

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

October 2011

## What's on in October

Monday 3 October: **Sponsored Darts Marathon** in The White Horse For the first time The White Horse darts team, led by Andy Penney, is taking part in the Salisbury Rotary Club darts marathon. Go along to support them or simply sponsor them - sponsor form in the pub. Proceeds to Wiltshire Blind Association and other charities supported by Salisbury Rotary.

Wednesday 5 October: **cluster football festival** Bemerton St John school 10.00 - 18.00 years 5 and 6

Thursday 6 October **Pub quiz**

Monday 10 October **Fireworks event** co-ordinating meeting The White Horse 19.30

Tuesday 11 October: **school photographer**

Tuesday 11 October **WI**: change of programme: instead of the macramé evening there will be a talk about the woollen industry in Wilton: From Cloth to Carpet. 19.30 Village Hall

Wednesday 12 October. **Harvest Festival** in The White Horse 19.30 for 20.00 This event is a mixture of a service and an auction, usually with music. We don't know another one like it! Do not miss it.

Friday 14 October **School Harvest Festival**: Bemerton St John

**Book group**: meetings on the last Thursday of the month in The White Horse.

## **Quidhampton Fireworks and Bonfire Night**

**The White Horse**

**Events begin at 5.30pm**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Ticklish Allsorts will entertain.

Hot dogs, soup and toffee apples on sale.

**BEST GUY COMPETITION WITH  
PRIZES**

**START BUILDING NOW!**

**Tickets are limited to villagers and  
friends**

### Tickets bought by 31<sup>st</sup> October

£5 Family ticket: 2 adults and 2 children under 16

£2 other adults £1 children under 16.

### Tickets bought at the event

£7 for a family ticket,

£3 for adult and £2 for a child.

Order form—see insert in newsletter

## **Remember, remember**

**Quidhampton's**

**Best Guy competition, with prizes**

**Want to create a masterpiece  
to sit on the bonfire?**

All you need do is build a Guy  
and display him on Lower Road  
**by 9am on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

The competition is for children only

Guys should be made of legally combustible materials  
no old tyres, plastic frames or anything else  
which could give off toxic fumes.

Judging after 9am on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Winner(s) announced

at the Fireworks and Bonfire Night

All Guys will be placed on the bonfire  
on November 5<sup>th</sup>

Any questions: ring Clare on 743027  
or email [quidhamptonpc@binternet.com](mailto:quidhamptonpc@binternet.com)

Entry form—see insert in newsletter

## Trees to be pruned after nasty accident

While walking home late on 20 August Sarah Thornton, daughter of Ted and Peg, slipped on crab apples on the path by Coronation Square. Although she was with a group of people they were unable to stop her going over and she fell on her face in the road between the parked cars. Luckily her jaw was not broken, as the doctors first feared, but her jaw bone had to be realigned. This involved an operation and 14 stitches in her mouth to hold it in place. She wants to thank everyone who helped her before the ambulance arrived. There was lots of blood and it must have been very frightening.

Sarah also suffered a damaged cheekbone and has lost parts of two front teeth. She has to wait 6 months until the swelling goes down to have the dental work done. The crab apple trees were planted 50 years ago when the houses were built and now overhang the path and block the light from the street lamp. One has been touching the telephone wires. There have been previous complaints and some residents have themselves swept the path of apples and leaves.

Peg Thornton said they know it has been a bumper year for apples and they know there have been cutbacks in the council's maintenance department but surely something must now be done. The trees are very old and the apples aren't even the kind you can use.

Wiltshire Council said it will cut the trees back but local residents would rather see them cut down.

Degree Congratulations to Samuel Scott-Ison of Coronation Square who has been awarded a degree in paramedic science from Greenwich University. Samuel's family moved to Quidhampton over twenty years ago, and Samuel attended Bemerton St John's, Wilton Middle and Westwood St Thomas's schools before leaving for three years study at Greenwich. He joined St John Ambulance as a volunteer while still at school and on the first of October will begin work for the London Ambulance Service. How great to hear of someone achieving an ambition like that.

His proud mum, Julie, would like to thank the staff of Bemerton St John's for making sure he got an educational statement that gave him extra help with dyslexia throughout his schooling. Samuel's story shows the system working at its best. Julie is so convinced of it that she intends to write to the prime minister to tell him that he must not cut extra help given to pupils in schools.

Welcome to Chris and Allannah Daniel who have moved into Sargamassa. Allannah grew up in Salisbury and they always hoped to return to the area when Chris retired. They have moved here from the Guildford area but hadn't been there long and in fact have been on the move for 40 odd years so are looking forward to settling down and joining in village life.

**Change of name:** Chris and Allannah are calling their new home Skylarks. Sargamassa is a beach in Ibiza which has no connection with them. And Skylarks is a lot easier to spell!

Bemerton Film Society Tuesday 25 October Bemerton St John School 19.00 for 19.30 Sideways: USA 2004, certificate 15 with wine tasting for over 18's! Two middle aged friends go on a trip through California's wine country, tasting wine and meeting women. There's comedy, melancholy, wit and brilliant acting.

## Village Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Volunteers are still needed to help with marshalling spectators. Contact Ron on 743006 or turn up at the next meeting on 10 October 19.30 in The White Horse. For the first time people are being asked to put their entries for the Guy competition on display in Lower Road where they will be judged on 3 November. Other villages have done this with scarecrows but it could be a first for guys. It's a great idea to have them on display for everyone to see and have time to appreciate them.

**Tickets are limited to villagers and their friends and families** so make sure you get yours soon.

Any problems contact Ron on 743006 or Clare on 743027

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## Don't forget the animals!

Local horse owner Jackie Peters welcomes the village fireworks night. "It is better to have one big display in one place and at one time," she said. "Separate displays mean more stress for horses and livestock".

Please remember to consider animals if you let off fireworks at any time of year Jackie and local farmer Mark Game would appreciate being told in advance.

The editor has their phone numbers and can pass messages to them.

Jackie also says: don't forget the pets that live near you and warn your neighbours too.

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**Advance notice:** Jo Penny and Sue Williams are running a **Quidhampton Christmas Craft fair on Saturday 19 November** in the Village Hall. Jo says lots of people at the fete asked her if she was going to do this again. She says the reason there wasn't a fair last year was because of lack of support so if you want to see this event continue make sure you go along and buy some of your Christmas presents there.

## 2012 Jubilee celebrations

Disappointingly no-one came to the meeting in the village hall to discuss how Quidhampton should mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Two people sent apologies and ideas and the parish council discussed it. Most of them would like to see an event that brings the village together, similar to the VE Day celebrations: evening hog-roast with music, tea party for the elderly, perhaps some competitions and games, entertainment for children. Bea Tilbrook suggested a photograph competition to provide historians of the future with photos of Quidhampton in 2012.

**Another meeting will be held in November: watch out for the date**

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## Bemerton Local History Society

**Thursday 13 October**

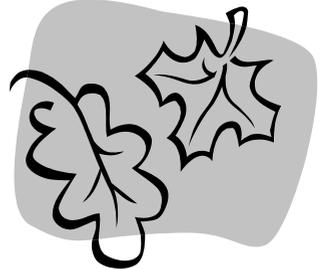
Hedley Davis Court 19.00

The Milford Street Reminiscence Project by Barbara Gibson. The story behind the mural under Milford Street Bridge.

## Autumn fair: St John's Church

**Sunday 16 October, 14.00-16.00**

Bric-a-brac,  
toys,  
books,  
teas,  
children's  
craft  
activity,  
Cakes and  
produce from local gardens.



Donations to the church on 15 October, between 14.00 and 16.00.  
Offers of help: Moira on 338681

## Local people: P.C. Peter Jung



*The editor talks to our local policeman, community beat manager, Pete Jung, about his job and life in general. Pete's views in this article are his own and not necessarily those of Wiltshire Police.*

### **The day that changed everything**

Pete joined the police in 1993. Brought up in Downton, he told me that when he left school he drifted through various jobs until one morning he sat at his desk in Friends Provident and realised he knew exactly what he would be doing every minute of every day that week. He longed for something different. At that very moment he heard a siren, saw two police officers go by in a Panda car with the blue light flashing and thought, "I'd like some of that, that looks like fun!"

### **Selection and training**

Pete feels the selection process was more stringent in those days when there was more money and time available. Written tests were followed by three assessment days when candidates made speeches, discussed, role played and even socialised under observation. You could be sent home at any point. The pressure built until the final very formal interview. If you got through you were fitted out in uniform at once - a very special feeling. Next was a 15 week basic training course in Dorset. Again Pete spoke fondly of this: everyone worked hard, played hard and real team spirit was created. Training today is two years as a student officer which includes shorter periods in a classroom, working with others on the job and periods on independent patrol.

### **Working in the force**

Pete began work in the Salisbury City response team but didn't want to specialise as most officers did. He wanted then, and still wants now, to be simply a police officer, serving the community in a direct way, not a traffic or CID specialist. After 10 years, however, having a family convinced him that life would be easier without constant night shift work so in 2003 he joined the Wilton team of a sergeant and eight police constables where he has been ever since.

### **Policing today**

The whole model of policing has changed since then and now there are only two PCs and two PCSOs (police community support officers) for the same area. Pete and PCSO Sam Spacey are responsible for the 14 villages. Emergency calls are answered from Salisbury and they work with specialists such as the rural crime team.

We talked about the cuts in the police budget and Pete said he can't see how they can be made without further cuts in the front line. Many cuts have already been made through centralisation,

### **Milk thefts**

No milk thefts have been reported for some time. No-one was caught, despite the police working several night shifts. Sadly, it has resulted in one of the victims cancelling her doorstep delivery.

shorter station opening hours etc. He feels that with threatened strikes and unrest things will get harder for the police and backroom jobs cannot be cut either. Many have already been 'civilianised' to enable more police officers to be out on the beat. Services such as youth justice, domestic violence, vulnerable adults and victim support do important jobs and show how the police service has developed.

Pete attends parish council meetings whenever he can and values them as a way of keeping in touch with the community.

#### **Issues in our area**

The perception of crime is often worse than the reality and we are fortunate to have a low crime rate. There aren't always many facilities, especially for young people, in the villages, but he finds young people are generally well-behaved and their parents supportive. He sees more problems from alcohol than other drugs.

Pete thinks that as large areas of Salisbury are covered with CCTV, thieves are moving out into the rural areas and as the economic climate worsens this will increase. House burglaries are still quite rare and many houses are more secure with alarms and window locks, but sheds are a weak point and lawnmowers have been taken recently from Quidhampton. He advises people to take more responsibility for the security of their

#### **New number for local police**

Dial 101 to get through to the local police, unless it is an emergency. You can still use Pete Jung's extension number: 747442. This is the second phase of trialling 101 and Pete reports it is working well so it should be used everywhere eventually. Calls cost 15p a call, from mobiles and landlines.

Examples of when you should dial 101: if your car has been stolen or your property damaged, if you suspect drug use or dealing, to give information about a crime.

Use 999 when a crime is in progress or someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or violence is being used or threatened.

own property and not leave things lying around outside as they may have done in the past. Farms are vulnerable as metal fetches high prices and will be targeted.

Pete is indefatigable at following up the HGV numbers we give him with letters and warnings. He believes, however, that as long as Churchfields remains where it is we will have this problem.

It is still the variety and unexpectedness of many of his days that keeps Pete happy in his work. He also likes working shifts so he can have the pleasure of days off during the week. In his free time he plays the cornet in Downton Brass band and played in the National Finals on 25 September.

*It was a real pleasure to talk to Pete Jung. I felt I was with someone who was happy with his life and who is very positive despite changes he may not always agree with. We are very lucky to have him. He is definitely a force for good in the community.*

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#### **Quidhampton Book Group**

October's book: House Rules, a novel about an autistic boy by Jodie Picoult. Chosen by Sandie Smith who said she was intrigued to hear the author say, "With autism it is never 'one size fits all.' When you've seen one

autistic child, you've seen only one autistic child". Having read it she says she now understands a little of what it is like to grow up being different.

Please contact the editor if you would like to join the book group.

## Village fete: simple, friendly and successful

The first Quidhampton fete for several years was a great success. Clare Churchill, the organiser, wrote this for the newsletter:

*Thank you, thank you and thank you to everyone who helped both on the day and beforehand, thank you to everyone who donated items and of course a massive thank you to everyone who came and spent.*

*The feeling was certainly a wonderful community feel and it was so nice to see old faces and meet new ones.*

*The great news is that a terrific £748.95 was raised. This money has been set aside for a celebration next June to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM the Queen.*

*See you all at the Fireworks on 5 November.*

While the best thing was seeing so many people there and being able to meet new people and chat to them, some stalls got a special mention, especially the children's - Elliot Penny's fudge, splat the rat, and other games. The craft stalls were much admired, badge making and candy floss were a lot of fun (see photo of Joy Wagstaff and Maureen Goff) and John Cater's bottle tombola was "drooping with bottles." Viv Bass worked exceptionally hard at the raffle but everyone said the real star of the show was the WI teas and cake stall. Delicious!



It was a real community event, showing what talent there is in the village. There were also comments about the large number of young children there.

It all bodes well for the future

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## Weddings Tea at St John's

This went off very well with good weather almost to the end. More than seventy people attended. Several couples dressed smartly to have their photographs taken in the porch as they had on their wedding day.



The rector, Simon, happily back after a recent illness, told us how over the years he has seen many couples appear at services when they have a special wedding anniversary. This led to thoughts about the church building as a place of remembrance for significant events in life and the importance of preserving it. More than 75 years separated the earliest and the most recent weddings: 1940 - 2005. It was good to see some Quidhampton people there. Our photo shows

mother and daughter, Dorothy Humphries and Ann Langhurst, who were both born in Quidhampton and both married at St John's. Dorothy was born Dorothy Stokes in 1915, the youngest of thirteen. Does anyone know of someone born earlier than that or is she the oldest living Quidhamptonian?

## Fund raising at The White Horse

As well as the £500 raised for Salisbury Hospice at the quiz and music evening run by Brian and Lesley Parsons on 12 August, £675 was raised on 13 August by Keith and Janet Singleton. They celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary with a party in the village marquee and asked for donations for the Stars Appeal instead of presents. What enterprising and generous people we have in the village!

## Have you seen our road sign?



It may have been battered but it let people know they'd arrived in Quidhampton.

*Editor's note: This sign on Lower Road has been missing since early August, at the same time as I was in correspondence with Southern Highways about the state of our road signs. They had told me that this sign would not be replaced at present as there was more urgent work. You may be amused to know that Southern Highways then rang Clare, the parish clerk, to ask if she thought I had taken it!*

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## What's On Around Quidhampton, Salisbury Art Trail 8 - 16 October

It's time for this biennial event once again. If you've not tried it before why not go along this year? You can see artists in their studios and enjoy all sorts of work such as paintings, prints, photography, sculptures, handknits, jewellery. You will be amazed at how much goes on.

Our nearest artists are in Lower Bemerton

at 117 Lower Road, 11 Church Lane and 3 St Andrews Road, at Sarum Academy and on Barnack Industrial Park Wilton. They are all clearly signposted but not all are open all the time - check the website for details or get a trail guide from the library, tourist information, or elsewhere in town.

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## School news

We are pleased to welcome Alun Richards, the new headteacher of Bemerton St John. He has been delighted by the warm welcome given to him and other new staff by everyone associated with the school. He lives locally and his wife works at Woodlands School.

Alun believes that "children have a right to want to come to school and to flourish, not feel threatened.... children like knowing their boundaries. I am not willing to accept bad behaviour."

He also believes in getting children out and about and wants to develop the after school clubs still further. He is already running a popular tag rugby club himself.

The newly designed school newsletter gives a taste of activities to come: African dance workshop for Years 3-5, a football festival for Years 5 and 6, Harvest Festival, and the school photographer on 11 October. Make sure everyone looks smart on that day.

Younger siblings can be included.

Advance notice: book week 7 - 11 November.

## Parish Council news

**Helen Taylor of Wiltshire Council's New Housing Team** attended the meeting on 27 September and spoke about discovering local need for affordable housing. Few people on the housing list put Quidhampton as their first choice but this is probably because people know there is little available housing here. And it is not easy to see where development could happen. Nevertheless the council wanted to discuss further the Housing team's offer to do a survey and it will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

**Katy Pearson** has resigned so there is now a vacancy for a co-opted councillor. Contact the clerk if you want to know more or would like to be considered.

**Metrocount:** the recent count showed that speeding is not serious enough to deploy the road safety unit or to start community speedwatch. The clerk is meeting the Joint Transportation Team to see if other options are available.

**Signposts:** the fingerpost at the western end of Lower Road should be replaced. This is now the responsibility of parish councils but Area Boards will fund 50% of the cost. The clerk will apply for this.

**Playground:** new nets for the goalposts are in place and the new fencing has been done. There was discussion about ideas for further equipment such as a pyramid climbing frame and a wall.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 22 November**  
19.30 Village Hall

Let the council have your views on any of the above or come to the beginning of the meeting when the public are invited to speak. Items for the agenda must be with the clerk before 14 November.

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Refuse collections in October: Friday

7, 14 (recycling), 21, 28 (recycling)

### **100 Club winners: August**

1st 23 S Morris

2nd 141 J Dutfield

3rd 7 G Clifton-Moore

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