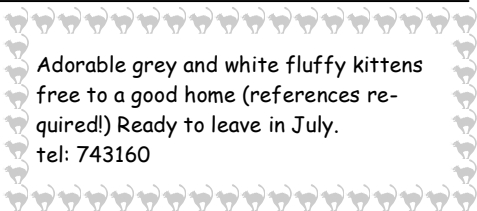


## Lorries

Pete would also like to thank everyone who has kept a vigilant eye out for the lorries passing through the village. He contacts the operators and has had some very positive responses. Pete and Sam Spacey, the Police Community Support Officer for this area, have also 'letter dropped' all businesses on Churchfields asking for their help. Very large lorries are still occasionally seen trying to drive down Church Lane. Unable to turn into Lower Bemerton they are then forced to come through Quidhampton. We can only assume that is the fault of satnavs. Anyone know how to get them re-programmed?!

**CLARENCE 0800 23 23 23** remains the best way to report problems with roads or footpaths. The call is free and you will be given an incident number. The service is run by Wiltshire Council and operates during working hours. If there is an emergency outside working hours, you will be given the emergency contact details. Please note the number works best from landlines. We've been told that some calls made from mobiles end up in Scotland!

**Potholes** are still a problem in Quidhampton so please ring and report them.



Adorable grey and white fluffy kittens free to a good home (references required!) Ready to leave in July.  
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## Cost of the newsletter

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This edition was sponsored by a resident of Fisherman's Reach.

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

June 2010

## The White Horse on Spire FM

On Sunday 9 May The White Horse (yes, the whole pub)

took part in the Enterprise Inns Pub Quiz Challenge. We played The Black Horse, Hurdcott in



a quiz broadcast

live on Spire FM. It was great to see some new faces there for the occasion. Thanks to Paul Waite for organising it and for being such a quick-witted voice on the radio. It's amazing how much some people know. We won on the night but the score wasn't high enough to get into the final rounds, so if you missed it you'll have to wait until next year to take part. A raffle raised £50 for the Bobby Moore Cancer Charity.

## St John's lych gate : war memorial

Last year when we were asked to think about using St John's Church as a community building how many people remembered that the wooden lych gate between the church and the road is also the war memorial for Lower Bemerton and Quidhampton? The names of those who died in the two world wars are inscribed inside it, and were re-gilded a few years ago, thanks to Lower Bemerton History Society. Because St John's isn't used for services anymore there was no service there on Remembrance Sunday in 2009 and so for the first time for many years those gold lettered names were not read out. (Does anyone know when

## Future events at The White Horse

10 July: **ceilidh night** with an Irish band organised by the Alzheimer's Society.  
17 July 11.00 - 3.00 **boules tournament and lunch**, in aid of Salisbury Heart Support Group. Phone Carlton Brown 744152 for tickets in advance.

## A personal message from our landlord

John and Janice ask everyone to give them a thought during the fine summer afternoons when they may get a free couple of hours together between 3 and 5 p.m. They like to sit outside in the sun with a cup of tea and would really appreciate it if villagers did not use the recycling bins then. The smash of bottles and rattle of tins can disturb their well deserved rest more than a little.

the tradition of reading the names began? It must comfort bereaved families and friends to know that once a year the names of those who lost their lives are spoken aloud with reverence and their sacrifice remembered.)

An idea is being considered for a memorial ceremony to be held there on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Armistice Day itself, this year. Please let the vicar know if you would support this idea: Simon Woodley 333750

## Names of the 100 club winners:

**MARCH** : 1st Mr Roberts  
2nd L Mortimer 3rd K Emmett  
**APRIL** : 1st K Emmett  
2nd J Kalvis 3rd B Strange

### Bemerton St John Primary School

This is one of the best times in the school year particularly for a school with such a perfect setting. We benefited from our recent Spring Clean and it was lovely to have neighbours join the working party.

It is always surprising how well pupils behave when the sun shines and they have the opportunity to use the new key stage 1 playground and our wonderful resource of the public playing fields. I wish, however, that it wasn't always necessary to clear away rubbish before it is safe to use the playing fields. The children said that if there were more rubbish bins there would be less litter. We need to make representation to the council!

Our older children had a wonderful time earlier this term at Wilton House playing the part of wartime evacuees. They explored parts of the house before the

public were admitted and saw where Churchill and Roosevelt had planning meetings. It was a hugely successful day and we are so grateful to those of you who provided artefacts and gave time to share your memories with the children. We plan to stage a musical production based on this learning in the week beginning 19 July and hope many of you will come.

Further dates for diaries:

**14<sup>th</sup> June Science week.**

**10<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fete** from 2 - 4:

A traditional summer fete with all the usual attractions: arena events, raffle, teas, BBQ, beer tent and possibly a few more. We'll round off the afternoon with the ever-popular duck race, where we're aiming to beat last year's 195 ducks in the river. Money raised will go towards an all weather play area in the school grounds.

**Estelle Smith, headteacher**

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### Women's Institute

Meetings continue on the third Friday of each month in the village hall. If anyone wants to join for these meetings there is no cost. Please contact the President Valerie Fry 742082

From January 2011 meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month instead, the day the gardening club used to meet. The first one will be at 7.30 on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome, and a warm welcome is guaranteed.

**Gardens:** If you are missing the gardening club you might like to visit Lower Bemerton between 2 - 5 pm on July 4<sup>th</sup> for a walk round their riverside gardens.

### Wiltshire Council website

Wiltshire Council website is updated regularly. It gives lots of useful information about such things as benefits, planning, council tax, schools (including term and holiday dates), housing and of course refuse and recycling collections dates. This was especially useful during the bad weather when some were cancelled.

See: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Do you like a good read?** If you are interested in forming a book group - or belong to one that would welcome new members - please contact the editor. There are at least two people in the village who would like to be in a book group.

### Parish Council news

Chairman, Ian Lovett, reported a good year with few problems in the village. Speed roundels (circles on the road that show the speed limit) have been provided by the Highways department. Pete Dawson deserves thanks for the grass cutting and Jennifer Tyler for the work she puts in at the recreation ground. (my grandchildren certainly appreciate the clean equipment: editor). New goalposts and fencing are next, depending on funding. A permanent notice is now in place in acknowledgement of Jennifer's generous gift to the village of the bus shelter.

John also deserves thanks for storing the village marquee all year. It is now possible to hire the marquee which may generate income for the PC.

There is one vacancy for a councillor. Ian thanked all those who had served: it was good to see some new councillors this year.

It was disappointing to see only one member of the public at the annual parish meeting but it was one of those gorgeous summer evenings when a formal meeting is the last thing on people's minds. If you meant to go but didn't then you can see the full report at the village website:

<http://www.southwilts.com/site/Quidhampton-Parish-Council> or on the village noticeboard.

**Next parish council meeting: 27 July 2010 at 7.30**

All meetings are open to the public and a short period is set aside for any public comments or questions.

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### Christian Aid Collection

This raised £228.90. Many thanks from Jennifer Tyler to all contributors.

### Bus news

In the post-election atmosphere of cuts **use it or lose it** is even more important. The good news is that the buses generally seem to be running smoothly and the main road services that have been diverted to come through Quidhampton (some from as far as Shaftesbury) do usually arrive on time, although I have heard of buses not arriving at all on two occasions. The 08.06 to Salisbury is often full with standing room only and I've been told that the same is true of the 09.42 on market day.

Greater numbers of people seem to be getting off on the Wilton Road and walking into the village but we are told the bus company does not count these in their statistics.

**Please let the parish clerk know** if the bus service changes have affected you. We need to have accurate information, not impressions, if we are to be able to campaign for change or even just to keep our buses. We particularly want to know if you regularly cross Wilton Road to get a bus into Salisbury.

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### Police Box

Our local policeman, PC Pete Jung, would like to remind us of the black police post box by the notice board in the village. It is a simple and effective way of contacting the local police and is emptied every fortnight and often more frequently. Please do not use it to report anything urgent, however, and remember to include your name and address if you want the police to get back to you.

The non-urgent contact number for the police is : 0845 408 7000 and extension 747 442 should get you through to Pete.