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“Working with the Community for the Community”

Former Parish Councillor Jeff Morgan

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of one of our former councillors, Jeff Morgan, following a short illness. Born in Gloucester in 1936 he was educated at Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar School for Boys and qualified with Dowty Rotol as an engineer. In 1969 he moved to Newport, South Wales with his wife Hanna and in 1981 went to Germany where they ran a guest house before settling in Quedgeley in 1985. He first became a parish councillor in 1991 and represented the parish until 2006 when he and Hanna, who was also a parish councillor, moved to be closer to their family in Buckinghamshire. He worked tirelessly for Quedgeley and will be especially remembered for his time as chairman of the Planning & Development Committee where he did much to influence development in the area. His prediction that the lack of adequate parking for cars at Kingsway would cause problems in the future has, unfortunately, been realised. He will be remembered with both great affection and respect by parish councillors, parish staff and all those he knew in Quedgeley. Our sincere condolences to Hanna and their family. Hanna has requested that if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Jeff, then it should be made out to QACA and left at or sent to the Parish Office .



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Quedgeley Area Conservation Association

Following the earlier snowfalls March has begun with milder weather and signs of nature activity. Snowdrops, daffodils, crocuses and aconites were all flowering in the Nature Reserve. Walking past the pond on the 1st March we could hear a loud humming noise and on closer inspection could see hundreds of frogs.



Peter Ponting the chairman said "This is good news as it shows that the pond, contrary to what people keep telling us, is in fact healthy". QACA will be cleaning the pond in Oct/Nov this year, depending when the Great Crested Newt Inspector visits and confirms we can clear 25% this year.

The Moat still gives us concern. The City Council seemed to ignore our advice and spent £30,000 installing a water inlet and outlet pipes to ensure a steady flow of water to and from the Moat. When we recently had rain we monitored the Moat. The stream running towards the Moat had risen by almost 25mm. The outlet pipe was not working so the Moat was overflowing by the corner of 19 Park Drive. The water level in the stream after the Moat had risen by almost 150mm. As we only had around 6mm of rain that day, that is worrying especially after recent flooding. We are pursuing the matter with the City Council.

The island of the Moat was completely stripped of vegetation, and treated with approved chemicals however on visiting the site recently we were pleased to see new growth forming. We have contacted the City Council to suggest that whilst the centre can be treated again, we would like a border of natural vegetation to encourage wildlife to settle on the island.

Our web site (www.qaca.org.uk) has been completely revamped. It is now more interactive and youth friendly. We also have a picture gallery. If anyone has a photograph they would like to see on the website, please e-mail it to qaca@btinternet.com. For terms and conditions please see our web site.

Out and About in Quedgeley...

The Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday was a great success attracting 93 children who took part in the hunt held at the Nature Reserve in Quedgeley. There was great excitement as they searched high and low for the answers to the clues and each was rewarded with a chocolate egg.



The Easter bunnies were won by Joshia Mitchell and Daniel Robinson. No doubt they have pride of place in their bedrooms. This is the second time we have held this event and hope to repeat it next year. Thanks to Cllr Anna Mozol for organising this helped by several parish councillors, to QACA for providing the barbecue and those who did the face painting. A good time was had by all.



Quedgeley & District Luncheon Club

In January 2002 helped by Cllr Hanna Morgan a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of re-instating a luncheon club in Quedgeley previously provided under the umbrella of the WRVS. In order to get the project off the ground it was agreed that a voluntary group should be formed, with the support and guidance of the Quedgeley Parish Council.

In April with donations received from the Parish Council, Gloucestershire Community Foundation, Gold Diggers, Quedgeley Community Trust, Age Concern and with help from Social Services and Environmental Health, together with 8 willing volunteers the final stages for the birth of the Quedgeley and District Luncheon Club were put in place.

On the 17th May 2002 the Luncheon Club opened for the first time with six brave diners lending their support to the initiative. Initially meals were provided by the Meals on Wheels Service which unfortunately did not prove to be successful. The demand was there so we were challenged to find an alternative.



We decided that the best thing to do was to prepare and serve the meals at the Community Centre ourselves and to do this 3 volunteers took and passed the Foundation Certificate in Food Hygiene. The numbers of diners increased and it became a very popular meeting place for many of our local and not so young residents where they could get together and enjoy a meal in good company.

In 2006, Gloucester City Council (Environmental Health) introduced the 'Scores on the Doors' scheme in which points are awarded for food hygiene, safety procedures, cleanliness of the premises and food safety management. To join the scheme 3 of our volunteers attended training run by the Food Standards Agency and in February of the following year, following an inspection by Environmental Health, we achieved a 5 star rating that meant we were "excellent"! We have continued to achieve this rating.

The Luncheon Club continues to go from strength to strength and now has 22 members who meet each Friday at the Community Centre to enjoy a chat, a cup of tea and a two course home cooked meal for only £2.50. You can't get better value than that!

Parking Vehicles on Grass Verges

The Parish Office receives lots of complaints every year about people parking their cars, vans and other vehicles on the grass verges in Quedgeley. Inevitably in the winter or wet weather this churns up the ground leaving behind large ruts. This damage is unsightly and does nothing for the image of your parish. For those responsible please think again and find somewhere more suitable to park even if it does mean having to walk a few extra metres. We do want Quedgeley to be a place to be proud of.



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If you are a local group, club or organisation in Quedgeley and would like to write a small article for the next newsletter, please can you send your article to the Parish Office or email us on quedgeley-pc@gov.uk



Mother's Day Competition



1st Prize Leoni Bryan

In March this year we once again held our Mother's Day competition and are grateful to The Harvester, Solutions (Hairdressers) and Natural Beauty, all of which are local businesses, for sponsoring the prizes. The entries were very impressive and it was very difficult to decide on a winner in fact all who entered really deserved to win a prize for their mum. In the end we



2nd Prize Sophie Evans

decided to award the 1st Prize to Leoni Bryan who said about her mum "She is always there to support me and never lets me down. She isn't just a mum, she's my bestest friend in the whole world". The 2nd prize went to Sophie Evans and the 3rd to Max Tyack. We hope their mums enjoyed the gifts that their youngsters were able to give them for this special day.



3rd Prize Max Tyack

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 20th June—Fun Day at Dimore II noon-4pm

Saturday 18th July—Dog Show at Dimore II 2pm-5pm

Saturday 14th November—Fireworks Night at

Dimore II Gates Open 6.30pm Display starts 7.30pm

Saturday 25th July & 31st October—Councillor's Surgery in the Committee Room at the Quedgeley Community Centre 10am to noon. (Coffee and biscuits provided) Come and meet your Parish, City and County Councillors and tell them of your concerns.

Parish Office opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 2.00pm
Residents are welcome at the office or any of our public meetings