

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

March 2015

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

Thursday 5: Year 5 Open Evening Sarum Academy

Thursday 5: **Howard's Monthly Charity Quiz and Pie Supper Night at The White Horse. Pies from 18.30 (includes Steve's famous fish pie). Booking advised. Quiz begins about 20.00**

Friday 6: staff development day, Bemerton St John. School closed for pupils

Monday 9: Free Health Promotion Workshop for older women in Quidhampton and Lower Bemerton Hedley Davis Court 14.00 followed by discussion group (men and women): what would older people like to see at St John's? 16.00 – see page 3

Wednesday 11: Bemerton Film Society: Iris. Doors open 19.00 Film begins 19.30

Sunday 15: Mother's Day lunch at The White Horse

Wednesday 18 – Thursday 19: Bemerton St John parents evenings

Friday 20: staff professional development day: Sarum Academy closed to all pupils

Tuesday 24 : Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 19.30

Thursday 26: Sarum Academy: non academy kit charity day

Friday 27: end of term all local schools

What's coming up at The White Horse

Tuesday Nights are Steak Nights : 2 Steaks and a Bottle of Wine £20.00

Choose from a 6oz rump steak or an 8oz gammon steak, with all the usual trimmings plus a bottle of red or white wine, just £20.00 – the perfect reason to leave the cooking and washing up to someone else!

Mid Week Roast Lunch £8.95 for 2 courses.

From 4 March: Wednesdays only. Choice of 2 meats served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, vegetables of the day and gravy, followed by ice cream.

Booking advised 01722 744448

Mothers Day – Sunday 15th March.

Bookings now being taken for two sittings: 12.00 and 14.30 sitting. Two courses and coffee £13.50, three courses and coffee £17.95

Rugby continues for the duration of the 6 Nations.

Thursday 5 March Quiz Night from 20.00. Pie Night menu from 18.30 (including Steve's Fish Pie!), booking advised. Next quiz Thursday 2 April.

Remember: takeaway fish and chips to order: £8.95 large £6.95 small

PC Pete Jung is on leave but it is worth repeating his warning from a recent email: There has been a spate of local burglaries (including one in Quidhampton) where the thieves have got in by smashing a window

in the back door and turning the key in the lock. Do not leave keys in a lock where they can be seen and reached by breaking a window, or even in reach on a nearby window sill.

New village group?

Now we no longer have a gardening group or WI in the village there has been an idea that we might evolve a women's group if there is enough support for it. The group would meet monthly and ideas for a programme for the meetings would be most welcome. Speakers, outings and theatre trips have already been mentioned. If the idea appeals to you please ring Viv Bass on 742483

Wiltshire Community Transport : do you need help in getting to the shops?

You may have seen villagers getting onto a bus at Rogers Close on a Monday morning. This is a service provided by Wiltshire Community Transport for older people and people with disabilities. Once a fortnight, the bus picks up at Rogers Close at 09.10 and goes to Tesco's on Southampton Road, arriving about 10.00. A stop can also be arranged at Waitrose.

It costs £15 a year to become a member of the scheme and if you have a bus pass you pay nothing else, otherwise there is a fare every time you travel.

There are some spare places on the service for Quidhampton. Ring 01722 410123 for information.

The community bus next comes to Quidhampton on Monday 9 March.

The friendly driver will make extra stops, even picking up from outside your home if needed. The return journey begins at noon.

Events Meeting

The meeting in the White Horse on 23 February went through the events planned and suggested for the year.

VE Day 70th anniversary event Saturday 9 May this is going ahead led by Zoe and Charles Frank. All villagers aged 70 and over are invited to a tea party in the afternoon. Zoe hopes to be able to show a Pathe news reel selection of the era. Younger villagers (i.e. under 70!) are needed to make cakes and help serve the tea. The intention is that the elders just sit back and enjoy the afternoon. Names to Zoe please.

Tickets will be required for the evening event with live music and food. Details available nearer the date

Village Fete Saturday 22 August a co-ordinator has not come forward. Zoe and Nick are prepared to run a smaller event in the pub grounds if there are five or six committed volunteers they can rely on. If you want the fete to be held this year give your name to Zoe and Nick.

Planning for the Fireworks event (7 November) is underway, subject to necessary agreements.

The Christmas events (bus pass party, carol service, carol concert) will all take place, dates to be decided.

NEW event: a family pumpkin day in late September or early October is planned with traditional autumn activities such as apple bobbing and a pumpkin competition (largest, ugliest etc). Then the pumpkins will be ready for Halloween.

What is needed: villagers to grow their own pumpkins! More details next time.

Bemerton Film Society—Iris Wednesday 11 March

**St John's School 19.30 (doors open
19.00) entrance £5**

2001 - 87 minutes – colour – 15 certificate

Iris tells the story of the relationship between the writer Iris Murdoch and her husband John Bayley. At first as joyous and life enhancing as their marriage, it

eventually shows her mind deteriorating as she suffers from dementia. It is painfully honest about the awfulness of the condition and you should be prepared for an emotional experience. The acting is superb with Kate Winslet and Hugh Bonneville as the young Iris and John, and Judi Dench and Jim Broadbent (who won an Oscar for this role) as the older couple.

Dare to Age Well : FREE Health Workshop for Bemerton and Quidhampton women aged 65 and over

Hedley Davis Court Lower Bemerton Monday 9 March 14.00

This health promotion workshop provides information about health issues for women (such as memory, continence and hearing problems) in a session designed to be informative and fun.

This is part of some work by Brunel University. At the end of the session you will be invited to take part in a research study which aims to understand whether this kind of workshop is useful for women.

If you would like to participate then you agree to:

- Have your information used as part of the study
- Receive short phone calls every 3 months over the next year to answer questions about your health.

St John's Place news

The iPad Air raffle raised £1112, including refreshments sold in the church at the draw event.

New fundraiser: Ben and Tom Thornton (no relation to our Quidhampton Thorntons we believe) are aiming to walk round the Isle of Wight in 24 hours on 2 May. That's 106 kilometers (68 miles) They are asking for sponsorship in aid of the conversion of St John's.

<https://localgiving.com/benandtomiow> is the

News of an ex-villager

Joanne Penny (much missed when it comes to fetes and bunting) writes:

I have finally found the right premises to open a shop which I have always wanted to do.

The Bay Window Gift Shop & Homeware opens on Saturday 7 March at 17 North St, Wilton (next door to the Co op). There will be a range of local crafts, greetings cards & wrapping paper, accessories, candles, soaps, soft furnishings, lamps and furniture together with some pre-loved items. A great mixture over two floors in a lovely setting by

All information is confidential and anonymous. There is no obligation to take part in the study. You can simply come along on the day and enjoy the session.

What do older people – men and women - want to see happening in St John's?

After the health session for women there will be a teabreak, and then discussion about the plans for St John's

Place and the activities people over 60 would like to see happening there.

Everyone is welcome to come to this second session.



January 100 Club Winners

1st	40	P Edge
2nd	132	Mrs Green
3rd	37	Ron Smith

website for donations (contact the editor if you don't do websites and want to donate). Gift aid will increase your donation by 25%

Pews for sale! As part of creating St. John's Place the existing pews are being sold. If you are interested in having a piece of history then contact Hilary Bird. 01722 333839 hilaryabird@btinternet.com

Note: there is a minimum price of £100 and it will take some extra carpentry work to get them removed. They need to know by March 13th - so hurry!

the historic market square and church. *Good luck, Jo. We hope to have more details in another newsletter as well as the promised interview with Charlie Gale about her new business at www.notonthehighstreet.com/pod*

Thinking ahead : bunting for VE Day



If you have any scraps of fabric that would be suitable please let Zoe have them, and stand by for announcements of bunting workshops

Handy Man Services

Reliable and Punctual
Local Handyman

Written Estimates Provided

Ring Dave—Teffont 01722 716603

Ring Mark—Dinton 01722 716879

Mobile 07864 4387761



These handymen come recommended by Good Neighbour scheme coordinator, Valerie O'Keefe, who can also provide references.

Services offered: Painting, shelving and cupboards, tiling, woodwork, fencing and general handyman jobs.

If you do use them, how about giving feedback to the newsletter?

Winter clothes collection:

Clare Herring has just heard that 'our lorry got there!' The clothes and bedding have been distributed in the Dohuk/Kirkuk region of Iraq. Look out for another collection in the autumn..

THANK YOU!

A message from the editor

Do you enjoy the newsletter? Then don't forget to thank to the team who put it through your door. They all deliver it as soon as possible after receiving their copies.

So thanks to **Viv Bass, Jim Goddard, Elizabeth and Graham Heeley, Clare and Chris Herring, Sam Thake and Ted Thornton**

We also remember the many years that Ron Strange delivered newsletters before illness forced him to stop, and the seven villagers on the reserve list who fill in for holidays, illness etc.

It's a real community enterprise.

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Waste and recycling dates

2 March: Recycling

9 March: Household & garden waste

16 March: Recycling

23 March: Household & garden waste

30 March: Recycling

6 April : Household & garden waste

Free toddler play table

Plastic table with cover, holds water and sand.

Contact 01722 742456