

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

June 2012

What's on in June

Monday 11 Banner making workshop at Bemerton School 09.30

Friday 15 WI annual garden party, members only

Sunday 17th **Father's Day Sunday Lunch.** Book early, Mother's Day sold out

Tuesday 19 Bemerton Film Club: *Monsieur Hulot's Holiday*: 19.30 Bemerton School. Doors open 19.00

Saturday 23 Bemerton BBQ 17.00 – 23.00, Quidhampton invited

Tuesday 26 George Herbert Society event – see overleaf

Saturday 30: Meadowfest, Fisherman's Reach

The White Horse : Bus pass lunches continue at The White Horse: Mondays and Thursdays, selected main course and coffee £5.50.

Advance notice: Bemerton School summer fete: **Saturday 7 July**: a traditional summer fete with Big Money Duck Race and free climbing wall.

Bemerton St John School: June is a busy time with children back on Monday 11 for a month that includes induction visits from the new reception children, school trips for most year groups, Years 5 and 6 performing at Salisbury Playhouse on 19 June, and Area Sports days. Year 6 have induction days at Wyvern School and Sarum Academy (other schools in July).

Friday 22, Friday 29, and Friday 6 July are 'dress down' days when children are asked to contribute items for the fete.

For more details contact the school.

Bemerton St John School Friday Assemblies

From this month, the Bemerton St John School Friday celebration assemblies will be held in St John's Church which will be open from 14.10 for tea and coffee. Assembly starts at 14.40

Garage wanted to rent as temporary home for beautiful classic car while owner seeks new home. From end July for approximately six months. Call Stevie on 742987.

Meadowfest

Quidhampton's own 'Meadowfest' is at Fishermans Reach in the Meadow on **Saturday 30 June**. Music starts at 16.00. Everyone in the village is invited.

Helen and Steve say: Bring a picnic or something to cook on the BBQ and we will supply the music. So far we have 3 bands: Pachango, Helen's own band who play Latin Ska and Reggae, General Public, an alternative gypsy indie band and one more to be confirmed.

There will be acoustic music for relaxing in the late afternoon including the famous Douglas Firs duo from Bournemouth. Do try and come!!

Please note: parking on the meadow is for performers and their guests only, not for villagers, and is dependent on weather conditions.

Meadowfest is free but this year there will be a collection The bands give their services but the cost of expenses (travel etc) has risen.

Christian Aid collection in Quidhampton raised £176.37

The 10th Anniversary Bemerton BBQ : Saturday 23rd June 5-11pm.

All Quidhampton residents invited

Moira Packer, community events organiser, writes:

Started to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee we're delighted the BBQ, a community party for all ages, is still running in the Diamond Jubilee year. Join us for an evening of fun, food and dancing in a marquee by the river on Bemerton Recreation Ground.

Menu: great quality sausages, burgers, chicken, salads and lovely puddings. Thanks to a grant from Salisbury City Council we have additional entertainers, including Tickle Allsorts, and games for the older children. There's a disco and a bar with Pimms and real ales - something for everyone.

Please buy tickets as early as possible. It's not run for profit - we aim to break even. Prices are the same as last year: £9 for adults, £6 for 5-12 year olds, under 5s free. Family tickets (2 adults, 2 under 12s) £28. Phone Moira Packer (338681) or Julia Robathon (323670) for tickets or information.

George Herbert in Bemerton Group

'The Parson's Life' : How George Herbert might have recorded his time in Bemerton for posterity. Presented by members of the Group, with musical interludes by Tim Hone.

Tuesday 26th June at 19.00 St. Andrew's Church, Lower Bemerton, followed by wine in a local garden Booking **essential** on 01722 322315

The Bemerton Jubilee Cookbook,

a souvenir collection of family recipes, is now available at £5. It contains 60 recipes, one for each year of the Queen's reign, all tried and tested, and provided by people who live locally.

On sale at local events and at The White Horse

Chinese Lanterns found in the village

Despite a campaign against them by the National Farmers Union, Chinese lanterns are still released during celebrations and two were recently found in the village.

If a lantern comes down before its flame has burnt out there is danger of fire but lanterns can also cause significant harm, even death, to animals. Once the paper degrades in long grass livestock and wild animals can get caught up in the wires or ingest them.

Worse, cases are reported of the wire being unknowingly chopped up during hay or silage making. Then, hidden in the hay bales or silage clamps, the small pieces are fed to livestock with lethal consequences.

Jackie Peters, local horse owner, says: no-one wants animals to suffer in this way.

Please think before you celebrate!

Information from the National Farmers Union .

Welcome to Sue and Mike Darling-

Holmes who have moved into Groveley Dene with daughter Pippa and son Richie. Sue is the mother of Charlie Gale who says her toddler Polly loves having such a young auntie and uncle. Also part of the family is Jonty, the black cocker spaniel.

In January Sue Darling-Holmes opened "Coffee Darling," the new coffee shop/café/gift shop in Wilton where Peppers Café used to be on the Market Square. Charlie says it's a family friendly café with toys, highchairs etc and 'amazing food'.

We wish Sue the best of luck with her new business and hope she and her family will be very happy in Quidhampton.

Editor's note: with so many professional cooks in the village it's been suggested we could sometimes print a recipe in the newsletter. Any offers?

Bemerton Open Gardens raised an amazing £1558 for the St John's Community Project. They are already planning next year's.

Quidhampton Jubilee Celebrations Saturday 2nd June 2012

“It made one proud to be a Quidhamptonian”: Audrey Catford

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Quidhampton were something to remember. Nearly 300 villagers, family and friends came to the street party which filled the centre of the village with red, white and blue. Houses were decorated throughout the village and bunting crossed the street in the middle, raising everyone’s spirits before anything happened.

First there were children’s games, organised by Joy Wagstaff and team, then people wandered up and down with Graham and Elizabeth’s quiz, the tables and chairs were standing ready and finally the last bus was cheered through the village and everyone streamed onto the road. Add in sandwiches, a giant cake, competitions, mugs for the children, and the good companionship of everyone there and



you have the ingredients of a traditional British celebration (except the rain - we got sunshine. Hurrah!). This is what the organising committee wanted to give the village. And as Ann Gale said in her thank you letter, “Let’s hope the children do things like this for their children - and so it will continue”.

Fancy Dress With everyone in eye catching red, white and blue there weren’t many actual fancy dress costumes.

The winners were:

0 to 5 years Alessandra Argyle; 6

to 10 years Imogen Pool;

21 to 99 years, jointly: Lousie Chant and Richard Gere, I mean, Richard Stokes .

These last two were dressed outside the years for the competition, but were brilliantly turned out having made lots of effort and looked spectacular.

Best Decorated House Ron Smith and Fiona Ross had a difficult job but in the end went for



overall impression (lots of bling!) and effort.

1st place: Withy House (home made guardsmen with the faces of the princes made everyone smile), 2nd place : The Old Farmhouse (a charming Teddy Bears picnic), and equal 3rd : Footshill, 3 Coronation Square and Bell House.

The editor would also like to mention the Royal Washing Line outside Lindisfarne (hilarious!), wonderful home made bunting at 7 Coronation Square, corgis across the door at 1 Wylde Close, the exquisite detail and care lavished on Albion House, witty posters at Still Waters.... and oh, just everyone!



The raffle : Three splendid hampers were produced from the generosity of villagers. Fortnum and Masons goodies, quirky souvenirs (two union flag handwarmers), jubilee branded chocolates, good bottles of wine – great prizes. Hamper contents will be eaten but the lovely Lillibet, Quidhampton’s Jubilee doll made by Sandie Smith, will last forever. A very special bottle of pink champagne

was donated by a White Horse regular from Lower Bemerton but wasn’t taken home by the winner – please contact the pub. Extra raffle tickets were claimed for several Coronation mugs, and one for an flag that had been displayed in 1953.

Reminder to hamper winners: please return the hampers themselves to their owners or the pub.

Photo Competition: This proved very popular and over one hundred people voted for the People’s Favourite on the day. The winner was The Fox by Ken Taylor.

The other prizewinners were:

Village Resident: Geoff Crawford by Wendy Lawrence

Village Event: Royal Wedding, leaving the party by Charlie Gale

Village View: The White Horse and Snow by Ken Taylor

Best photo by a resident: Audrey Catford by Graham Heeley

Best by a child: Snowdrops in the Woods by Caitlin Penny

Runner up: Tinkerpit by Rosa Herring



The judges were very impressed with the standard of entries and took over an hour to decide the winners. John Blane said they applied very strict criteria to narrow it down. He and Janice were sorry they could not come to the Jubilee events in the village and send best wishes to everyone.

The Photo Book will be produced later in the year. The organisers would like to fill some gaps, in particular to have photos of groups that are a part of village life such as the Parish Council, darts team, WI.

Village Photo: A4 copies of two versions are on display in The White Horse and you can order copies from Graham Heeley £2 each. Thanks to Laura Valjak, daughter of Ken Taylor, for taking the village photo.



Other photos: lots are available to view and you can add yours to them.

- An album of prints is also in The White Horse and prints can be ordered for £1 each.
- Photos taken by Jamie Ogilvie-Robertson, son of Eve Warton, and others will be displayed on the television screen in The White Horse - watch out for dates. Take photos on a memory stick or CD to be added to them.

Photos are also on the new parish council website developed by Paul Cripps :
<http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/>

Permissions: we have to ask parents to be aware that photos taken at the street party may include their children. If you do not want your child's photo to be included in any of the above please see the person in charge.

Quidhampton's Diamond Jubilee mug:

53 residents of 16 years and under were given a mug in a presentation bag individually decorated by Sandie Smith. The mugs were filled with sweets, and were provided thanks to the grant from the Area Board and the generosity of an anonymous donor. The donor felt that giving mugs was a part of the tradition of marking important occasions. Mugs were given in Quidhampton to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee as well as the Coronation.

There are very few mugs left. Contact the newsletter editor if you want one. Cost £6.



Jubilee Dance: Report and photos in the next issue of the newsletter, plus letters and 'How did we compare to the Victorians'.

Thanks to

If we listed every person who helped there would be no room for anything else, but some people must be mentioned by name:

Clare Herring who made the amazing cake. It weighed 42 lbs or 19 kilos and included 66 eggs (some of which were local). It wasn't without drama – her son Sam saved the day on Saturday morning when he suggested old fashioned glaze icing to fill in the cracks where the rolled icing pieces met.

Joy Wagstaff who organised children's games and races in three separate locations, and got a splendid team to help her.

Sandie Smith who made more and more decorated bags for the mugs, even after a painful operation on her foot.

Elizabeth Heeley who gave her garage for the photo exhibition, organised the voting and spent hours helping to mount and display all the photos
Ron Smith for walking round the village judging houses in the morning and staying on his feet all afternoon doing the announcing so well.

The Strawson family for running a busy pub as well as being on the committee and doing so many other things.

Maureen Gough who led the fantastic sandwich making team.

Clare Churchill whose drive and determination got it all off the ground, not least last September when she organised a fete to raise money for the Jubilee events. She had to push us hard – but we're glad now!

And of course the committee, especially the leader, **Chris Edge**.

... and one and all



Jubilee Events outside Quidhampton

The Queen's visit to Salisbury

At the beginning of May the only question was: did you see the Queen? Those who made the trip into Salisbury all said that the atmosphere was the most exciting thing. "It was like the time just before Christmas" said Clare Herring, "and everyone was talking to everyone else!"

The Quidhampton tapestry* and bunting were transported to the South West Wilts tent in Cathedral Close and although not



spotted by the royal family attracted lots of interest from other visitors.

PC Pete Jung was on duty and appeared in a Salisbury Journal photo. He writes:

Somehow I always seem to get targeted by the Journal! It was a good day for Salisbury when the Royals came. A bit of a nightmare logistically but everything went well in the end. The weather played its part and despite standing in the pouring rain from 8.30

onwards the steam started coming out of the boots by the time the Queen arrived! Stevie Paul of Millington Cottage, and a Cathedral Guide, was chosen to run a workshop about the Magna Carta in the Cathedral. When the royal party came through the West Doors to a fanfare everyone stood up, even the 25 worldly wise teenagers she was working with. They were ecstatic when the Duke came over to talk to them. "What a day of Royalty, of many Mayors, of important personages in all their finery, of colourful Town Criers resplendent in their regalia and the excited faces of thousands of people."

The Salisbury Journal, however, published many letters, including one from John Cater of Fisherman's Reach, complaining about the poor treatment of spectators. PC Jung again: *In the main I agree with John. It was organised by Wiltshire Council and the Police were there to support their staff and security employed for the day. Their primary job was to close roads and monitor the crowds. As I understand it (it may not be the official view) the route had to be kept clear at all times so the Royals could be extracted in an emergency. It was always going to be hit and miss for such a huge number of people to all to see the Queen.*

In the defence of the Council a lot of the organising went well and is very hard to do as a one off without great experience of holding such a big event with mass movement of people.

**Editor's pedantic note: it's not tapestry, it's embroidery. But Jennifer Tyler, one of the group who made it, says: we're not going to change what people call it. After all the Bayeux tapestry is an embroidery too.*

The Thames River Pageant

Jackie Peters and her daughter Zoe had tickets for Westminster Bridge. Jackie writes: *The River Pageant was a great spectacle. I always wonder how people come up with such*

fantastic ideas and have the drive to actually make it happen. Zoe and her friend had their photo taken by the Mirror's photographer - sadly they didn't make it into the national press but they did look good in their tiaras.

One chap on our bit of the bridge was very informative which added to the experience. The crowds lining the riverbank were at least ten deep. Shame it rained but this is the British Summer!

The sheer volume of people meant that even getting to Waterloo was a challenge let alone onto the train - there were a lot of people left on the platform.

All part of another Diamond Jubilee experience to remember.

Villager honoured

One of our villagers has had a remarkable honour. Joy Wagstaff was head of Pembroke Park School for many years, including during its move to Devizes Road. The school's original site on Bemerton Heath was sold for development and now one of the new roads there is called Wagstaff Way. The schoolchildren chose the name and it shows how fond they were of their headteacher – as, indeed, are the residents of Quidhampton.

Annual parish council meeting: Ian Lovett has stepped down as chairman after six years. The new chairman is Dave Roberts of Rose Cottage, and the vice-chairman is Chris Edge of Rogers Close. More about the meeting in the next issue.

Footnote to the Jubilee street party

People who saw the ambulance will be pleased to hear that Marie Young's mother is back home. She had gone quite a while without eating and the heat affected her angina condition. Marie says: My mum wishes to thank everyone who helped her stay calm on the day, you all know who you are and it was much appreciated. She is now on the mend but has to take it easy, she forgets she is 80 in October, she still thinks she is 21.

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Waste and recycling dates: Monday 11
June recycling (blue bin and black box),
18 June household and garden waste,
25 June recycling, 2 July waste

100 Club winners for May

1st I Lovett 109

2nd S Morris 23

3rd S Paul 18

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