



# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

December 2015

## What's On in December **Quidhampton Events in bold**

**Wednesdays 2 and 9** Late night shopping Wilton Town Centre until 20.00  
**Thursday 3** **Monthly charity quiz night. Early Christmas dinner from 18.00 Quiz from 20.00**  
**Entry to quiz at least £1**  
**Friday 4** Dress down day Bemerton St John school: take a gift for the Christmas bazaar

<b>Saturday 5</b>	<b>Bus Pass Christmas Party Village Hall from 15.00. Prize for best snowflake.</b> <b><i>As always there is no charge, but raffle prizes would be appreciated</i></b>
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**Tuesday 8** School closed for students, staff development day Sarum Academy  
**Wednesday 9** **Sovereign Set Christmas lunch 12.30 White Horse**  
**Friday 11** Dress down day Bemerton St John school: take cakes and chocolates  
15.30 Christmas Bazaar Bemerton St John school No more after school clubs from this date  
**Sunday 13** **Christmas Raffle 17.00 start The White Horse**  
**Tuesday 15** **Christmas carol service followed by more singing 19.30 The White Horse**  
**Wednesday 16** Bemerton Film Society To Have or Have Not 1944 Humphrey Bogart/Lauren Bacall classic 19.30 St John's school  
**Friday 18** End of term Bemerton St John school and Sarum Academy  
**Friday 18** **Live music with Eve N Song from 21.00 The White Horse**  
**Saturday 19** **Christmas Sparkle: family Christmas concert with carols in the Village Hall**  
**Sunday 20** **Skittles for a turkey: £2 entry, profits to Salisbury Hospice 16.00 The White Horse**  
**Monday 28** **Sloe gin competition The White Horse 15.00 prompt**  
**Thursday 31** **New Year's Eve Party from 19.30 ticket only The White Horse**

**Monday 4 January** Start of new term Sarum Academy. School closed for pupils Bemerton St John school  
**Tuesday 5 January** Start of new term Bemerton St John school

### The White Horse Christmas Opening Times

<b>Friday 25</b>	12.00 – 14.00 drinks only and <b>Saturday 26</b> 12.00 – 17.00 drinks only
<b>Sunday 27</b>	12.00 – 17.00 food from 12.00 – 14.30
<b>Monday 28</b>	12.00 – 18.00 snack menu 12.00 – 14.00 <b>Sloe gin competition 15.00</b>
<b>New Year's Eve:</b>	<b>Ticket only party Friday 1 January 2016 12.00 – 14.00 drinks only</b>

<b>St John's/Bemerton Community: there will be no Christmas concert</b>
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<b>Church services: see the Parish Christmas card delivered with the newsletter</b>
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**Late night shopping in Wilton Wednesdays 2 and 9 December:** visit ex-Quidhampton resident Jo Penny's Bay Window Gift Shop, also Foxy Tweed Boutique, Mio Interiors, Paloma Lily flowers, Wilton Hardware, Pets Pantry etc All providing a wonderful selection of gift ideas and Christmas decorations. Enjoy a glass of Christmas cheer and a mince pie whilst enjoying the festive atmosphere and twinkly lights of Wilton!

### **Christmas Concert and Carols in Quidhampton Village Hall Saturday 19 December**

Doors open 16.00 for free mince pie and glass of mulled wine or apple juice

16.30 for about an hour. Carols, readings etc by local adults and children

*This event is sponsored by the Parish Council so villagers, young and old, and their families and friends, can get together for a short celebration of the spirit of Christmas and community.*

*Don't miss it! Retiring collection for the village hall*



### **Sorting out your Christmas Decorations? Found some you don't use?**

The Village Hall Committee would welcome donations of good quality decorations

Contact John Cater 744079

Or deliver to Osier House (the one on the left) Fisherman's Reach

**October 100 Club Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> prize £40 No 107 Sevans; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £30 No 38 Sam Thake; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £15 No79 Simon Crowther**

## From the Horse's mouth...

Sitting in The White Horse writing this, I'm amazed that we are almost in December and rapidly approaching our second 'White Horse' Christmas. By the time the newsletter is printed, the decorations will be up and the odd Christmas carol will be playing gently in the background! Nick and I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and thank those who continue to support the pub and events we put on. There's quite a bit happening at the end of 2015, and already a number of things on the calendar for 2016, so keep your eyes on the blackboard, the website and here in the newsletter for details.

On that note, I'd like to take this opportunity say an enormous 'thank you' to everyone who is involved with the Quidhampton newsletter. From Bea (who works diligently putting all the material together), Ken (who waves his 'Publisher' wand and puts the material Bea creates into the right places), Sam (who has bravely stepped into the breach for this edition!), to those who contribute stories and news and of course, to all those who generously give up time to deliver copies to the houses designated to them. Quidhampton is very lucky to have these people who keep us informed, allow us to share our news and make sure it lands on our doormats each month. Thanks to all of you! **Zoe Hoare**

*Editor's comment: Thank you, Zoe, for those very kind words. This is the time of year when I like to mention the deliverers: Sam Thake, Ted Thornton, Jim Goddard, Viv Bass, Graham and Elizabeth Heeley, and Chris and Clare Herring. And the volunteers who do a delivery if regulars are away. I haven't had to call on you all but it's good to know you're there. Special thanks to Margaret and Graham Stokes who have filled in regularly.*

**Photo of old Quidhampton:** On 1 October a photograph of Quidhampton 100 years ago was published on the Scrapbook page of the Salisbury Journal. It shows Lower Road from The Old Bakery (then a shop) to the White Horse. Copies are available for £10 from Peter Daniels. Contact him by email: [me@peterdaniels.net](mailto:me@peterdaniels.net) The newsletter will have more details of this photograph and another newly discovered in 2016.



Two of the soldiers featured in the newsletter who died 100 years ago in the First World War belonged to the Territorial Force. This article explains how it differed from the regular army.

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Wiltshire regiment: a Territorial Force Battalion.

The Territorial Force was created in 1908 when local part time units such as the Yeomanry were reorganized into a national force to serve anywhere in the UK. About 270,000 men were in the Territorial Force at this time. They received regular payments and were expected to attend routine training sessions, including an annual two-week summer camp. Members could not be ordered to serve outside the UK unless they had volunteered to do so. Once war was declared the Territorial Force was mobilized for full war service. Overseas Service or "First Line" battalions were used to relieve regular army units in other parts of the Empire e.g. for guard duty. "Home Service" or "Second Line" battalions were created for men who had not agreed to overseas service. In Wiltshire there were enough men to form two battalions for overseas service. The 1/4<sup>th</sup> Wilts Battalion sailed for India on 8 October 1914 and the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Wilts followed in December. The 3/4<sup>th</sup> Wilts Battalion was formed in March 1915 for home duties.

Lord Kitchener, meanwhile, had begun a mass recruitment campaign for a New Army of volunteers to sign on for the duration of the war. He felt that the 'amateur' part-time soldiers of the TF would be less amenable to training of the type he required, and that new recruits could be trained more quickly.

Some TF units were eventually sent to the front and once conscription was introduced differences between the units became less distinct.

After the war these units lost their identity and in 1920 The Territorial Force was reformed as the Territorial Army. The minimum age for joining the Territorial Force was seventeen, a year younger than the regular army but soldiers had to be nineteen before serving abroad. Trowbridge was the headquarters of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Information sources used: Wikipedia, 1914-1918.net, the National Archives, westernfront association.com, The Rifles (Berkshire and Wiltshire) museum.

## Village News

**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Nash** aka Danny and Tracy who got married recently in a lovely ceremony at the Medieval Hall in Cathedral Close. A guest writes: Tracy arrived in a vintage fire engine and visitors to the Close stopped to admire it and to hear the bell rung to announce her arrival. The youngest page boy and bridesmaid joined them on the fire engine for the trip to the reception at 'The Stones' near High Post golf club. The party went on well into the night as their many friends shared in the happiness of this popular village couple.



**Hugh Baker**, whose articles about life in Kabul appeared in recent newsletters, is now serving in Nigeria. With both daughters now at university his wife, Liz, has decided to join him there. They will be missed from the village but perhaps there will be a piece about life in Nigeria in the newsletter soon

## Quidhampton's Fireworks Spectacular

**Jonathan Young and Howard Rowley, fireworks organisers-in-chief, write:**

"This year's firework show had a record attendance of about 575 we hope you all enjoyed the evening as we try to have a village event primarily for the folks who live here or close to here.

The ambience in the pub car park was fantastic. Disco Dion not only entertained the kids (and the adults!!) but was sufficiently brilliant to pick up some further bookings. It was great to see so many small children safely milling around enjoying themselves and parents chatting, of course the weather helped. Thanks to Zoe, Nick and the pub team we also had a well thought through entertaining space and a good selection of fodder for all tastes.



We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped throughout Saturday, from setting up the venue to running the event, and to those who helped clear up on Sunday morning. Great credit to the sheer number of people who gave their valuable resource of time and helped out. We would also like to thank our regular firework sponsor for supplying the show and especially thank the regular pyromaniacs who were far more co-ordinated this year in their firing sequence even if we can't get that flying pigeon to stay on its wire."

Others commented on the lovely atmosphere of the whole event and the brilliance of Disco Dion ("really good family fun, we enjoyed every minute of it. Brilliant display too. Nice one Quidders!") as well as the great

organisation and the quality of food and drinks.

A long time resident emailed: What a wonderful evening on Saturday, the fireworks were spectacular. Denise and Howard know how to choose them. I hardly met anyone I knew as there were so many people! Zoe and Nick must have been on their knees but what a wonderful boost for the whole village. Jonathan had obviously worked very hard too with all his helpers and organisation.

As the team who 'fired' the display came off the field they got a well deserved and very fitting round of applause. The village is lucky to have people who are prepared to give so much of their time and skill to organise such an outstanding event.

## An appeal for another volunteer : needed December 2016

Pete Dawson who has cut the grass in the recreation ground for many years has given notice with effect from December 2016. That gives plenty of time for someone to talk to him, find out what is entailed, and to volunteer to take it on. Pete's telephone number is: 742843

This is a less spectacular sort of volunteering but it makes a big contribution to village life

## Gas pipeline maintenance

As some residents of Lower Road know from a letter delivered by Southern Gas Networks (SGN) major maintenance is planned to the gas distribution pipeline. SGN's project manager told the newsletter that this is part of a national programme to upgrade old gas pipelines with plastic ones with an 80 year life. They will start in Lower Bemerton probably in February in the school holiday. The section between Bemerton and the Y-junction at Quidhampton will be 'abandoned': isolated and not used in future. Our gas will come, as it does now, from a pipeline down Footshill.

It is planned to slip the plastic pipes inside the present ones, and the work should involve excavations about every 100 metres along Lower Road. The gas supply will be maintained using bypasses.

More information will be provided by SGN in a leaflet delivered to resident in January, after discussions with Wiltshire Council and their contractor about traffic. The SGN project manager would be happy to come and explain further should residents want to know more. Details in the next newsletter.

## Quidhampton Parish Council

At a meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November the Parish council agreed to contribute £1750 towards the 20mph scheme for Lower road. It is hoped the scheme will be in place by the end of the next financial year.

Boundary changes - the change requested by Quidhampton PC to include no's 1 and 2 Tower Farm Cottages was agreed by WC and the boundary will be changed by the 2017 WC election. The request by Salisbury CC to include the whole of Quidhampton in the City boundary has not been pursued by Salisbury CC.

The parish council agreed to fund a first aid training session for parishioners. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact the Clare Churchill.

The budget setting and precept request will be discussed at the next meeting, as will the consultation on the admission policy for Bemerton St John Primary School.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016.



**The biography of Charles Henry Payne** in last month's newsletter brought several responses

**Descendants of Charles Payne's family:** Laura Ball and Brett Payne of Brae View both have ancestors who appear in Quidhampton in the 1911 census and Brett is distantly related to Charles Payne.

**Fighting in Mesopotamia and Turkey:** a resident of Temperance Cottages had an uncle who was in the regular army in Mesopotamia (now Iraq) and died on what became known as the 'death march.'

After the failed attempt to reach Baghdad, when Charles Payne was killed, the army retreated to Kut-al-Amara where they were besieged by the Turkish army. All attempts to relieve the town failed and on 29 April 1916, after 147 days of appalling conditions with disease flourishing, the British and Indian troops surrendered. NCO's and other ranks were very badly treated both on the march to Turkish prisoner of war camps and in the camps. Over half of the British troops died and a third of the Indians. Officers were separated from the men and had better treatment, while Major General Charles Townsend was treated as an honored guest.

Harry Baker of Lower Bemerton had an uncle, Harold Symes, in the same battalion as Charles Payne. He also volunteered for active service in Mesopotamia and was a POW after the surrender. He is buried in the North Gate war cemetery in Baghdad.

Both nephews spoke with passion of the dreadful conditions their uncles suffered, and of the relatively unknown history of the war in Mesopotamia. Historians now say the surrender at Kut was a huge blow to the British Empire and its standing in the Middle East.

**It's back – in a recycling bin!**

After an absence of over a year complaints are again being heard about dog excrement left around the village, especially in the area behind the pub and the walk down from Wilton Road bus stop.

In a new twist one resident in her nineties is finding bags of it in her recycling bin. After three weeks the rubbish collectors understandably wrote a note asking her not to keep doing it. Just think how much recycling it will compromise, and the cost of extracting... ugh!

**Remember dog excrement can be put in any public waste bin.** It is not necessary to have a special 'dog poo' bin.

And if you have been putting it in an old lady's recycling: please don't!

**Bemerton St John School admissions policy**

The following is an extract from the minutes of the October meeting of the Parents Forum:

*We are looking at the admissions policy for 2017-18. This is after three families from Quidhampton unfortunately did not gain a place at our school in the last academic year. We will be going out to consultation in the next few weeks and will provide parents with a copy of the policy with any proposed changes highlighted.*

Villagers will be pleased to know it is the oversubscription criteria that are being looked at - the way places are allocated when more children apply than there are places for. The Parish Council will have a chance to comment on any proposed changes.

NB there were four Quidhampton families who did not get a place for their oldest child. Families who already had a child at the school got a place under the sibling criteria.

**This month's newsletter is paid for** by Bea Tilbrook and Ken Taylor in celebration of the birth of their third grandson, Orson Hogarth.

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I would like to thank Sam Thake who has organised the printing and distribution of the newsletter this month and added any news that happened after I left for my holiday

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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)

**Community Emergency Volunteer:** John Cater 744079, **Flood warden:** Ken Taylor 742456

**Waste and recycling dates (Dec & Jan): there are differences over Christmas**

**Recycling:** Mondays 7 and 21 December, Tuesday 5 and Monday 18 January.

**Household Waste:** Monday 14 and Tuesday 29 December, Mondays 11 and 25 January

**Paid for Garden Waste:** Thursdays 10 and 24 December, 21 January