

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

February 2015

What's On in February *Quidhampton events in bold*

Six Nations Rugby in The White Horse Loft : half time pies and deals on beer and wine.

Thursday 5: Charity Quiz night The White Horse 20.00;
sausage and mash supper 18.30, £7.95, booking advised.

Wednesday 11: Bemerton Film Society: Saving Grace St John's School 19.30

Saturday 14: iPad-Air draw St John's church 10.30 Children's fun event involving record breaking attempts at bouncing balloons and moving jelly beans with a straw.

Draw at 11.30. Coffee, croissants and hot chocolate available

Saturday 14: Valentine's evening at The White Horse:
specials board with a hint of romance... booking advised

Sunday 15: Chapter 3 White Horse Malt Whisky Society 16.00 ticket only

Monday 16 – Friday 20: half term

Saturday 21: Afternoon craft fair, The White Horse.

Saturday 21 : Monthly meat draw at The White Horse approx 21.00

Monday 23 : Village Events meeting: The White Horse 20.00

Events at The White Horse

Richard Stokes music quiz was an outstanding success. It was standing room only – and not much of that! The winners were the Bear Behinds, a team from the Bear at Wilton, including their landlord, with White Horse barmaid Kim's team coming second. £130 was raised for the RNLI. Rich says next time he will include a classical round and 50s and 60s rounds. Next time? He mentioned late autumn. Lots of people will be looking forward to that.

The New Year's Eve party was sold out and Burns Night was "the best ever" (so said at least three villagers). Aren't we glad the White Horse is open again with Nick and Zoe!

Zoe says: *particular thanks to Ron Smith for his input and help on **Burns Night**, despite suffering from a nasty chest infection.*

Hopefully the whisky eased the symptoms...

It was great seeing Haggis Haters become Haggis Lovers once they tried the MacSween Chieftain Haggis and the dancing was a sight to behold!

The Meat Draw proved very popular and will now take place on the 3rd Saturday of every month, at about 21.00. Tickets available from the first of the month.

Afternoon Craft Fair - Saturday 21 February. Stalls include Jewellery, Cards, Handmade Gifts, Stitching. Still a couple of spaces left - £5 donation to Wilts Air Ambulance for a table. Afternoon teas and coffees available. A good opportunity to shop for an unusual or handmade gift for Mother's Day.

Tickets for the iPad Air raffle still available from The White Horse. To be drawn on 14 Feb – see What's On.

Now stocked at The White Horse Inn

Things you cannot do without if you run out
Pack of 2 toilet rolls £1.15, Sugar £1
Tetley tea bags £1.35, Six eggs £1
Also coffee, bread, milk

December 100 Club Winners

1st.	15.	S Davies
2nd.	117.	L Hudson
3rd.	19.	L Smith

2015 events in the village

10 villagers attended the meeting in The White Horse last month to discuss the year ahead and the following events were proposed:

- **Saturday 9 May: 70th anniversary of VE Day to be celebrated** with afternoon tea for the over seventies, and an evening event with live music, food and fancy dress. Zoe Hoare to co-ordinate.

Please contact Zoe or Jonathan Young if you could organise some children's events in the afternoon of 9 May

- **Saturday 22 August: Village Fete co-ordinator and helpers needed**

- **Saturday 7 November: Fireworks** (subject to insurance, agreement to use the field etc)

- **Christmas events** same as this year, dates to be decided: Bus pass tea party, evening carol service in The White Horse and afternoon Christmas concert with

carols in the Village Hall. Grateful thanks go to the organisers of the bus pass party and concert who run these events every year.

Follow up meeting:

Monday 23 February to check co-ordination and support. It is not intended to establish an overall organising committee.

Village Fete needs organiser

Do you enjoy the Village Fete? Could you help organise it? If the fete is to continue it needs someone like you! Contact Jonathan Young: 744066
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And helpers If you can commit to helping with the fete please contact Jonathan before 23 February. It's easier to find organisers if there are already willing volunteers.

John Cater writes:

Hats Off to the Herrings

Those of us who delivered clothes for Iraqi refugees to the Herrings must have been taken aback by the scope of their challenge. Withy House was completely taken over by the amount of stuff they were given, which they then packed efficiently and delivered onward. It was the labour of Hercules; goodness knows they must be pleased to have their lives and home back. Indeed, when I called on

them I was fearful of taking off my hat, lest it was seized and packed away.

So, now that it is safe to do so, let us raise our hats to the Herring family; what a magnificent job.

Clare Herring asks for thanks to be expressed to John Cater, (who didn't mention that he stayed to help them), and Geoff Crawford and everyone else who lent a hand. And to all villagers, friends and families for the donations of winter clothing: a magnificent response

Lower Road Closure:

Monday 16 February – Friday 20

Skew Road and Lower Road in the village are unaffected but there will be no way to or from Quidhampton via Lower Bemerton.

This is to allow a larger 'build out' to be constructed where the footpath across the sports field ends opposite the school. White lines will also be painted on the east side of Church Lane to improve the safety of pedestrians.

Another new business in the village

In January, Charlotte Gale launched another creative small business selling newly fashionable succulent plants, air-plants and other post-able 'living gifts'. You can see her range of designer gifts and hand-crafted homewares by visiting her online shop:

www.notonthehighstreet.com/pod.

More details in the next newsletter



Five star apartments?

A new look for Quidhampton Mill

Having run their five star bed and breakfast for nearly 4 years, Martin and Lesa Drewett decided it was time for a change and converted their three b and b rooms into two equally stylish and comfortable self-catering apartments.

The change will give them time for other projects (the conversion of a large Salisbury house into flats was mentioned) and a break from the relentless demands of an outstandingly successful b and b.

Each apartment has its own entrance and a well equipped kitchen (oven, hob, microwave, fridge, dishwasher and washer/dryer). Both have double beds and sofa beds with sprung mattresses. The Loft sleeps up to three and the Courtyard up to four. And

Martin and Lesa are still providing the personal touches that made their business such a success: optional continental breakfast of freshly baked pastries delivered to the apartment and a shopping service before guests arrive.

We wish them every success. Some regular b and b guests are already returning - a tribute to the high quality service Martin and Lesa provide.

The Loft costs £120 a night for double occupancy, reducing to £100 for 3 night stays and £90 for 7 nights. The Courtyard is £10 a night more, and for each apartment extra guests are £15 a night.



SAVING GRACE

UK 2000, 88 mins, Colour PG certificate

Bemerton Film Society

Wednesday 11 February

Bemerton St John School

19.30 start doors open 19.00 £5

If you are in the mood for escapist fun, like that of some of the jolly post war Ealing comedies, you'll enjoy Saving Grace, but don't expect anything deep or complicated.

Grace, played beautifully by Brenda Blethyn, is an impoverished widow who decides to cultivate marijuana in her greenhouse. The climax involves Grace and her friends, her late husband's mistress, her creditors, the police and a menacing French drug lord and his henchmen.

Have you thought about hiring the village hall?

Rates are £10 an hour in winter and £6 an hour from 1 April. It's a valuable asset to the village that could be used more.

Minimum booking cost: £10
Contact the bookings secretary: Sabine Dawson on 742843 (not Sundays) or email sabinedance@btinternet.com

Police news:

Dear All, So far so good for the village during January. No reported crimes which is great news following last year's peaks and troughs!

Please always remain vigilant if you sense when someone is up to no good – especially slow moving vans casing areas. Jot down the registration and send it to me on an email. I'd rather get 10 innocent reports than just one of the not quite so innocent!

Parking issues near the pinch point at the Coronation Square end of the village were raised at the beginning of the Parish Council meeting. This has been a problem for years and I would rather not have to get the Traffic Wardens out. Please residents don't park on the double yellows as it causes massive problems when buses come through – not to mention emergency vehicles. The condition of the yellows is very poor and the Council has raised this with Highways, but let's be honest, we all know where they are! **Regards, PC Pete**

Parish Council: the Parish Council has put forward a request for a 20 mph speed limit and is considering a questionnaire to go to all villagers about other traffic concerns in the village. More Parish Council news in March.
Note: parking in the village will be on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

Parking: have you got a space off the road or a garage you don't use?
At least one villager is eager to rent such a space to park their car. It helps us all to have more cars off the road. Ring Kimberley on 07971 660394

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Problems with HGVs: contact PC Jung or leave a note in the black box.

Village Hall bookings: Sabine Dawson 742843 (not Sundays)

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Waste and recycling dates

Monday 2 Feb : Recycling

9 Feb : Household and Garden waste

16 Feb : Recycling

23 Feb : Household and Garden waste

2 March : Recycling

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