

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

June 2014

What's On in June

Mon 2 : back to school: term six

Thurs 5 : **monthly quiz in Village Hall 20.00 for 20.15**

Thurs 5: Year 10 parents evening Sarum Academy

Fri 6: Green day at Bemerton St John: finale to Environment week. Pupils should wear green. Staff will use as little electricity as possible!

Mon 9: Sports Day Bemerton St John's (reserve day Monday 30 June)*

Weds 11 18.30 Bemerton St John Parents Forum *

Weds 11: Bemerton Film Society: Mamma Mia! *

Thurs 12 : Bemerton St John Stay and Play afternoon for pupils starting in September 13.30

Sun 15: **Lower Bemerton Open Gardens and Scarecrow competition***

Mon 16 – Fri 20: **Year 1 phonics testing all week: please see children are in school**

Mon 16 Year 10 exams begin Sarum Academy

Thurs 19: Year 7 Parents Evening Sarum Academy

Thurs 19: Lower Bemerton History Society : Growing Up in Bemerton by Pauline Wade Hedley Davis Court 19.00

Thurs 26 : Stay and Play afternoon - see Thurs 12

Sat 28 afternoon: **St John's school fete***

* more details elsewhere in newsletter

Advance notice: Wilton Carnival Saturday 5 July

Quidhampton Village Fete Saturday 13 September

Saving St John's Church : first major target achieved!



On 1 May the church was full, with a good number from Quidhampton, to hear about probably the last chance to save St John's from closure.

As outlined in the last newsletter the plans stand a real chance of succeeding with the school as main tenant. All homes in Quidhampton should have had a sample letter that can be sent to the planning authority in support : deadline 5 June.

The exciting news is that £25,000 of the £100,000 needing to be raised by the community has been raised or pledged already! It will be used as match funding to add another £20,000 (to be confirmed

at the end of May).

The target of £20,000 for the community to raise before the end of May was reached by the middle of May.

Pledges: money that has been pledged will be called in when building starts. Rector Simon Woodley says: we have had so many pledges it is taking more time than we would like to write to you all individually. Thank you for being patient.

Grants: a lot now depends on the success of grant applications. There have been a couple of disappointments but there are lots of irons in the fire. As Simon says: "More prayer or fingers crossed - whichever is your style!"

Fundraising: the first event is Bemerton Open Gardens Sunday 15 June, always a pleasure to go to.

Annual Parish meeting

Seven villagers attended.

Village Reports

Entertainments Fund: John Cater reported that in 2013/14 the fund gave £160 to the fete for the band and £150 towards general costs for the bus pass party. There were no village events to increase the fund, the only income was its share of 100 Club profits. The fund is now £1963 compared to £2189 last year.

Village Quiz : Howard Rowley reported that since the pub closed the monthly quiz has continued in the village hall . It is usually well attended. Costs are covered and between £30 - £45 is raised each time for a charity chosen by the winning team. Howard will continue to run it as long as it is successful.

Village Hall Committee: John Cater reported that plans to refurbish the kitchen had been agreed. £1248 will cover the cost of replacing the two small cookers with a large range cooker, and buying a stainless steel table, a portable water boiler and a larger fridge. A grant application has been submitted to the Area Board for £600 which leaves £648 matched funding to find. The committee asked the Parish Council to contribute to the cost.

Newsletter: Bea Tilbrook reported that the newsletter was produced as before, and was sadly more essential because of the closure of the pub. Sponsorship to cover the cost comes from the Parish Council and individuals. There is enough to pay for the next seven months and she has not had to ask for sponsorship for two years. Several villagers are donating for the second or third time and it is heartening to see people supporting the community in this way.

Flood warden: Ken Taylor reported that only gardens had flooded in the village.

Commemoration of World War One: Bea Tilbrook reported that all men on the lych gate memorial had been identified

and would be commemorated in the newsletter and Bemerton's What's On 100 years after their death. Prayers would also be said in St Andrews. More Quidhampton survivors are being identified and some descendants have been traced, most notably descendants of Herbert and Arthur Case, and Robert and George East. Photographs and stories are being exchanged – very exciting! An incidental by-product is the collection and creation of resources e.g. tabulation of some of the information in the 1911 census; a list of names mentioned in the school log book of the time; Kelly's Street directories (Bea holds copies of one directory from each of the decades 1930's, 1950's 1960's and 1970's.) If anyone wants to use these for their own research please get in touch.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Quidhampton Parish Councillors are:

Viv Bass, Paul Cripps, Chris Edge, Charles Frank, Victoria Frank, Caroline Hampson, Dave Roberts, Howard Rowley and Ken Taylor. Clare Churchill is the Parish Clerk.

Election of officers and representatives

Dave Roberts was re-elected chairman and Chris Edge vice chairman.

Highways Representative: Dave Roberts

Flood warden: Ken Taylor

Civil Emergency Volunteer: John Cater

Area Board link: Ken Taylor

Link to Police: Chris Edge

Other matters:

20 mph limit through the village: the application did not get to the next stage. There was some discussion about the way this decision was made and agreement that it seemed unfair. The chairman will write to the Area Board. Another application can be made next year.

Community Speedwatch: the clerk will pursue this to see if we qualify

Village Fete 13 September to include the Quidhampton Bake Off challenge: the

Parish Council supports this. Organisers: Clare Churchill and Victoria Frank. Offers of help appreciated. Tel: 07891 518169 (evenings)

Finance: The accounts are healthy and the auditor's report was good. It was decided to meet the remaining cost of the improvements to the village hall kitchen, with a recommendation that refurbishment of the toilets be considered next.

Recreation ground: councillors will meet again to finish clearing the wild area.

The bin in the playground: the Parish Council is now paying to have this emptied fortnightly.

Quidhampton's firework display did not take place last year and Howard explained

that it is too difficult to organise it without the pub which provides cooking facilities, electricity, toilets etc. Everyone hoped the pub would re-open in time for a display to be held this year and the Parish Council would support it if it did.

Quidhampton Parish Website: Paul Cripps explained that the website is consistently used with the Parish Council minutes being the most popular and the newsletter second. He has not got the time to maintain all aspects of it and Caroline Hampson volunteered to help.

A quantity of salt for use in icy conditions is still held by the Parish Clerk. There was no call for it last winter.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 22 July.**

Be Tick Aware

There may be more ticks this year because of the mild wet winter. Wiltshire Council warns:

Ticks are most commonly found in woodland and long grass. They are small spider like creatures whose bite can go unnoticed and they can spread Lyme disease.

An unfed tick can be the size of a sesame seed on a burger bun, or even smaller : 2 – 3 mm

Be careful when walking in woodland or long grass and keep to paths.

Wear long sleeves and trousers tucked into socks.

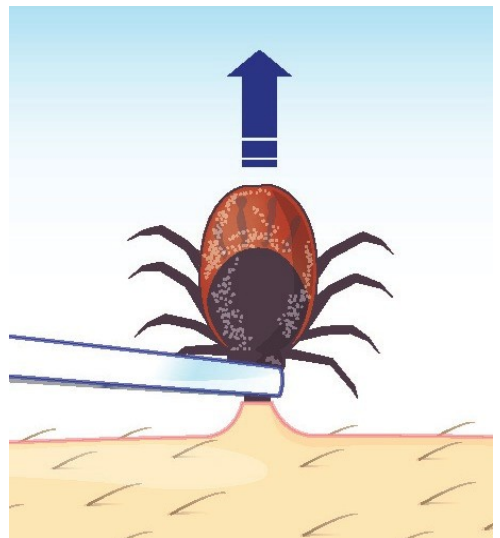
Use insect repellent if particularly worried.

Check for ticks when you get home on your body and your clothes. They love skin folds – armpits, backs of knees etc – and your hairline.

If you find a tick grip it as close to the skin as possible with fine tweezers and pull upwards slowly and firmly. Do not remove it by burning it or covering it with something like Vaseline. Apply antiseptic to the bite and keep an eye on it.

An early symptom of Lyme disease is a circular rash at the site of the bite. It develops between 3 to 30 days after the tick bite. There may also be flu like symptoms and more serious symptoms can develop later. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can usually be successfully treated with antibiotics.

Visit the public health website: www.phe.gov.uk to help record tick distribution in the UK.



A special St John's discovery : the grave of Clarrie Price



Clarrie as a young woman, in Quidhampton

The editor writes: newer villagers may not know of my fascination with the Price family who moved here in 1890 and the research I've done into their lives. This was a family that came down in the world from quite prosperous beginnings because the father, Charles, preferred alcohol and gambling to work. In 1907 he emigrated to Canada to join his second son



Clarrie, on the left, in later life with Gladys Hunting, her life long friend and daughter of Edgar Hodgson, organist of St John's

but his wife, Clara, lived in Nadder Lane for 25 years and is buried at St John's.

Three of their nine children died when young but Clarrie Price, the second youngest, lived to be 105 by which time she had no local family and was penniless. She did have, however, an unwavering Christian faith and a gift for life and friendship and many people in



Clarrie's grave is beside the cricket ground fence, directly behind the granite headstone of Murial Ivy Davis and in front of the silver birch.

Salisbury still remember her with pleasure. She was buried at St John's in 1996 but her grave was unmarked. When I gave a talk about the family eighteen months ago there was enthusiasm for the idea of some kind of commemoration of Clarrie's long life, and the lives of her three young sisters, also buried in unmarked graves at St John's. And now Clarrie's grave has been found! It was an emotional occasion with Ian Newman, funeral director, Rev Simon Woodley and Sue Amey, manager of Holmwood Residential Home where Clarrie spent the last years of her life. The surrounding graves all have gravestones so Clarrie's can be marked with one too, not just a flat memorial plaque as we imagined.

Look out in the newsletter for details of events to raise funds and commemorate the life of this remarkable woman.

Bemerton Film Society Wednesday 11 June
Bemerton St John School
MAMMA MIA! PG certificate

You know the story – everyone is on a Greek Island, the sun shines, they dance and sing ABBA songs. It's exuberant, colourful, heart warming. Come along, watch and sing and perhaps even dance !

Entrance £7 to include Greek nibbles.
1970s dress optional – prize for the best
Doors open 19.00 Film begins 19.30



Bemerton Open Gardens : Raising money to save St John's for the community

Sunday 15 June : beautiful gardens, art, scarecrows and riverside views

- **nine gardens open** along Lower Road
- **teas and plant sales** in St John's Church
- **a scarecrow competition** open to all
- **Art in the Garden** at 117 Lower Road and 3 St Andrews Road

Gardens Open 14.00 – 17.00 Admission to all gardens £5. Teas, jams, plants and garden tools for sale. More details : 01722 326261.

Lower Bemerton Scarecrow Competition: Sunday 15 June

- **Anyone** can enter, no form, no entry fee
- Display scarecrows in your front garden or, with permission, in one of the open gardens, or in the Recreation Ground or St John's graveyard
- Mayor of Salisbury Cllr Jo Broom will judge them on the morning of 15 June. Children's prize and adults prize
- If you want your scarecrow to be judged drop a note into 117 Lower Road or email with your name and scarecrow's location
glenna.ferdinando@btinternet.com
- More details from Glenna on 01722 332595.



Quidhampton people can support the fundraising by making a cake or potting up some plants for sale (leave them in St John's porch in the morning) as well as going along on the day. The gardens are always beautiful – tell friends and family too.

Other Church news: Ruth Main, our parish transport coordinator, has a new phone number 01722 679334. If you need someone to give you a lift in their car to church services or events, please contact Ruth on this number from now on.



The beauty of buttercups

In early May the fields between the village and Wilton Road were rich with buttercups, the perfect picture of English fields in springtime. Even passengers on the Wilton buses commented as they caught sight of the flashes of yellow between the trees.

To see this photo in colour—have the newsletter by email

The White Horse is looking smarter than ever with a new fitted kitchen but Enterprise Inns told the newsletter that although they want to get it open soon they have still not appointed a new tenant. Negotiations are ongoing.

Jennifer Tyler would like to thank all the people who gave to the **Christian Aid week** collection which raised £212.92.

Zumba classes : cancelled until further notice. Numbers were down and Helen Kirby has a new job and time consuming studies. She will review the situation later in the year.

100 Club winners for April

1st. prize	£40	No 55.	P. Cripps
2nd. prize	£30	No 44.	C.Edge
3rd. prize	£15	No 41.	D.Thomas

School news : Bemerton St John

Parents Forum: Wednesday 11 June

18.30 Alun Richards, headteacher says: The Parents Forum is where the parents have time to meet me to discuss any concerns or any new information we have. It is also a chance to use them as a sounding board for any new implementations to the school. This meeting is about our website and developments for the year.

Sports Day: Monday 9 June. Pupils take part in activities run by Year Six in the morning and parents can come to watch races in the afternoon. Reserve date in case of bad weather: 30 June

Footpath through sports ground and churchyard: parents are urged to use the path to reduce parking and congestion outside the school which create

dangerous situations for pedestrians. There are still problems with the bus getting through so the police have said they will make regular visits.

Free School Meals: from September children in Key Stage 1 will have free school lunches. If you would normally get free meals it is very important that you still register with the school so it can claim premium pupil funding to provide extra support for your child. Go along to the school office with your national insurance number : they will be delighted to help you.

Breakfast club will run on a trial basis from Monday 2 June. Some parents asked about an after school club. There is no space in school to run it but there will be if the St John's conversion takes place – another reason to support it.

Bemerton St John School

Summer fete

Saturday 28 June 14.00 – 16.00

Stalls, competitions for children, duck race, bouncy castle, BBQ,
beer tent...and

special attraction: water zorbing: (rolling around in big plastic
tubes on an enormous paddling pool)

Calypso Caribbean band
to be confirmed



A sad goodbye

A family who contributed a lot to village life has left Quidhampton Jo Penny writes: After 15 very happy years in Quidhampton, we have moved from the Old Bakery to Wilton. We apologise for the quiet exit from the village, not saying our goodbyes, but we were all sad and emotional to leave.

A lot of you know how much time, effort and love we put into developing our home and it was a very hard decision to sell but we felt ready for the challenge of a new project and much larger garden and outlook. (Look out for the chutney and egg sales!)

Elliot and Caitlin already had several friends in Wilton so are enjoying being here but they have the best of both worlds, with a 5 minute journey back to their Quidhampton mates as well.

Chris is enjoying the novelty of having a garage (full already!) and Jo has been busy in the garden and with her sewing business: The Vintage Storeroom. Since March she has had rental space in Scrubby Nelly, the vintage shop in Wilton Shopping Centre.

We very much hope that all our friends and neighbours will keep in touch and pop in to our new home for a cuppa. We hope to see you soon!

Finally we wish Alison Herod and family as much happiness and enjoyment of the

Old Bakery as we have had. Alison and Jo became good friends over the last few months so we will be popping back to the village to see her and our other lovely friends.

Lots of love and fond memories of Quidhampton from the Pennys. xx jpenny_onyourdoorstep@yahoo.com *Jo's charity craft fairs in the village hall will be missed, and her help with village events. Her energy and artistic flair always added something special. And husband Chris who unfailingly helped put up the marquee etc, and Eliot and Caitlin who organised children's games. But it's not a complete goodbye yet.: Jo's craft business will be featured in a future newsletter and she has offered to help with teas at the next village fete*

Welcome to Alison Herod and family:
may you too have many happy years here

Police report: On 10th and 12th April two incidents of criminal damage to a car were reported to us. We believe these to be linked. On 23rd April an old unroadworthy bicycle was stolen from a front garden. I guess the offender didn't manage a quick get away!

We have had a higher number of HGV's spotted – 6 reported in the last month.

Regards, PC Pete

Newspaper and magazine deliveries

After mentioning Emma and Carl Romano's excellent service last month they responded:

We are very grateful for your mention in your newsletters, the support we receive from the people of Quidhampton is amazing and we really appreciate it. If you would like us to put a newsletter in with our papers for Lower Road and Quidhampton we would be more than happy to.

Kind regards,

Emma And Carl Romano.

They deliver to Wilton, Salisbury and surrounding areas by 7 a.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. weekends. If you still haven't signed up for this excellent service look at their website: www.romanosnews.com or phone 414700

River Rescue: several people said how much they enjoyed last month's story. If you know of other incidents from the 1940's, 50's or 60's that could be the basis of an article please contact the editor.

John Cater of Fisherman's Reach wrote: *Fascinated by the Stokes rescue article. I have swum in the river twice, showing off on both occasions. To think that people did it for pleasure, it's liquid ice!*

FREE FISH TANK vgc

original inhabitants have migrated to a larger home

19 litre square fish tank

Apply to Meadow Barn 01722 742456

Please note: the next newsletter will cover two months: July and August

All contributions to the editor by 25 June

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or leave a note in the black box.

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Waste and recycling dates

Monday 2 June household and garden waste; **Monday 9** recycling;

Monday 16 household and garden waster; **Monday 23** recycling;

Monday 30 household and garden waste

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