

QUEDGELEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the
Fourteenth Edition of
Quedgeley Parish
Council's
Newsletter



We are well into the financial year and one of the greatest concerns for your parish council is the increasing possibility of a huge incinerator at Javelin Park that could well pose a threat to the future health of our residents. We still need your help in opposing this!!

Anna Mozol

Chair to the Council

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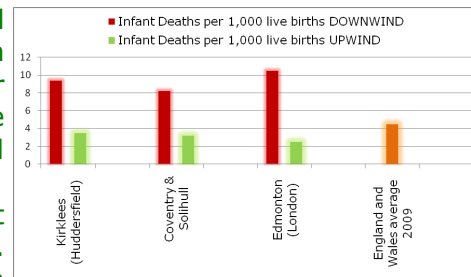
"Working with the Community for the Community"

JAVELIN PARK AN INCINERATOR ON OUR DOORSTEP ?

Infant Deaths Two to Four Times Higher Downwind of Incinerators



One of the reasons to oppose the proposed incinerator at Javelin Park is the likely bad effect on the health of Quedgeley residents. The County Council wants to build a plant to burn 150,000 tons of waste a year. At that size anywhere within 14 miles is considered close to the incinerator. UK Health Research has shown that infant deaths near incinerators are around double the national average. Wind plays an important part, and death rates downwind are two to four times higher than upwind. We live downwind of the proposed incinerator at Javelin Park.



It's not only children who are at risk. Adults will suffer as well. People who are exposed to

emissions from incinerators run the risk of 12-year reduction in average life expectancy; increased asthma and other respiratory ailments; increased heart disease and spina bifida; other complications including shortened attention spans; lower birth rates. Other Councils have reduced the amount of waste that goes to landfill without resorting to old fashioned incineration. They are increasing primary recycling, composting, and using anaerobic digestion or other forms of mechanical and biological treatment to recycle the residual waste into something useful. The County Council has disclosed that the mostly likely amount of residual waste to be dealt with does not reach 150,000 tons per year until after 2037, so the incinerator will be oversized for at least the first 22 years. The County Council may well have to import waste from out of County to keep the incinerator burning within specification 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Outside of specification, the adverse health effects are likely to be worse.

Data and information from:
GlosVAIN (2011). Presentation on Opposition to Incineration.
Office for National Statistics (2011). Infant Mortality Rates.
Dr van Steenis (2009). Lecture to Hatfield Against Incineration.
Michael Ryan BSc, C Eng, MICE (2005) Written Evidence to DEFRA Select Committee. UK Health Research.

PARISH PLAN



In 2005, Quedgeley Parish Council organised a lot of public consultation, ranging from questionnaires to public workshops out of which was developed a Parish Plan. This Plan covered 2005 to 2010, and covered 6 main aims that the council was to work towards over the five year period. As that parish plan has now expired, the Council now wants to develop a new parish plan to guide it through the next 5 years. The last parish plan was the first time that Quedgeley had completed such an exercise and a lot has been learned about who we should be talking to, and just what sort of plan we should be making.

To this end, we will be taking a slightly different approach, in that we want to set the plan within an overall vision and the main vision is to make Quedgeley a Sustainable Community. This idea of a sustainable community is generally defined as "*meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*" In essence, to develop the community in a way that encourages growth and development.

This idea of Sustainable Communities came out of a report written by Sir John Egan in 2004 for the Government. He defined a model to explain the many facets of a community and determined that the Sustainable community can be seen as comprising 8 different sectors, these being Governance, Transport, Services, Environmental, Equality, Economy, Housing and Social. Using this structure means that we ensure we assess all areas of what a Sustainable Quedgeley needs to thrive. For each of the sectors we will define a vision statement of where we want to be in 20 years time, and therefore that will provide guidance about what the Parish Council need to do in the next 5 years to make the vision happen.

However the important thing is that what the Parish Council is doing is driven by the needs and desires of the residents and that the plan reflects the views of residents. While we can do a lot of work analysing previous surveys and getting data from many different sources, we believe that the main source to guide us to what we should be doing is you, the Quedgeley Resident. Understanding what you want, we can work to deliver these in a sustainable way.



In the next few months, the Parish Council will be sending out questionnaires to every resident, business and group within the Quedgeley Parish. This questionnaire will ask about your personal circumstances, so we can fully understand how the population of Quedgeley is made up, it will also ask for your views about Quedgeley and its amenities, what you like and what you would like to see more of. This is your time to guide the development of Quedgeley and we would encourage you to complete and return the questionnaire.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Sat. 12th November 2011 - Parish Firework Display
£3 Adults £2 Children Under 5's free!



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SAFE AT HOME

Here to help you!!



Home Improvement Agencies brought together under one roof to offer a better service across Gloucestershire



Gloucestershire's new county Safe At Home Scheme have relocated to their new offices at Welland House, Meteor Business Park in Barnwood, Gloucester, bringing together staff that previously worked all across the county. Paul Riddick, Partnership Manager is delighted to have welcomed staff from several agencies such as Care and Repair Gloucester. The staff from these various agencies have been acquired by Mears Group plc to form one very dedicated team which will provide services across the whole of Gloucestershire.

Paul commented, "We are now all under one roof at Welland House but my team will be working in each district, visiting people in their homes and also working from various locations such as village halls, libraries and at other easy to access venues. Staff will also be at publicised events, luncheon clubs, and group meetings where they will be providing presentations and information about the services we can offer. Our aim is to provide local and easily accessed services across the county. Working to help older, vulnerable and disabled people to live more independently, safely and securely in their homes, we are looking forward to helping people in every parish since the Mears Group won the county Home Improvement Agency contract. There is a huge amount of experience and expertise amongst my newly formed team and this will enable us to offer even better services to people."

For more information please contact **Safe at Home** Tel 0800 032 3139 or Email: MHIGlos.enquiries@mearsgroup.co.uk

QUEDGELEY PARISH COUNCIL DOG SHOW JULY 2011



Winners - Pedigree classes (Judge: Jayne Muggleton)



1st Prize Pedigree Adult Bitch

Pug - Delian
Owner Jessica Baker



1st Prize Pedigree Adult Dog

Irish Setter - Lomar
Owner Mr. Millman

1st Prize Pedigree puppy

6-12 months
Boxer - Vinnie
Owner Fiona Godwin



Winners - Novelty classes (Judge: Trish Edwards)



1st Prize Best junior handler

Whippet - Lizzie Beth
Owner Hanna Wayman



1st Prize

Best long coat
Sheltie - Merun
Owner Amanda Redman



1st Prize

Waggiest Tail
Springer Spaniel - Jake
Owner Steve Didcote



1st Prize

Best Veteran 7 years +
Spaniel - Enya
Owner Peter Naptham



SEVERN FM

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Parish Office

Parish Clerk - Peter Richardson

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Parish Office opening hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am to 2.00pm

Residents are welcome at the office or any of our public meetings

There is a new community radio station that has gone on air, or more accurately on the web, and is directly focused at the South of Gloucester area including Quedgeley and Kingsway. This is a community project spearheaded by Andy Clarke, Managing



Director of South Gloucester Media Community Interest Company, set up to manage this station. It is 'not for profit' and whilst the primary aim is to entertain local residents, it also strives to bring together many parts of the community. As well as Andy there are five others involved in the company that include two of your parish councillors, Barry Kirby and Emily Barrett.

To listen to the station all you need to do is go to www.severnfm.com and you can hear it from there. The company is in the process of applying for a licence to broadcast on FM but initially this will be of limited duration. The station started broadcasting last month and is on air 24/7 having a wide range of music from 50's to today. However this is only the start and as the project develops it is hoped there will be local news and traffic reports, as well as items of local interest and "whats on". Being a community service in the event of heavy snow falls, flooding etc Severn FM will be there to provide information and advice to local residents and businesses. It is intended to encourage the involvement of local schools in programme production and other aspects of an active radio station but if anyone else is interested in helping us then they should get in touch as soon as possible. There are plans for a broadcasting studio, a production area, as well as a "mobile" studio to allow broadcasts from events such as the Quedgeley Fun Day, Parish Dog Show, Kingsway Big Lunch and Carol Concerts around Christmas. Although a 'not for profit' venture it doesn't come free, so we will be seeking grants to enable it to develop, however in the future years it is intended to be self supporting through local advertising. Local companies are encouraged to consider placing an advert to be broadcast, the huge advantage being that you know it is going out to local people and the money will support a worthwhile community project.

So go on, try **Severn FM**, at www.severnfm.com!!!