

Quarry Coffee Morning

This is currently held in the Jackson Room of the Coach House, but will move to the Jubilee Room of the village hall in November. It is held at 10:30am every Friday and everyone regardless of age or sex is welcome to come along. Good coffee and biscuits can be had for £1 to £1.50 and the company and good conversation are free.

Planning

Our comments on recent planning applications can be seen on our website (see below).

Communications

We will continue to produce Newsletters periodically, but would like to be able to communicate with you more regularly than that. There are a number of ways that you can engage with us to get our news and other updates:

- Our website (www.friendsofquarry.org)
- Our Facebook page (The Friends of Quarry)
- Subscribing to our email list (email friendsofquarry@gmail.com or via the 'Contact Us' page of our website)

If you want to contact us, the best way is to email friendsofquarry@gmail.com or send us a note via the 'Contact Us' page of our website or phone 01865 760026, or 01865 762418. Our updates will continue to be available on the website and Facebook as well.



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Headington Garden Group



Headington Garden Group is an informal group of gardening enthusiasts, many of whom live in the Quarry, organized by the enthusiastic and knowledgeable Kathleen Ramsey. It meets about once a month to look round each others' gardens, all of which are fascinatingly different. There are

about thirty members ranging from amateur to professional gardeners keen to share knowledge and swap plants, seeds and cuttings, as well as exchange tips about what grows well on local soil, how best to fend off marauding snails and the latest ideas for supporting climbing plants such as wisteria or squash. The members are a very jolly and generous bunch and the exchange of cuttings and seedlings allows an easy way to try growing new plants both decorative and edible. The group offers a great way to meet your neighbours and increase your knowledge and enjoyment of gardening. If you are interested in joining contact us at friendsofquarry@gmail.com.

Events



On the 1st of September Friends of Quarry held a Picnic in the Park in Quarry Hollow Park. The weather was superb and a large number of residents came to enjoy the park,

meet the members of Friends of Quarry as well as our local neighbourhood policing team and city councillors. On the **9th November Friends of Quarry** will be hosting a **Quiz Night in Headington Village Hall at 8pm**. Entrance will be £1 and there will be beer, soft drinks and wine to purchase. Prizes will be awarded for each quiz round and for the team that wins the overall quiz.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on the 22nd November in the Coach House at 7:30pm. There are a two motions to be put to the meeting which require changes to the constitution:

1. The committee asks that the treasurer be allowed to serve for a maximum than five years.

This is asked for because we have had difficulty in finding someone to take over from our current treasurer, and the constitution requires that committee officers serve only for three years.

2. The current annual £2 membership fees be increased to £2.50, with the option of a 10 year membership at £20.

This reasons for this change were given in the last Newsletter and have to do with the fact that the membership fee has not changed for some time, and that the small fee is difficult to collect.

The details of the agenda for the AGM will be circulated later.

Projects

We reported last year that we hoped to provide a bench outside the shop on Gladstone Road for the community. This has been problematic to do due to difficulty in getting permission for this site. We have therefore been looking at other sites and hope to be able to complete this project in the next year.

The Welcome to Quarry Village sign at the entrance to Beaumont Road has been damaged, and Friends of Quarry would like to replace it with a stone sign with Headington Quarry carved thereon.

It was felt that this would be in keeping with the history and character of the area and would be better than a modern metal sign.

Many local villages have daffodil bulbs planted by the roadside at their entrances and exits and the committee thought that this would be a good idea for Quarry too. So we are investigating the possibility of planting bulbs at the entrance to Gladstone Road and Beaumont Road. This would provide an opportunity both for a community based planting session and to improve the appearance of these areas.

Quarry has one public notice board outside the shop on Gladstone Road and it has been suggested another board might help publicise local events if it was situated in Quarry High Street or Quarry Hollow.

These are some of the ideas Friends of Quarry are considering and we would be grateful if you would consider these and at the AGM we will ask your views about them. Please feel free to suggest other ideas that would enhance the area or promote community engagement.

Traffic

As part of our continuing monitoring of the traffic problems in Quarry members of the committee worked with the neighbourhood police to conduct a speed survey in Quarry Hollow, Quarry High Street and Quarry Road. This resulted in our recording a number of vehicles that exceeded the 20mph speed limit. This was despite the severe congestion observed in Quarry Hollow, which was commented on by the police. Currently there is a traffic census being carried out at the entrance to Beaumont Road by the County council and Friends of Quarry will be trying to obtain the data obtained from this to compare with our previous data from similar surveys. The committee continues to discuss possible mechanisms for reducing the volume of parking and traffic in Quarry with the County and City Councillors.

We would like to know your views and ideas so please let us have these by email, or by contacting the committee members, so that we can represent these at any discussions with the councils.