

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

A Happy New Year to all our readers

January 2012

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## What's on in January

Thursday 5 : White Horse Quiz Night

Monday 9 : Village Jubilee meeting, White Horse 19.00

Tuesday 10 : WI Village Hall 19.30

Tuesday 24 : Parish Council Village Hall 19.30.

Members of the public welcome. Agenda includes the Jubilee and is displayed on the parish notice board.

See village website for past minutes.

Saturday 28 : Burns Night, The White Horse, ticket only, £7.50.

## A special message

We would like to thank all the people of Quidhampton and the surrounding area for their support and friendship over the years and making those years so memorable for us. We will never forget them.

Wishing you and all my old customers (friends) a very Happy New Year

Regards John & Janice

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## Does Quidhampton want to celebrate the Jubilee?

The Parish Council would like to know if the village wants to celebrate the Jubilee in June. If you have any suggestions then please come along to an informal meeting at The White Horse on **Monday 9 January** at 19.00. If you can't attend but have ideas please contact Clare Churchill. All suggestions previously put forward are on the list.

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Women's Institute Members enjoyed their Christmas evening at The White Horse with Secret Santa presents and a best decorated hat competition. (The hats didn't have to be worn so imaginations ran riot). The meal was beautifully cooked by the new chef and the puddings came in for special praise - praise from the WI for puddings is praise indeed!  
**Next meeting: 10 January:** Hazel Gilling-

ham will talk about three remarkable women: the story of the beginnings of the WI which were in Canada in 1897 as a support for farmers' wives. At least one Quidhampton family emigrated to Canada in the early twentieth century and we know their life was tough. Members are asked to bring with them a picture of a woman who has been important in their life.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY!

### **The Great Green Challenge: Wilton Eco Park on ex-UKLF site**

On **14 January** the Wilton Eco Park Community Association is holding a PUBLIC MEETING at the MICHAEL HERBERT HALL, Wilton, between 11.00 and 13.00. Come along and hear a variety of speakers talking about how environmental and energy concerns affect us all and how an Eco Park on the ex-UKLF site could transform the Wilton area with much needed housing, jobs and community facilities. The next few weeks are critical for the Association as the MOD has put the UKLF site on the market with bids due by the end of February

Everyone is welcome and refreshments are free.

*Three of the Association's trustees are from Quidhampton: Mike Kalvis, Alix Smith and Ken Taylor.*

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St John's School news: The school Christmas Bazaar was a great success and raised £1500. The library was transformed into a spectacular Christmas grotto and there was the traditional visit from Father Christmas. The children also enjoyed shopping at the Christmas gift shop to buy a secret present for someone special.

## What a party!

'Everyone invited to a Bus Pass Christmas Tea party', they said, and more than fifty of us went along to the village hall not sure what to expect. What did we get? An afternoon full of seasonal good cheer.

Lovingly decorated tables were set out, each place with a small present, cracker, tea light candle and fir cone Christmas tree. Yes, Elizabeth Heeley had been at work again and had excelled herself.



Jim Goddard and Maureen Stokes, with their winning Christmas buttonholes

Sandwiches, rolls, pastries, then cake and Maureen Goff's fabled meringues were served as we sat listening to Sophie's seasonal music. Later came a glass of sherry and carol singing. Audrey Catford even composed a poem for the occasion. "Well, we never expected all that!" one villager exclaimed.

Prizes were donated for a raffle which raised over £90, thus largely

funding the event. Such a simple idea. But the thought and hard work that went into it are something money can't buy and something Quidhampton is lucky to have. Thanks to Maureen, Elizabeth and all the helpers. Illness sadly prevented Viv Bass from attending but she is fully recovered now.

It was lovely to see John and Janice on their first village outing since leaving The White Horse. They were not allowed to go without a rousing chorus of "For he's a jolly good fellow/lady".

### Letter to the editor

A big Thank You to everyone involved for their hard work in making the Bus Pass Tea Party such an enjoyable afternoon. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all who supported it.

A personal thank you also to Maureen Goff for Ted's meringue birthday cake

Peg Thornton

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**Richard Stokes** is delighted to have won a competition organised by Crown Paints. The prize is £3000 to spend on a holiday. This means he'll be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday (April 29) in style!

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### **Corrections and Clarifications**

*The editor apologises for the mistakes in the last newsletter. Please let her know if you spot something wrong in future editions*

- The statement that the Parish Council does not pay VAT was incorrect. The Council pays the tax, then reclaims it.
- The recycling dates on the last page were wrong. You can be assured that this part of the newsletter will be checked more thoroughly than any other in future.

- Jo Penny was twice referred to as Joe but graciously said it is better than being called Penny. She wants to thank the kind people who have been leaving jam jars outside The Old Bakery. She has enough now.
- Edith Olivier, not Oliver, recorded our mummings play
- The monthly White Horse Quiz night was omitted from What's On. It is always the first Thursday of the month and in 2011 raised £1256 for local charities

### **A letter from Rev Susan Drewett**

I should keep a record of the number of carols I sing before and on Christmas Day. It must be a lot and it was increased not least by the Carol Service in the White Horse, Quidhampton on the 21st December. What a great night with Sophie playing her keyboard and everyone joining in. Gillian gave the Christmas message and we raised over £100 for Lucy's Days Out. This was our first year singing at the Royal Oak, Devizes Road (on 14th December) and we hope to build it up over the coming years - if we reach the White Horse numbers and atmosphere that would be

wonderful. About 130 came to the Nativity at St Michael's Church and Simon made it fun and just right for everyone. Midnight with the Methodists in Roman Road brought that time of stillness and reflection before we welcomed in Christmas Day with great joy, tired but full of anticipation.

I wonder where you were for New Year's Eve, quietly in your own home, in the pub or at a party. My family were at an 80's themed party, an annual event to herald in the New Year, full of hope for the future. May I wish you a Happy New Year and God's blessings for you all in 2012. Susan

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### **Jubilee Photographic Competition: further news**

There are three categories: Village events, Village people and Views of Quidhampton with prizes for the best in each category **and** a prize for the best photo taken by a child (under 12's, and 12-16's), by a village resident or immediate family, and The People's Favourite to be voted for at the jubilee celebrations. Photos can be taken between May 2010 and May 2012. Open entry but no professionals

We are seeking sponsorship and would welcome suggestions, also donations for prizes.

Already received: gift token for a prize and a donation to cover the cost of a photobook of the entries for the village archive and mounting the winning photos for display in the pub. Contact the editor, Sara Strawson at The White Horse or Melinda Hilliard Wayback House if you can help.

More details in future newsletters.

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**Sloe gin competition:** after an enjoyable evening tasting the eleven entries there was a "taste off" to decide first place which finally went to Sam Stokes with Bill West the close second. Congratulations to the winners and happy drinking!

The traditional events will be continuing at the pub. Sara and Peter say they were attracted to The White Horse because of the sense of community in Quidhampton and although they may make changes they first want to know what villagers want. "The pub belongs to the village," Sara said, "and we'd like to see villagers make more use of it. In one sense we are only caretakers."

See flyer with Valley News for more details including bus pass lunches for £5.50 Mondays and Thursdays.

### **The Bemerton Community Carol Concert**

at St John's was very well supported. Salisbury Chamber Chorus delivered a moving and entertaining programme with opportunities for the audience to sing along. Thanks to Nigel Haynes and his team for such an enjoyable evening. It was a huge financial success, raising £2000 for the campaign to secure a future for St Johns. Thank you to everyone for such generous support.

Moira Packer, community fundraiser

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### **Bemerton Film Society**

Tuesday 17 January Bemerton St John's School 19.00 for 19.30

Mon Oncle: Monsieur Hulot struggles with the coldness of modern technology in this award winning comedy from 1958

## Achievements

Sam featured in October's newsletter and we



Samuel Scott-Ison

are proud to publish his graduation photo. Now 25, he told the editor that Greenwich was the only University offering this degree in

paramedic science. There were 3000 applicants for 19 places. He is now enjoying every minute as a paramedic with the London Ambulance Service.

### Quidhampton grandson Olympic hopeful:

Margaret and John Wilcox are immensely proud of their grandson, Joe Coombs, 20, who hopes to be selected for the Olympic canoe slalom team. He is a part-time student at Nottingham Trent University but began canoeing in Salisbury, was chosen for the World Class Olympic Development programme, and has a UK ranking of 5<sup>th</sup>.

*What an achievement! The newsletter will report on Joe's progress.*

**Other achievers:** it's unlikely that you have an Olympic hopeful in your family but if your child has achieved something important to them recently why not congratulate them in the newsletter? Let Jo Penny (556559) know and we will publish it.

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**PC Pete Jung** is having a well deserved extended holiday in Australia. PCSO Sam Spacey and Sgt Dean Garvin will deal with any problems you may have while he is away.

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**Quidhampton Mill** now offers their guests special rates at Parkwood Health & Fitness. More details next time.

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Refuse collections in January:

Friday 6 (recycling), 13, 20 (recycling)

27 Gift wrapping paper can go in the blue lidded bin (not foil)

### **100 Club winners**

October

1st 167 T Chappell

2nd 110 Sandy Smith

3rd 166 J & K Cater

November

1st 49 Mrs M Crowther

2nd 126 Mrs Kershaw

3rd 1 Mrs A Meredith

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