

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

September 2013

What's On in September

White Horse pub closed— see below

Mon 1 Teacher Training Day – St John's school closed to pupils

Tues 2 Term begins for all pupils

Thurs 5 Monthly quiz Village Hall (previously in The White Horse) Bring your own drink 20.00 open, 20.30 quiz begins

Tues 9 WI 19.30 Village Hall: table games evening with light snacks. Members and invited guests only.

Wed 18 Bemerton Film Club: The Most Exotic Marigold Hotel. £7 includes Indian snacks. St John's School 19.00. Film begins 19.30 Drinks available – donation welcome

Sat 14 Erskine Barracks consultation 11-13.00 Michael Herbert Hall Wilton

Sat 21 Village Fete see insert

Tues 24 Quidhampton Parish Council 19.30 Village Hall

Sat 28 First aid course Village Hall 10.00 – 15.00

The White Horse Inn closes : Peter and Sara talk to the editor

The White Horse Inn closed after a full-to-capacity quiz night on 1 August. Sadly Peter and Sara Straws on were ultimately unable to halt the decline that led John and Janice Blane to sell the lease 20 months ago. Peter Dawson received huge applause when he gave heartfelt thanks to the whole Straws on family who had tried their best to make a go of it. Pubs are closing everywhere: the latest figure is 26 a week. The recession, cheap alcohol in supermarkets, poor weather, reduced incomes and changing social habits dramatically affect the pub trade. Sara explained that perhaps even more significant is the behaviour of the big pubcos. These companies own thousands of pubs which are let at a high market rent that increases if profits increase. The pubs are also bound by the 'beer tie' which means publicans must buy their beer from the Pubco at almost double the amount a 'tie free' pub pays. Peter and Sara joined the national campaign against the conditions imposed by the pubcos. They have also had 'brilliant' support from the local MP, John Glen.

Peter and Sara are now without jobs or a home, but are staying on at the White Horse flat for now. They wanted to run a

community pub and Sara said they are as sad at leaving the village without a pub as they are at their own difficulties.

"We have had some wonderful times here, many of which demonstrated the potential we saw in this pub, when supported by the community. See Youtube and the pub website for photos and video. We hope the pub will be used again and will not close permanently. As Bill West says: use it or lose it! We want to thank everyone who has given us such fantastic support, particularly over the last few months. We really wish the pub well and hope it has a brighter future"

Enterprise, the pubco that owns The White Horse, is now advertising it as a tenancy following the Straws ons putting it on the market in May this year.

Listing as a community asset: the parish council successfully applied for the pub to be listed as an asset of community value and it is now one of 100 pubs so listed. This means no-one can apply for a change of use for the pub, including its grounds, without a six month delay for the community to find an alternative that would keep it functioning. This applies whether it is leased, rented or sold.

Recycling facilities: continue to use these as usual until further notice.

Comings and goings

Welcome to the village:

Sam and Paul Finnerty have moved into 1 Coronation Square with Phoebe, nearly 3 and Tia, 20 months. For Sam, daughter of Richard Stokes of The Coolins, it is a return to the village where she used to live.

Belinda and Adrian Richardson and family have also returned - to Wayback House in Fisherman's Reach after 4 years in the USA. Wilfred, 13, Arthur, 10, and Jemima, 6, are quickly adapting to the new way of life.

Chris and Alex Edge have returned as well: they've moved in to The Alders after a short period in Wilton

Florence Cripps, daughter of Becky Poole and parish councillor Paul Cripps, sister to Amelia,

was born on 2 July weighing 6 lbs 13 ozs. Mum and dad are 'very happy.'

Congratulations to all the the family.

Goodbye to:

Sue and Mike Darling Holmes of Groveley House and their children, Philippa and Richard, who were sad to leave but their landlord is selling the house. They will return to visit Sue's daughter, Charlie Gale and family. Sue runs the successful Coffee Darling cafe in Wilton.

Melinda and Richard Hilliard have left Wayback House for Shrewton. They deserve thanks for their contributions to village life, especially the Royal Wedding Garden Party, Jubilee Dance and the Fete. Melinda will continue as a member of the book group.

Award for our local police man

Most people have only praise for our community beat manager, P.C. Peter Jung, and now he has been recognised nationally in the Country Crime Fighters awards that celebrate crime prevention in the countryside. Pete got a highly commended in the Best Local Bobby category. He was praised for the Farm Watch surveillance nights when 'almost without exception rural criminals are stopped and crimes prevented' and for his use of email to communicate with the whole community.

Pete said: "I realised very early on that working with the local community is key to reducing crime. Without their support I'm fighting a losing battle."

His local knowledge, perseverance and personable manner were mentioned by Richard Percy, NFU Mutual chairman, who added: 'Peter should be very proud. He has managed to unite the community in the fight against crime, which has not only earned him their respect but contributed to his neighbourhood being a much safer place.'

Congratulations, Pete. We always knew you were good; now everyone else does. *To join his email list - and he would love that - use the email on the last page.*



PC Peter Jung and Richard Percy

Church news

There are 3 people willing to help lock up St. Andrews at sundown. A few more volunteers would make it even less onerous and keep the church open. Please let me know!

The Bishop of Salisbury is coming to St. Michael's to bless our new Coffee and Chat family friendly cafe on 15 Sept, at 10:30. If you can help with painting and getting it ready, or volunteer to help in the cafe, we'd love to hear from you.

Lots of weddings and baptisms going on at St. John's this summer, and we're taking bookings for 2014 too!

Simon Woodley, rector

Relief Deputy: Bemerton Farm, Lower Road

Friendly, caring person with good interpersonal skills wanted to join our team. Main duties are to provide holiday, emergency, and some weekend cover. A flexible approach is needed. For more information call Maureen Goff, Estate Manager, on 01722 328391 or 01722 743587.

Quidhampton fete raffle: Viv Bass would love to receive donations of prizes : 742483

Tombola: Chris Edge is collecting donations of bottles and suitable items: 07790564735

Commemoration of The First World War

A real treasure has been found in the county archives: the rector's notebook with 'the Bemerton Roll of Honour 1918 - 1919'. (That is Bemerton parish which includes Quidhampton.) The book contains lists of men who served, together with their regiment, ship etc, lists of the dead, the missing, POWs, and even a list of everyone's military address. The archivist said we are very lucky indeed to have it. Quidhampton will be working with Lower Bemerton to transcribe the notebook so it can be a record for family and local historians.

Speed, road repairs, HGVs and footpaths

Lesa DREWETT, who led the campaign for a reduced **speed limit** on the Netherhampton Road, reports that it should be in place by the end of August, so traffic should travel at no more than 40 mph from Wilton Road traffic lights to Quidhampton Mill. She continued the campaign for a 30 mph limit but had to admit defeat.

She will not be idle however: *"The next step will be trying to get Highways to repair the road by the turning into Lower Road as there is a dip that lorries bounce over which creates a lot of noise. Many residents of Coronation Square mentioned this to me last August"* Some readers will say: but lorries shouldn't come into the village. If you see one: take the

Have you ever wished you knew more about first aid? Now you can learn locally
Saturday 28 September: Village Hall 10.00 – 15.00

One Day First Aid Course

Fully qualified CRB checked instructor
All basic emergency procedures included:
certificate for successful participants
Cost approx £25, less if more than 8 people attend

Enquiries and bookings to Clare Herring
Withy House 741469

herringfleet@talktalk.net

When transferred to a computer the information can be used in different ways eg Quidhampton information can be extracted.

To get started we need a typist. So:

Can you type at a reasonable speed? Can you give a few hours to type a historic document that will be useful for generations to come? Do you know someone who can? If the answer is yes contact the editor who will be delighted to hear from you. You don't have to have any historical knowledge; someone will be at hand to answer questions.

details (or even a photo: nice ones, Richard Stokes!) and pass them on to our award winning local policeman, Pete Jung.

Footpath: Parents complain regularly about the overgrown footpath to Lower Bemerton which can be so bad that walkers are forced onto the road. Issues seem to be given priority according to the number of people who complain so **don't leave it to someone else: contact Clarence if it happens again.** The route to our local school must be one of the most difficult in the county and walkers should not have to go into the road where there is a footpath.

Phone : 0800 23 23 23 or email clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk

