council Call to Community and Volunteer Groups in Quarndon

The Quarndon Parish Council (QPC) is keen to start discussions in good time to set the council budget and the precept (that part of Council Tax that funds the parish) for 2025/26.

To help with this process the QPC would like to identify all the community/volunteer groups that exist in Quarndon (we already know many but probably not all of them). The QPC would like to publish a definitive list of these groups on the Quarndon website and also, for those where it might be appropriate for QPC to support, find out the group's plans and what financial help they might need in the future.

To this end, the QPC would welcome community/volunteer groups making an initial response by email to: clerk@quarndon-pc.gov.uk providing:

1. The name of the group
2. What they provide to the community?
3. The communities they serve (age, geography, etc.)
4. Frequency of meeting
5. Contact information



Garden Poppies



If you still have your 'garden poppies' that were kindly donated by a Quarndon resident in 2020, please remember to display them again this year and consider making a donation to the Royal British Legion – by following the link [here](#).

We still have a few spare poppies. **To receive a poppy please email your address to chairman@quarndon-pc.gov.uk.** Numbers are limited so first come, first served! We will deliver poppies to your home address.

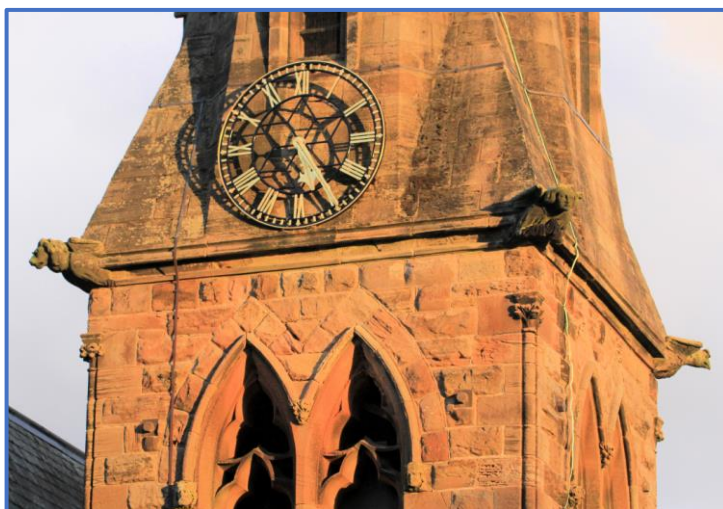
St Paul's Church – Clock and Heating

St Paul's clock

After nearly 3 years the Church clock has been fully repaired both inside and out! The clock has been restored to its former glory including the clock face which had to be repaired after the internal work was finished.

Now the chiming of the clock can be heard, and villagers are happy to know that this much loved aspect of local life is with us again.

Grateful thanks go to Mike Annable, St Paul's Church Warden, for all his hard work and determination to get the clock going again. Thanks also to those who helped fund the work.



St Paul's heating

The problems of heating the Church are ongoing. The fundraising appeal to replace the current worn out system continues. See page 2 of this newsletter for details of how to donate.

The Brailsford Ploughing Match

Following several days of rain, the Brailsford Ploughing Match took place on Wednesday 2 October 2024 at Middleton Park Farm, Alkington under grey skies that thankfully didn't produce any further rain and gradually cleared to grant us some afternoon sunshine.

The fields were not too muddy and soon a patchwork of immaculate furrows was produced by the tractor drivers on their machines ancient and modern. The solitary horse drawn plough also seemed to cope well with the heavy but not unduly sticky ground. Usually there are several horse entries but perhaps most had been put off this year by the days of rain preceding the match.



Tractor ploughing classes in progress

In the 'Ladies Tent', there were fine displays of baking, fruit and vegetables, flowers, arts and crafts – including 'book sculpture', something your reporter had never seen before and was highly impressive but perhaps not something the authors of the tomes involved would have entirely approved of...



Book sculpture and a basket of vegetables

Somewhat remote from the ploughing fields, displays of agricultural machinery and marquees, the hedge-layers were well worth a visit and displayed impressive skill in transforming unkempt and overgrown field boundaries into neatly laid hedges.



Tractors old and new, plus hedge-layers in action

Quarndon Community Speedwatch

During the first three weeks of October 2024 the Quarndon Community Speedwatch (CSW) team was somewhat less active than during September, largely because of planned sessions being cancelled due to rain, of which we have had plenty.

The results for October to date as we 'go to press' with this newsletter are: twelve drivers will get 'first' letters from the police; three will get second letters; and one driver will get an educational visit from the police. Only one of these drivers was local.

The photo to the right shows one of the Quarndon CSW teams in action on Church Road, near to the Joiners.

The aim of Speedwatch is to provide a visible presence, supported by the police, to encourage safe driving speeds.

As a result of the significant numbers of speeding vehicles recorded in Quarndon by the CSW teams, the police have recently reviewed the sites within Quarndon that they will use for visits by their enforcement teams.



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

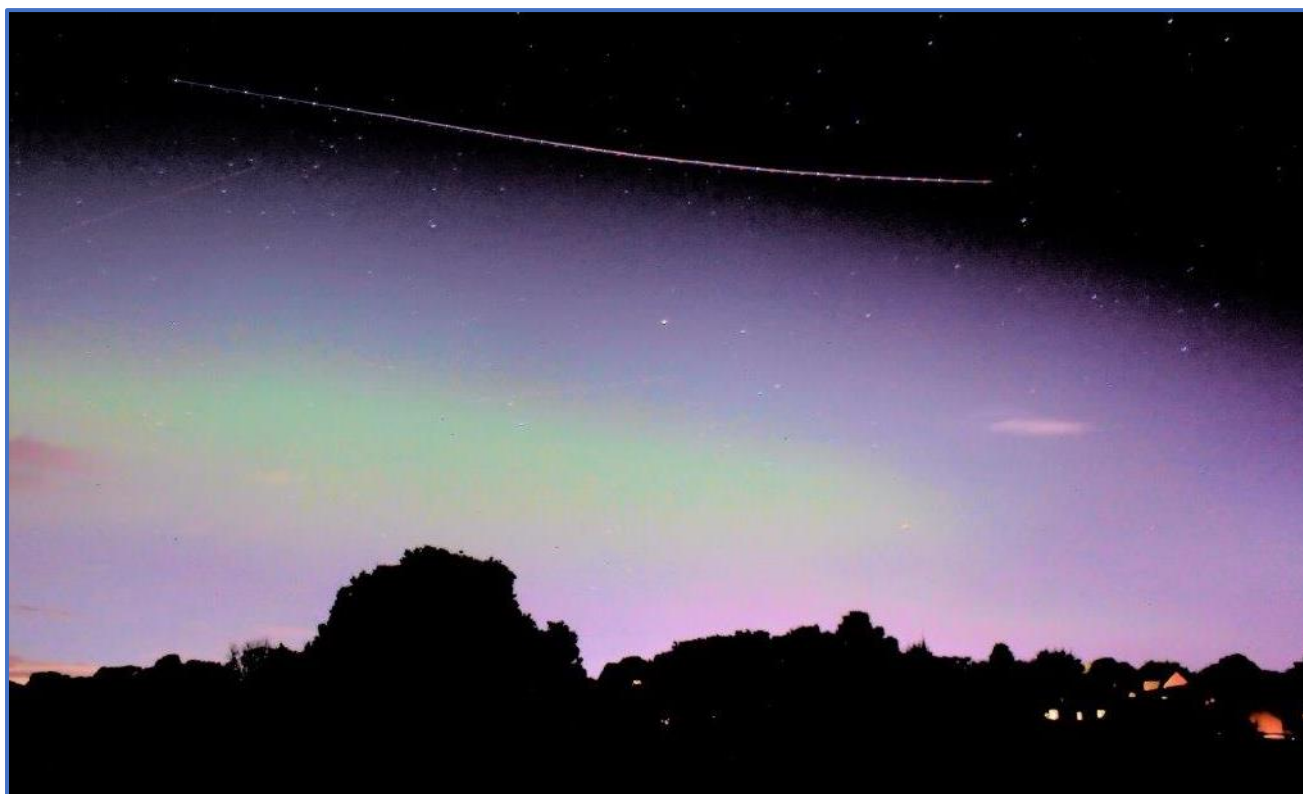
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web@quarndon-pc.gov.uk - information for the website

QCG@quarndon-village.org.uk - contact the Quarndon Community Group

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



Aurora Borealis and aircraft track over Quarndon on 10 October 2024 (30 second exposure)