

## Would you like to be able to repair a Quarry stone wall?

Do you have a stone wall that is showing signs of wear and tear and want to be able to carry out repairs whilst maintaining the character of the wall?

If you do Friends of Quarry are organizing a Stone Repair Training Weekend on 12-13th June. On the course you will learn about Headington Stone, how to select appropriate mortars, and discover how to replace stone and carry out re-pointing. This will be a practical week-end where you will be working on a wall in Quarry to practise your skills. The cost, to include tuition, materials and use of tools will be £50 per person.

If you are interested, please get in touch with me, **Lawrence Kelly on 07767 884642.**

## Membership

Friends of Quarry acts to preserve and enhance the character of Quarry as well as promoting a sense of community by organizing social events over the year. We rely on member subscriptions to fund our activities, so if you have enjoyed meeting your neighbours at one of our events please join us. If you are not a member and wish to support us, see our website for details on <https://friendsofquarry.org/join-us/> or phone **750731/ 07783 540 156.** If you would like to contribute to our aims then consider joining the committee, it is not onerous and a good way to learn more about the history of Quarry.

## Communications

There are a number of ways that you can engage with us to get our news and other updates including:

- Our website ([www.friendsofquarry.org](http://www.friendsofquarry.org))
- Our Facebook page (The Friends of Quarry)
- NextDoor
- Subscribing to our email list
- Our updates will continue to be available on the website and Facebook as well.

If you want to contact us or subscribe to the email list, the best way is to email [friendsofquarry@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofquarry@gmail.com) or send us a note via the 'Contact Us' page of our website or phone **01865 760026, or 01865 762418**



# Friends of Quarry Newsletter April 2026



**Exotic Dancers at Quarry Autumn Social**



Following the success of the Spring event at the Masons Arms, Quarry residents have enjoyed two more events organized by the Friends of Quarry. The Autumn family social was held at the Six Bells. It was a lively affair with Belly Dancing and Morris Dancing outdoors, and inside there was highly enjoyable folk music, singing both accompanied by a variety of instruments. Here there was also a children's enterprise table top sale. Delicious barbeque food was available, prepared by the Six Bells team. We presented to the Six Bells an 1800 painting by William Crotch of a stone cottage in the Quarry. We are delighted to see this being prominently displayed in the restaurant. Thanks to the generosity of Quarry



folk, a large cash collection was raised and donated to the Sue Ryder charity.

The Winter family social was held at the Village Hall and well attended, we enjoyed jazz piano played by local entertainer Nic Gill, tasty pizzas were provided by

SoleLuna, and other drinks and refreshments available courtesy of the village hall committee. There was also a children's enterprise table with homemade biscuits. Chairman Lawrence Kelly addressed the assembled company with some well chosen words about the Friends of Quarry and our community engagement, following this the Raffle was drawn and the many generous prizes collected by the lucky winners. Keep watching our various social feeds for the next social event in May at the Masons Arms.

## We are sad to announce

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of two long standing committee members of Friends of Quarry, David Kiggell who departed on 4th January and Jan Wheeler who departed on 27th February. Both had served on the committee for many years. In the course of which Janice helped to organize a number of social events and her knowledge of Quarry was always well appreciated. For some time David acted as secretary and more recently as Treasurer. The committee extend out sympathies to their relatives and families and their good humour and kindness will be missed by all of us.

## Planning

We still await any news of the fate of One Quarry High Street which remains under a demolition order, all the appeals having so far failed. Despite all our enquiries about when this might happen we have had no indications as to the time scale for this from the Council. We continue to monitor the plans for

development at the Willow Cottage site on Green Road. A number of comments have been made to us about the applications including concerns about the biodiversity loss which is supposed to be mitigated by payment into a remote scheme and doubts about the advisability of installing gas heating in a modern build.

## Street WhatsApp groups

Bankside	Most streets in the Quarry conservation area and adjacent roads have a WhatsApp group. These have proved to be very useful for residents to exchange locally relevant information and ask for assistance whether it is to look out for a lost pet, warn about suspicious door visitors, borrow a tool, share water, etc. We are aware of the following groups. If you are not a member of your street's group but would like to be, then please contact us. We will try and put you in touch with an appropriate person in your street who should be able to add you. If there are any errors or omissions in this list,
Binswood Avenue	
Coppock Close	
Margaret Road	
Mark Road	
New Cross Road	
Pitts Road	
Quarry High Street (west) / Chequers Place	
Quarry High Street (east)	
Quarry Hollow	
Trinity Road/Beaumont Road/ Coopers Place	
Weyland Road	

then please let us know.

## Traffic

Friends of Quarry have been concerned about the changes in traffic flows through Quarry following the introduction of the congestion charge in Oxford on 29th October 2025. A traffic survey in Quarry Hollow has been carried out using a Telraam camera supplied by Headington Liveable Streets. The survey started eighteen days before the start of the congestion charge and for the following 72 days. The data for both time periods was filtered to remove the school Christmas holidays and weekends. The average daily car count between 0800-0900 as well as the daily car count was calculated for the different periods. These preliminary results suggest surprisingly that, to date, there has been no increase in traffic flowing the introduction of the congestion charge. However longer period of recording might alter these findings. A camera is due to be installed to monitor flows through Quarry High Street. The introduction of the Panda Bars on Quarry Hollow which deter cars from mounting the narrow pavements has been widely welcomed though their further extension has been suggested.