

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

September 2015

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## What's On in September *Quidhampton events in bold*

- Wednesday 2** Term begins at Bemerton St John school and year 7 and 6th form only at Sarum Academy
- Thursday 3** Term begins Sarum Academy for all other years
- Thursday 3** **Monthly Quiz The White Horse 20.00\***
- Wed 16** Bemerton Film Society: Julie and Julia 19.30 St John's School\*
- Thurs 17** Bemerton Local History Society: Clifford Lodge, growing up in Bemerton\*
- Friday 18** **Rugby World cup. Watch important matches at The White Horse\***
- Tuesday 22** **Quidhampton Parish Council 19.30 Village Hall**
- Wednesday 23** **Quidhampton Women's Group meal at The White Horse\***

### Advance notices:

- Harvest Festival auction: **Tuesday 6 October**
- Jumble sale in aid of Village Hal: **Saturday 10 October**
- Pumpkin Party: **Saturday 17 October**
- **Quidhampton Fireworks display : Saturday 7 November**

\* more details further in newsletter

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### **Monthly Quiz Thursday 3 September** **Quizmaster extraordinaire Howard** **Rowley writes:**

This month's quiz has the usual collection of "I'll know it when he tells me" questions. We keep the format as friendly as possible so a team of 2 has as much chance of winning the £25 meal voucher as a team of 6 because the winners are the ones with the best average score (total points divided by team members).

In addition the winning team chooses a worthwhile cause to receive the money

raised. And there is also the legendary Half Time Challenge, a separate quiz with chocolate prizes.

So why not come along and make an evening of it with a range of low priced suppers or the conventional pub menu? Or just come for the quiz and a drink. Don't worry if you are on your own: the locals are friendly and you will be invited to join a team if you want.

Last month the money raised went towards the village hall, a facility for the whole village that needs a bit more support to keep it going.

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**The newly formed Quidhampton's Women's group** had an enjoyable day in Bath recently. Their next event is a meal at The White Horse on **23 September**. Membership is open to women who live in Quidhampton or have close connections with the village. Contact Joyce Harvey 742309 by 9 September if you would like to go to the meal. The group will in future be known as the Sovereign Set.

### **100 Club winners**

#### **July**

1st 4 M and J Young  
2nd 55 Paul Cripps  
3rd 92 Trowbridge

#### **August**

1st. 169 M Hutchins  
2nd. 28 J Barnes  
3rd. 9 J Corcoran

**Parish Council News—July meeting**  
**Eight members of the public attended the meeting**

**Vacancy:** Zoe Hoare of The White Horse was co-opted to the council

**20mph speed limit:** the metrocount will be in the village in September when traffic is at normal levels. If it records an average speed of 24 mph or below that is another important step towards establishing a 20 mph limit in the village.

**Bemerton St John School admission policy:** a meeting between the school and the Parish Council is being arranged in September. The Council resolved to run a campaign for changes to the admissions policy. Chris Edge, Caroline Hampson and Dave Roberts will form a working party and invite Wiltshire Councillor Peter Edge to join it.

**Quidhampton Village Hall :** after examining the accounts and discussing the

issues with John Cater (treasurer) the Parish Council agreed to grant the village hall £350 a year for the next two years and to investigate further grants, subject to a business plan being provided.

**Planning:** the council decided to object to a second application for a house on the land east of Pennard for the same reasons as the first application. The parking provision would be double checked – the scale of the plans was not very clear.

**Football nets:** new nets have been purchased after considerable difficulty in finding ones that fitted the goals. A member of the public thought the old nets had been removed and kept by a villager because of issues with the way the pitch was used, and they had not been stolen.

**Football nets and use of the recreation ground will be on the agenda at the meeting on 22nd September.**

**Pumpkin Party: Saturday October 17.**

Contact Marie Young 744066 or Joy Wagstaff 743080 if you would like your children to attend. **More details in October newsletter.**

**Fireworks evening Jonathan Young writes:**

Subject to obtaining the relevant permissions and financial support, there will be another village fireworks event on **Saturday 7 November** with food and entertainment from 16.45 and the firework display starting at 18.30.

I would be keen to hear from anyone who is able to help set up on the Saturday morning, act as a steward during the event and / or clear up on the Sunday morning.

Contact [jonathan.young1@virgin.net](mailto:jonathan.young1@virgin.net) or 07795 151533.

**Full details of the event and information about tickets in the October newsletter.**

**Request from Parish Council: hedges**

Would villagers please keep their hedges trimmed where they overhang the pavement or sides of the road.

Quidhampton is not the easiest village to walk in and overhanging hedges push pedestrians and their buggies etc even further into the traffic. Thank you!

**Poppins Out of School Club**

Poppins Out of School Club starting in Bemerton in September!

A Fun and Caring club for children aged up to 11, run by experienced and qualified teachers after school at Bemerton St John School.  
3.15 - 5.30 every day.

Poppins also offers all day holiday activities during the October half-term from Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th and on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December. Contact Kathryn Willis at [poppinsclub@gmail.com](mailto:poppinsclub@gmail.com) for further information.

## News from The White Horse

**QUIZ NIGHT** Don't forget food is available beforehand but booking is recommended as it gets busy.

**STEAK NIGHT** every Tuesday from 18.30. 2 steaks and a bottle of wine, just £22.00. Again, it is advisable to book.

### RUGBY

We've got a busy time ahead with the 2015 Rugby World Cup. The opening ceremony is at 19.00 on **Friday 18 September**, and the first match is England v Uruguay, kick off at 20.00. There will be deals on the beer, half time pasties and some patriotic paraphernalia.

Other matches being shown are on our website ([whitehorsequidhampton.co.uk](http://whitehorsequidhampton.co.uk))

### HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION

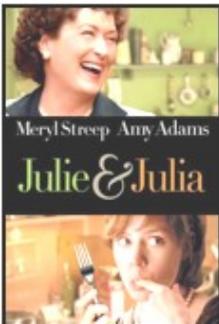
**Tuesday 6 October** is our annual Harvest Festival Auction. There will be a Harvest Festival Supper followed by the Auction (times confirmed in the next newsletter). Like last year, you are very welcome to donate a 'lot', whether it be garden produce, a cake, fish, or homemade chutney. Could these please be brought in on either Monday 5 or on Tuesday (no earlier). The pub will donate some "Mystery Prizes" too - last year's prizes were a bottle of Scotch whisky, a meal for two and a wooden spoon.

**CHRISTMAS** Our Christmas menu is now available for those who want to plan ahead and ensure your party booking is on the day of your choice. Call in and pick up a menu, or if you would like one posted or emailed, give us a call 01722 744448

**PARTY** Thank you to every one who wished us well as we completed our first year at the pub. The feedback we received was great and it really does mean a lot to us both.

Thank you also to every-one who gave us flowers, cards and gifts, you are very kind.

We had a fabulous party to celebrate. There were many more people we wanted to invite but sadly couldn't due to space restrictions.



**Bemerton Film Society, Wednesday 16 September St John's School, Film begins 19.30**

This is a film for food lovers. It shows Julie Powell recreating all the recipes in a 1961 seminal cookbook by

Julia Child and describing her attempts in a popular blog. The film shuttles to and fro between the lives, obsessions and loves of the two women, separated by an ocean and several decades.

Meryl Streep alone is worth the price of entry - delivering a superb performance, both humorous and sympathetic, which is part imitation and part natural charisma. And then there is all the glorious food.....

## Village Hall AGM

Five members of the public attended this meeting and committee members Jennifer Tyler (chair), John Cater (treasurer,) Sabine Dawson (booking secretary), Viv Bass and Vicky Frank. It was felt that further consultation about the future of the hall with villagers was desirable and the committee would consider the best way to do this. A business plan will be drawn up and presented to the Parish Council as requested.



## Meanwhile villagers were asked

**to support the hall**, a unique resource for Quidhampton, by using it, (pictured above at Craft Fair 2011) joining the 100 Club\* and supporting the jumble sale Viv Bass is running on 10 October.

\*100 Club: £12 a year and the chance to win £40 a month, plus second and third prizes. You can enroll friends and family who do not live in the village. Contact Viv Bass.

### Jumble sale in aid of Village Hall Saturday 10 October

Wanted: clean wearable clothes etc, books and raffle prizes. Items can be delivered or collected after 1 October.

Contact Viv Bass 742483 for more details or to offer help.

### Village Hall: Maintenance

Help wanted to trim shrubs and brambles in the small area at the side of the hall. If you can spare some time for this contact John Cater 744079



### Janet Singleton 20 January 1945 – 21 June 2015

Keith would like to thank everyone who joined him in celebrating Janet's life at her funeral and then shared

memories and friendship in The White Horse. Such warm support was overwhelming and has really helped him at this very difficult time.

Jan was proud to have been the first customer to be served by Zoe and Nick (see photo) and passionately believed in the importance of the pub in village life.

She also wanted to sponsor the newsletter so Keith is sponsoring this month's issue in her memory.

Rest in peace, Janet. Quidhampton will miss you.

### A message from Jane Taylor of Alexandra Cottages:

Many thanks to all who sponsored me for the Walk for Wards walk on June 21. Thanks to your generosity I have sent £103 to the Stars Appeal to be used for the Breast Cancer Unit at Salisbury Hospital. I very much enjoyed the walk, which was extremely well organised, and I was so interested to see the extent and character of the Wilton House Estate.

**The Gale Family** previously of Haviland Cottages would like to say a farewell to Quidhampton. Charlie writes:

*"We bought our cottage from Jim's Grandmother, Mrs Watson, five and a half years ago in the hope that it would be our forever home, Jim's family having been in the village for many generations.*

*However, having our second child meant our needs changed and we sadly outgrew the space fairly quickly.*

*We have moved just up the road to Skew Bridge to a home with more space, and are very much hoping that we will still see you all. We plan to visit, and to attend village events- if we are permitted!*

*We had some lovely neighbours, whom we also consider to be good friends, and we would like to say a big thank you to them all for making us feel so welcome and at home in the village. We will miss Quidhampton and its wonderful community spirit but we will not be strangers!"*

Charlie was very involved in the recent issues about the admissions policy of Bemerton St John primary school. When her daughter Polly was refused a place she not only followed the schools appeals

procedure but, working with Abigail Stirman, discovered the Office of the Schools Adjudicator, appointed by the government to help clarify the legal position on admissions policies in schools, especially when differences arise. These differences are usually between schools and local authorities. In this case it appears that the use of an incorrect map on Wiltshire Council's website misled parents.

The Schools Adjudicator is investigating the case and Charlie says that is her leaving present to Quidhampton. *"We will still be here 'in spirit' as we will always have a strong tie to the village, hence my desire to do what I can to help"*.

Polly would have been the fourth generation of her family to attend St John's school. Quidhampton will certainly miss Charlie, Jim, Polly and Frankie, not least for their infectious community spirit and energy. It is sad to see an 'old' village family leave the village but new faces are always welcome and we look forward to getting to know Emma and Lee.

**Correction to previous article:** four Quidhampton families were unsuccessful in getting a place at the school. (not three)

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## **Palestinian Cycle Ride**

**Matt Eyre** will attempt his 275 kilometre ride across the West Bank this month to raise funds for Medical Aid for Palestinians – see last newsletter for more details. He says:

*I have visited Palestine a number of times and am a long-time supporter of MAP.*

*They do an amazing job providing medical staff and equipment for some of the world's most needy people, and in doing so help the Palestinians keep alive their dream of one day having their own independent state.*

Matt is covering all the costs of the trip himself and has now revealed that he has a generous sponsor who will double the total amount he raises. So you can donate at [www.justgiving.com/matt-eyre](http://www.justgiving.com/matt-eyre) and know that every penny of twice the amount you give will go to making a real difference in a troubled part of the world.

Matt used to live at Still Waters, Lower Road, where his proud mother, Sandie Smith, now lives. She is very happy to accept donations for him.

## St John's Church — SUCCESS!

By now most people will have heard that enough money was raised to save St John's church and begin the process of converting it for community use.

Rev Simon Woodley said: "The community response has been fantastic and, at times, quite moving. People have been so generous, and many have given in memory of loved ones who were connected to St. John's."

It's been seven years of hard work and Anne Trevett of the core group describes members pinching themselves as they try to believe it. Over £500,000 was raised in grants, fundraising and donations and many hours were spent negotiating with planners and English Heritage, drawing up plans and reworking them.

Building work starts around 7 September to restore the roof and install new heating, lighting and flooring, to create a new easy

access entrance and a toilet block at the north western corner, and to build a kitchen pod and storage in the north aisle.

Enormous thanks are due to all sorts of people, including Peter Webster, the original chair of the group, and Simon Woodley who took over 2 years ago and of course to the funders: the Diocese, numerous grant giving trusts, and the City and Unitary Councils.

But most of all, Anne says, we need to thank the generosity and spirit of local people who have got behind the project and made it their own. Every contribution has been vital and led to the Chair of the City Council describing this as a model local community project.

The work still goes on. Keep your fingers crossed for two bids for money from the Lottery that could pay to complete the building work AND provide community activities to take place in the wonderful new space.

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## Police News

Dear All,

*Sorry to have been a bit quiet of late but I'm still covering for my colleague in Wilton so the old work load is a tad excessive!*

*Hopefully you saw my appeal with Mr Bolger in the Journal – what a fine pair!\* Reports of LGV's are still coming in steadily but nothing untoward.*

*The current spate of damage to vehicles continues to be investigated. There were 24 crimes on the night of 20/21 August across Wilton, Salisbury and Downton area by the same bunch of toe rags. It has generated a fair amount of work as you can imagine and we may have a lead from some CCTV on one of the Downton jobs.*

*Otherwise so far not too bad. Apart from the dreary weather which means it will probably be a scorchio Christmas! Regards, PC Pete*

Pete also wants to draw attention to the Wiltshire Police Federation Campaign: Cuts Have Consequences. He sums it up like this:

*"We are all very concerned for the future of local Policing. It is no secret that we have been drastically reduced over recent years and with imminent cuts being foisted upon us it is not a situation that I see improving."*

The campaign says that cuts are already irreparably damaging the police service. It is a tribute to PC Pete that with all the extra demands on his time he still manages to come to most of our Parish Council meetings.

\*Pete's appeal with Tony Bolger of Haviland Cottages for a reduction of LGV's through the village was as a result of the problems Tony had with the clanking manhole cover outside his house. The highways department promised but repeatedly failed to fix it. Journal investigations revealed it was the responsibility of Virgin Media who immediately repaired it. Although he can now sleep at night Tony is still troubled by the vibrations from oversize lorries who wait at the pinch point.

**Do your bit: take the registration number of oversize vehicles and send them to Pete**



**The White Horse Beer Festival took place in June**



### **Community Oil Buying Club**

A Netherhampton based community oil buying club seeks members in Quidhampton. The organisers say it will save you 10% against normal prices. It is an online system. The club negotiates a reduced price and members pay the supplier directly. Membership is free.

Further details: <http://oilbuyingclub.com/sites/netherhampton>

Other oil buying clubs are available. Parish Clerk Clare Churchill can tell you about the Nadder Oil Buying Club or go to: <http://oilbuyingclub.com/sites/nadder>

**Bemerton Local History Society**  
**Thursday 17 September 19.00 Hedley**  
**Davis Court Cherry Orchard Lane**

The speaker this month is Clifford Lodge, who contacted Bea Tilbrook earlier this year because he remembered being taught by Clarrie Price. He will be talking about his childhood in Bemerton.

**Some more Quidhampton history:** Cliff has connections with Quidhampton too. His grandparents, Agnes and Walter Lodge, lived in The Poplars (now Withy House) and after his birth in 1933 Cliff and his mother stayed there for a few weeks before going home to their Bemerton butchers shop. Cliff says it was his grandparents who cut down the poplar trees that stood outside the house after a branch fell off and injured the son of the publican.

Agnes and Walter Lodge later sold The Poplars and built Strathlene and Braeview on the land next to it. They lived in Braeview during the war. He thinks they also built the house that stood where Greenways Barn is now. Their daughter was Millie (Lily) Palmer.

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**Editor's note:** a flyer advertising Romano's newspaper and magazine delivery service is in the newsletter this month. I can thoroughly recommend them as the most reliable deliverers I have known, and the most obliging. I am part of the Talking Newspaper team that records the Salisbury Journal for people who are partially sighted and I need my copy very early when it's my turn to do it. Romanos now drop it off for me before 05.30 on my duty days. Normal weekday delivery is between 06.00 and 06.30. Wonderful! Do support them.

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in loving memory of his wife, Janet.

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**Problems with HGVs:** contact PC

Jung or leave a note in the black box.

**Village Hall bookings:** Sabine

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**Community Emergency Volunteer:**

John Cater 744079

**Floodwarden:**

Ken Taylor 742456

**Waste and recycling dates (Sept)**

Monday 7 Household waste

Monday 14 Recycling

Monday 21 Household waste

Monday 28 Recycling

**The paid for garden waste**

**collections are on Thursday 3 & 17**

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