

QUIDHAMPTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

December 2013

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Sun 1 Advent Carols St Andrews 16.00

Thurs 5 Village Quiz: village hall 20.00 for 20.15*

Thurs 5 – Sat 7 Jack and the Beanstalk St Michael's Community centre

Fri 6 Christmas bazaar Bemerton St John's school 15.15

Sat 7 Bus Pass Christmas Party Village Hall 15.00*

Tues 10 WI Christmas meal, members only village hall

Sun 15 Christmas Concert St John's church 18.00**

Mon 16 Carol Service Sarum Academy 19.00

Wed 18 Bemerton Film Society Christmas meeting: Harvey 19.00 St John's school*

Thurs 19 Non-academy kit charity day Sarum Academy

Fri 20 last day of term Bemerton St John's and Sarum Academy

Sat 21 Christmas Carols in the Village Hall 16.00 for 16.30*

Christmas Day possible lunch time drinks in Village Hall 12.30 – 14.00*

**More details in newsletter*

Don't forget the Bus Pass Party: ring 743587 by 2 December if you want to go.

****Full details of church services are in the enclosed Christmas card**

Village Christmas Quiz Night : Thursday 5 December 20.00 for 20.15 start

The November quiz raised £45 for the CT scanner appeal. December's quiz will have a Christmas theme and a special raffle in aid of Wilton and District Link.

Please bring a raffle prize if you can. Christmas tapas and drinks available or bring a bottle and hire a glass

Christmas Day: *there are plans to open the Village Hall from 12.30 – 14.00 on Christmas Day to continue the tradition of a drink with friends and neighbours. (current thinking: bring nibbles and drinks, hire your glass to cover cost of hall)*

Contact Howard on 744617 or email bitis@hotmail.co.uk if you would go to this or can help.

Notices will be posted in the village if it is decided to go ahead.

Christmas Carol Service: Saturday 21 December Village Hall

Begin the Christmas holiday with a free glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, meet your friends and neighbours for a good sing song and listen to readings both serious and humorous.

16.00: mulled wine and mince pies.
16.30 service begins, expected to last about an hour.

A collection will be taken for local Charities

*This event is being held so the village keeps the tradition of a village carol service. The Parish Council and others are generously sponsoring the event to cover the cost of the hall, musician and some seasonal refreshments but **donations of mince pies are needed. Can you provide a dozen? Call Clare Churchill on 743027.** If you need to be reimbursed for the costs that can be arranged, just mention it to Clare.*

The recent circus at Bemerton was a 'fantastic event, even for the grown ups' said one Quidhampton family.

It raised £800 for the school.

Next school event: Christmas bazaar Friday 6 December



Congratulations to Connor Mullett, aged 10, for passing the 11+ Connor has lived at 5 Edgam Place all his life and goes to our local school, Bemerton St John. He also learns Taekwon-Do and was awarded a 3rd in High Kick and a bronze medal in sparring at a competition in Blandford. He is a Black Stripe and hopes to grade for his Black belt next year. His family are very proud of him.

From mum and dad (Sharon and Rich) Purdy-Sox (his dog) and Nanny Beryl (Coronation Square).

Christmas Concert St John's Church

Sunday 15 December 18.00

Dress warmly

for this popular annual event.

Mulled wine, mince pies, hot chocolate on sale also gifts and home made Christmas goodies

Offers of help, including decorating the church, to 536261

A Bemerton Community event working to make St John's a community centre

Advance congratulations to two more villagers who will soon be ninety: Ted Thornton of Coronation Square on 9 December and Eve Warton of Sovereign Close at the end of the month (*did you notice they both won prizes in the last 100 Club draw last month?*)

Police report:

Dear All, can't believe we are heading towards Christmas already – where did that year go? The main problem this year has been **thefts from sheds** targeting power tools. We have emphasised the need for better security so I won't bore you all with that again. Quidhampton had its fair share so I urge you to call 999, especially at night, if you hear or see anything suspicious.

HGV's have been quieter it seems with just 2 reports so far for November. We have also tied up with Lower Bemerton to increase the eyes and ears!

Parking issues were raised at the Parish Council. I'm afraid this will be a problem for Quidhampton as long as there are cars on the road. All I would ask is that we all park with consideration for others – not forgetting that parked cars have a speed calming effect!

Finally I wish you all a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. PC Pete.

Pete also pointed out at the Parish Council meeting that thieves often return to sheds hoping the power tools will have been replaced, so don't ease up on the

Christmas joke: how did the penguin get to the south pole?

By icicle

Contributed by Margaret Wilmott of Lower Bemerton, a keen cyclist

Valerie O'Keefe, Wiltshire Good

Neighbour co-ordinator, talked to the Parish Council about her work with vulnerable elderly people. She described herself as the "yellow pages of what is available". She has reminders for this time of year: **Time to Wrap up Warm!**

Older people are particularly vulnerable in cold weather. **Wrap up warm**, inside and out. **Several thin layers** of clothes are better than one thick layer. Don't forget to wear **hats, gloves and scarves**. **Stay inside** during a cold period if you have heart or respiratory problems. **Protect yourself from falls** by being careful and wearing suitable footwear.

Make sure your home is warm and well insulated. Your main living room should be between 18-21C (64-70F) and the rest of the house at a minimum of 16C (61F).

Use a hot-water bottle or electric blanket (but not at the same time) to keep warm in bed.

Remember to keep active. Move around at least once an hour. Even light exercise helps keep you warm.

Everyone: look out for elderly neighbours. Make sure they have stocks of food and medicines so they don't need to go out during very cold weather. Loneliness can also be a problem so stay and have a chat if possible.

Fuel poverty is where a household spends more than 10% of its annual income on heating. Grants and payments may be available if you are struggling. For more information, for yourself or someone else, contact me: 07557 922034

vokeefe@communityfirst.org.uk

CREATIVE RHYTHMS DANCE CLASS

Wilton Community Centre

Wednesdays 18.30 – 19.30. Room 3

Come and enjoy and keep fit at this lively class fusing Creative dance, Zumba and Step dance. Suitable for all levels.

If interested, call Helen on
07592028479

or email: artlabdesign@btinternet.com

Two doggy reminders: bags of dog excrement no longer have to be put in separate bins and can be put in the general public litter bins. Dogs should not be exercised in the playground.

Christmas joke: how do you frighten a snowman?

You show him your hairdryer

Contributed by Barb Bentham in Canada, descendant of the Price family in Quidhampton 1890-1915

Bemerton Film Society:

Christmas meeting: Harvey

Wednesday 18 December: St John's Primary School

Doors open 19.00, film starts 19.45

Entrance: £6

Enjoy mince pies and a Christmas quiz, with mulled wine available for a donation, then watch **Harvey**, a classic black and white film from 1950.

James Stewart (Elwood P Dowd, an amiable middle aged man too fond of drink) and his best friend Harvey (an imaginary white rabbit) somehow bring peace and contentment to everyone who knows them, except his immediate family who thinks he should be certified.

Harvey has been described as "one of those rare films that makes you want to try to be a better person" and "for entertainment it is hard to beat."

Glenna Ferdinando of Lower Bemerton wants to thank everyone who visited Lower Bemerton artists during the Salisbury Arts Trail. "It means such a lot to us," she said.

Christmas joke: where does a sick gnome go to get better? The elf centre

Parish Council meeting

The November meeting was attended by members of the public interested in the parking issue and two residents interested in becoming councillors. As usual PC Pete Jung and Wiltshire councillor Peter Edge attended.

Roger Williams, chairman of Wilton and District Link, spoke about the Link scheme which provides help with practical tasks and transport for people who are elderly or incapacitated and unable to use public transport. Call 741241 if you would like to use the service or can volunteer to help.

Valerie O'Keefe of Wiltshire Good Neighbours also spoke – see separate article.

The Council agreed to give £100 towards the cost of hall hire, musician and refreshments for **the carol service** in recognition of the importance of community events while the pub is closed. Other matters will be reported in the January newsletter, including a statement from the chairman about parking (see also PC Jung's report) Minutes of council meetings, once approved, are posted on the village noticeboard.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28th January

Message from Graham and Elizabeth Heeley: we are not leaving the village! The For Sale sign outside Albion House was meant for Albion Bungalows. *Thank goodness for that!*

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or leave a note in the black box.

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Waste and recycling dates

Monday 2 Dec: household and garden waste; **Mon 9:** recycling;

Mon 16: household and garden waste; **Mon 23:** recycling;

Tues 31: household waste - no garden waste collection. Next collection: recycling **Tues 7 January**

100 Club October winners

1st 5 Eve Warton

2nd 97 Sabine Dawson

3rd 32 E Thomton