

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

November 2010

Parish Council news

The Parish Council met on October 12th and welcomed a new co-opted member: Katy Pearson. Katy lives in Lower Road and moved to the village last year. Venetia Shrapnell has resigned.

Fencing and goal posts for the playing field have been ordered and it is hoped they will be here soon.

The Parish Council accounts were audited according to regulations and "no questions were raised". That is auditor-speak for "they passed with flying colours!" Well done.

Flood warden: Ken Taylor of Fisherman's Reach was appointed flood warden and looks forward to learning exactly what his duties are.

Parking in Wilton: Wilton Town Council expressed commitment to keep parking free even if they had to take it over themselves and bear the cost.

Village event: John suggested the village should make more use of the marquee when it is up and it was agreed to organise a fete-cum-garden show in June, though on a smaller scale to the major events the village has run in the past. John volunteered as coordinator it so if you can help, let him know. That could be help with traditional stalls, competitions etc or with something new - all ideas welcome!

Date of next meeting: 23 November 7.30 in the Village Hall.

New to the village: welcome to Kate and John Cater who moved from Richmond, Surrey into Fisherman's Reach in September. With an army background they always wanted to be posted to the Salisbury area because they know several people here. Now retired, they've moved here themselves, and look forward to many happy years in Quidhampton.

Family news

- Belated congratulations to Mrs Peters, who teaches at Bemerton St John's, and her family on the safe arrival of Lucy Kate who was born in August.

- The editor and newly appointed flood warden were married on 21 October.

Christmas Fair Cathedral School 20th November 2-5 .

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This month's newsletter is sponsored by a resident of Lower Road.

Harvest Service and Auction at The White Horse

This event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those who provided the vegetables, fruit and other items from St Andrews, St Michaels and gifts on the night. Simon (the vicar) spoke about the amount of food per population around the world and it brought home how unfair the distribution actually is.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, the auction raised £200.87 to be divided between Salisbury Hospice and a Hospice in South Africa, one of the charities that the Church supports. Thanks to Mike Horner for his help with the auction, to Sophie who provided the music and, of course, our grateful thanks to our Landlord John, for hosting the event.

Contributed by Rev Susan Drewett

REMEMBRANCE

This year there will be a short act of Remembrance, at the Quidhampton and Lower Bemerton War Memorial, the Lych Gate of St Johns' Church, at 10.45am on **11th November**,

Armistice Day itself.

The names of the fallen will be read out and the two minute silence will be observed. Rev Susan Drewett will take the service which will last about twenty minutes.



Editor's note:

When talking to Ted and Peg Thornton last month I was fascinated to learn about life in the village when they were younger and the effects of the Second World War. I was therefore interested in the following, by David Hilliam who used to live in Lower Bemerton, published in October's 'What's On':

"Today is the anniversary of the outbreak of the second world war, and I vividly remember going to Matins at St John's on that fateful Sunday morning... The service began at 11-00 - just at the very moment that Neville Chamberlain was announcing that we were declaring war on Germany. Everyone knew this, and it sent a shiver down our spines as Canon Alderson intoned the

solemn words: 'Give us peace in our time, O Lord.'

Shortly after this, as a pupil at St John's, I started the autumn term, aged nine, and the Headmaster, Mr Wyatt (who had fought in the first world war and knew all about its horrors) took the whole school into St John's and pointed out that if there was an air-raid we would be taken into the church and he showed us the very best places to shelter. I remember placing myself next to the big pillars next to the lectern, and he said that was a very good place!"

(St John's as air raid shelter eh? Wonder if the community group has taken that into account!)

Are there people in Quidhampton who would be willing to talk to me or to write their own account of living in the village in the forties and fifties? Perhaps we could make a collection of stories about life in Quidhampton during and just after the war, two decades that saw so many changes in the way we live.

WI: Friday November 19th 7.30 in the village hall. Maureen Hindon will talk about a traditional Victorian Christmas.

Winners of the 100 club for September:

1st B Gill 179

2nd A Kershaw 127

3rd R Stokes 76

Local people : greetings card maker

Sandie Smith moved into Still Waters in Lower Road about eighteen months ago but I can't imagine she's been still for much of that time. Her striking handmade greeting cards caught my eye at last year's craft fair and the range and techniques are now even greater. "All you need," she says, "are time, imagination, card and bling."

Her cards are stylish, funky, and made from the best materials, many coming from the US. Their silk ribbon is a better quality, colour and price, she told me. She also uses pearls, animal print fur fabric, unusual ink stamps, glitter, patterns, all put together with enviable imagination and skill.



Sandie was inspired by the handmade cards of an ex-colleague so she bought herself a kit from the QVC shopping channel, and soon moved beyond it. Looking back she realises that she always enjoyed making things. She told me about a wedding dress she made for a friend and the pleasure and pride she felt on seeing her wear it.

And it's the pleasure her cards give to other people that she values most. "I like to help someone have a card that means a lot to the person who gets it, a card that will make someone feel better, especially if they particularly need a boost". Sales of

cards saying Thanks or Thinking of You are increasing; although we live in an age of texts and emails, people seem to want something more personal and lasting when they have a special message to convey.

Sandie also makes more 'bespoke' cards now: one offs with the recipient's name or a special greeting or that can be extravagantly decorated to order. "I'd make anything!" she said.

Her cards are on sale at the Edinburgh Woollen Shop in Wilton Shopping Village and, despite the decorative elements, will all go at small letter rate. As well as cards for all the usual occasions she does a range called "support our troops" and profits from these go to Help for Heroes. All these cards are £2.95. You can order a card with a name on for £3 and a bespoke highly decorated one for £5.

Sandie, who has lived in the Salisbury area for thirty five years, retired early from nursing three years ago and resists all offers to develop her card making into a big business; neither does she want to begin teaching or giving demonstrations. With an elderly father in Salisbury and grandchildren living nearby her life is full and seems to be just the way she wants it: "I retired to have fun, not to worry. It's my hobby and I love it."

She can be contacted at home or by email: cardsfromsandie@aol.com

Have you ever thought about going to **Bemerton Local History Society**? They meet once a month in the sitting room at Hedley Davis Court in Cherry Orchard Lane and their talks always end with a cup of tea and a chance to exchange local news and memories. You don't have to be a member to go along. On **November 12** a speaker from the Great Bustard project will talk about their successful work getting the birds to breed again on Salisbury Plain after more than 100 years of extinction. Meetings start at 7 p.m. and are normally free but a contribution is requested in November towards the expenses of the project.

Praise for 'outstanding' performance

Extend Exercise classes continue on Monday mornings in the village hall at 10 a.m. The leader, Camilla Burgess, has also been busy starring in 'Lloyd George Knew My Father' at Salisbury's Studio Theatre. While rehearsing she described it as very challenging because of the unusually large number of lines she had to learn, and said she would stick to directing



in future. Then came the reviews: the play sold out and Camilla's performance was described as "outstanding" with "sparkling timing and eccentric charm." (Salisbury Journal). She says that though it's been marvelous to have all the praise she is sticking to directing now but it was "the most wonderful swansong" for her acting career.

Her Extend exercise classes are relaxed and informal and an excellent way to have a thorough workout concentrating on suppleness and flexibility. There will be a break after Christmas and classes will resume in the spring.

Bemerton Community News

Report from Anne Trevett

Progress with our project to secure a future for St. John's is slow but steady; at the moment we are concentrating on conservation issues. There will have to be changes to the interior of the church so it can be used as a community centre, and we need to work out how to make our design scheme acceptable to English Heritage etc. We meet the various interested parties shortly to discuss possibilities. Meanwhile we are pushing ahead with fund raising, and are very pleased that the Autumn Fair raised over £1000. We have applied for a grant from Wiltshire Community Area Board, which would allow us to start designing the alterations, and are bidding for money to pay for electricity and water supplies, and to investigate an environmentally-friendly heating system.

Cookery workshop Village Hall
Thursday 18th November 7 - 9 p.m.
HERBS AND SPICES FOR AUTUMN TREATS

Cost £12.50 includes wine and nibbles
You will take home a bottle of herby olive oil and a bottle of spiced vinegar that you have made and decorated as presents
To book ring Jane Arnold 01722 329410

Police report and concert

Pete Jung had 4 reports of HGV's in August and 7 in September. Remember to keep a pencil and paper with you to jot down those registration numbers, date and direction of travel.

As our community beat police officer Pete is known to many villagers. You may not know that he also regularly attends the parish council and publishes an email monthly newsletter/update. To receive this send your details to:
Peter.Jung@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

And here's something else you may not know: Pete plays in Downton Brass Band and can be seen on **20th November** when they are performing in a massed band concert with Shrewton at the Methodist Church, St Edmunds Church St, Salisbury at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and £3 for under twelves. Pete said both bands competed at this year's National Finals in their respective sections so are on good form.

Next month: information about the old photos of Quidhampton mentioned in The Salisbury Journal.