

## Report on social matters

While the Book Group meetings and Coffee Mornings have continued there has not really been a sub-committee devoted to putting on social events this last year. The main committee, which is now quite small, has been preoccupied with other matters.

The village hall needs to fund raise in order to pay for major improvements and we would hope that in the coming year the Friends of Quarry, through a Social Sub-committee, could put on events to help.

We would welcome suggestions about the type of events members would like to attend and, of course, offers of help in mounting them.

Jenifer Carpenter



## Friends of Quarry Committee:

**Richard Bradley:** Treasurer, 24 Beaumont Road

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**Dorothy Jacobs:** 21 Quarry Hollow

**Lawrence Kelly:** Planning, 7a Trinity Road

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# Friends of Quarry



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## Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7.30pm Wed 4 November 2015**

The Village Hall, Quarry Road (corner of Margaret Road)

### Agenda

- Annual report and accounts
- Committee membership
- Expansion of Holy Trinity cemetery
- Traffic issues and residents parking
- Village Hall update

Please come and make your views known about what you want us to do.

We are looking for more members of the committee so if you are interested please put yourself forward either before or at the AGM.

**See the following pages for a report on our activities during the past year.**

## Friends of Quarry Annual Report 2015

2015 has been a busy year for the Friends of Quarry. We have been involved in a number of activities that affect the Quarry, including the establishment of the Stansfeld Group, which has now become the Friends of Stansfeld, discussions with Holy Trinity Church about their extension and rearrangement proposals, as well as the initial discussions about the potential establishment of a Garden of Rest in the Quarry.

In addition, we have continued to monitor, review and comment on planning applications within the Conservation Area and to respond to other issues of concern to the residents of the Quarry. We will also support the Village Hall with a social event in December.

As members of the existing Committee have become involved in other bodies, such as the Stansfeld Group, our ability to focus on the core activities of the Friends of Quarry: Planning, Social Activities and Traffic has been affected. If you are interested in joining us to help take these (and other) activities forward, please contact us or speak to one of us at the AGM.

Phi Siswick on behalf of the committee

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### Planning

During the year we commented on a number of applications including proposals to extend Holy Trinity Church and the proposed decking at the Chequers. Although not in the Conservation Area the development of Stansfeld will have an impact on Quarry and we maintain a strong interest in the proposals.

We remain concerned about the continued high turnover of staff within the Planning Department and how familiar new staff are with the issues and concerns of residents in Quarry. The status of Conservation Area provides little protection in law and it more important than ever for local residents to comment on applications in their area. Applications are advertised in the local press and on yellow signs outside any proposed development. The best way to keep up to date with applications in your area is to sign up for e-mail notification on the Oxford City planning web-site.

Lawrence Kelly

### Stansfeld study centre

Most of you will be aware that the Quarry Road centre, owned by Birmingham City Council, is for sale. It has been used as a residential study centre by children from the midlands for decades. It has also been used by local school children, guides etc.

Over a year ago Friends of Quarry set up a group to campaign for this centre to continue to have educational use, and open it up to the public if possible. We succeeded in getting the site registered as an Asset of Community Value. In June a stronger community group was formed, called Friends of Stansfeld. This new group has been in touch with all bidders as well as educational establishments and environmental groups.

In September three organisations submitted bids: Oxford Cohousing, Science Oxford and a care home. Each of these is committed to retaining the woodland part of the site and making it available for educational and environmental use. Each bidder has expressed a wish to work with the local community to make this happen.

By the time you receive this newsletter we may know who the purchaser is.

Richard Bradley  
Chair, Friends of Stansfeld

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Well done staff, governors, pupils for drawing attention so effectively to the traffic issue here. We think more traffic is using this route than ever. We'd like to do another survey. Can you help?