

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

November 2016

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

**Thursday 3: monthly charity quiz at The White Horse 20.15**

**Every Friday morning:** activity programme for older people at St John's Place

**Saturday 5: Quidhampton's Fireworks event: see below**

**Tuesday 8 :** Bemerton Film Society Confidentially Yours 19.00 St Johns School

**Friday 18 – Sunday 27: Kitchen closed at The White Horse and changed opening hours. See page 2 for more details**

**Tuesday 22: Quidhampton Parish Council 19.30 Village Hall** *Members of the public are welcome to attend and a short period of time is set aside before the start of the meeting for their questions or statements on any matter concerning the village. Following this, the public is welcome to stay and listen but cannot take part in discussions of the council unless invited by the Chairman.*

**Saturday 26: Rock 'n' Roll Bingo! Special Decades: 60's to 90's. £1 per ticket. Prizes for a line, four corners and full house 19.30**

**Wednesday 30 and onwards: Christmas menu available at The White Horse. Must be booked in advance. Deposit required.**

## **CHURCH SERVICES in November include:**

**Sunday 6: A Pet Service:** bring your pets or photos of them. Rev Simon Woodley says: I expect it will be short, fun, and fairly chaotic. 10.30 at St Michael's



**Friday 11 : An Act of Remembrance at the Lych Gate St**

 **John's 10.45.** Includes the reading of the names of those who died in both world wars and two minutes silence at 11.00. Followed by refreshments in the church

**Saturday 12: Christmas Fair** in St Michael's Community Centre 10.00 – 16.00

**Sunday 20: A Memorial service** for all those bereaved - recently or long past - you are all welcome to come and share your grief. St John's Place 14.00



## **Quidhampton village party and fireworks display Sat 5 November The White Horse**

**16.45** Food, children's entertainment with Disco Dion in the marquee. Burgers, hotdogs, soup, Kiddies tuck shop, Outside bar and hot drinks

**18.30** Fireworks **19.00–20.00** Disco Dion

**20.00** Mustang Sally

**Tickets available from The White Horse** Until Wednesday: Family £10 Adult £4 Child (3-15 years) £2 (under 3's free) (Family ticket : 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children). Ticket prices from Wednesday and on the night: £12, £5 and £3

Proceeds to the *Village Entertainment Fund* which in the last year supported the Bus Pass Party, the Pumpkin Party and gave £1000 to the new heating in the Village Hall.

**Help needed to set up on Saturday morning and clear up on Sunday.**

**10.00 both days.**



### **Fireworks at home?**

Think of pets and farm animals: tell your neighbours

Think of wildlife: check your bonfire in case it has become a home for a hedgehog or other wildlife

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### **From The Horse's Mouth:**

#### **Zoe writes:**

**News** We came second in **this year's Pubs in Bloom Competition**, and are delighted. It astonished us both how many people took the time to stop and tell us how much they liked our baskets and how pretty the pub looked. Thank you if you were one of those, it really does make a difference as well as making the hard work worthwhile.

The Ship at Burcombe took first prize with a fabulous display in their newly landscaped garden and gorgeous pots and hanging baskets. Well done , Scott and Ivetta!

We will of course give it another bash next year and see what happens....

#### **What has happened already...**

**Seafood Night:** The recent seafood night was again fully booked and a great evening. Thank you to everyone who supported it. We will announce dates for a Seafood Night in February 2017 very soon. Deposits will be required to secure your booking.

**Pizza Night:** Another popular night (and a new one for us) and a fun one with lots of positive feedback. We might squeeze another one in before Christmas – watch this space!

**Harvest Festival:** this raised £250 and a lot of fun was had with the bidding, especially with the wonderful Lemon Drizzle Cake made by Joyce Harvey, the current village baker of the year! As many of you know, Bonzo Robbins suffered a stroke during the evening and is being cared for in Farleigh Ward at SDC. He is making excellent progress and hopes to be back in Quidhampton very soon. His donation to the auction of three bags of kindling was keenly fought over too.

#### **What's happening soon....**

**Changes to opening hours:** Our Chef is taking annual leave, so the kitchen will be closed for a short time in November as we're taking this opportunity to recharge our batteries too.

During this time (**17 - 27 November**) we will be open 18.00 – 22.00 each evening and as normal on Sunday. (12.00 – 17.00) Our food service and normal opening hours resume on **Monday 28 November**.

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### **Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club**

#### **Friday 11 November – Music4Fun fundraiser in aid of the Trussell Trust.**

The Stiff Joints, Blue Dog Band and the Music4Fun Band. Tickets £8. We will be building a food bank of tins etc. 20.00

**Thursday 24 November – Music4Fun Open Mic and Jam Night.** 19.30pm FREE.

## Dates for December

**Sunday 4:** advent evensong St Andrew's 16.00

**Saturday 10: Bus Pass Christmas Tea Party**

**Sunday 11: Christmas Raffle Night The White Horse Traditional pub Christmas raffle. All the ticket money goes in prizes. Last year there were 150 prizes which included 2 iPads, a laptop, colour TV, food mixer, coffee machine, remote control truck and more than a hundred others. This year will be as good and probably better. Just £1 per square, available at the bar NOW!**

**Tuesday 13: Christmas Carols and 'A Quidhampton Christmas' The White Horse**

**Sunday 18: Skittles for a Turkey: The White Horse**

**Tuesday 27: Sloe Gin competition : The White Horse**

**Saturday 31 December: New Year's Eve party**

**Please note: the village hall is no longer in need of Christmas decorations.**

Thanks to everyone who donated.

Because Christmas Eve is on a Saturday there is **no Saturday afternoon concert in the village hall this year.**

## **Quidhampton Bus Pass Christmas Tea Party Saturday 10 December 15.00 in the Village Hall**

All villagers of 60 and over are invited to join us to celebrate the start of Christmas festivities.

'Make a Christmas card' competition

This party is free but there is a raffle to support it - donations gratefully received. We thank the Village Entertainment Fund for contributing to the costs.



**RSVP by December 3** to Maureen Goff 743587; Viv Bass 742483; Joy Wagstaff 743080

Let us know if you need a lift.

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**A year's fundraising** Over the last year Zoe and Nick have concentrated any fundraising in the pub on The Salisbury Hospice Charity.

**Zoe says:** The collection pot has been counted, we've added in what we've raised from our weekly Bonus Ball Competition, the Charity Fun Day, the Harvest Auction and a few other things and the current total is £2125.94. That's an amazing amount in a relatively short space of time – thanks to everyone for their support.

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**Bemerton History Society:** Bemerton Heath Streetwatch team

Not historical but very interesting. A volunteer with the team will explain the work they do in the community to make it a safer place.

**17 November** Hedley Davis Court 19.00 Everyone welcome.

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**Further news of villagers:** It is good to see Bridie Chapman home from hospital but Brian Overton remains very ill and our thoughts are with his family.



## **The Cousins family: further experience of war**

Three of the brothers of Sidney Cousins (see September's newsletter) also experienced military service. Older villagers may remember some of them.

**George Cousins**, born in 1875, was called up on 31 January 1918 when the army was very short of men. He was 42, above the conscription age limit, but all men of 41 and under who had not enlisted were 'deemed' to have done so by 24 June 1916 and could be called up later. In April 1918 the upper age limit was raised to 51.

George, who worked as a blacksmith and in the whiting factory, lived with his wife, Bessie Tuffin, and their five children in 1 Albion Cottages. He went to Grove Park, Greenwich with the Army Service Corps but a month later was in hospital with bronchitis. There was nothing on his records but he had had bronchitis for years being "generally laid up each winter".

George was permanently discharged on 22 May with '20% disability', and a weekly allowance for at least thirteen weeks of 10 shillings and 4 pence.

The family continued to live in Albion Cottages where George died in 1943.

The cottages were later demolished and Albion Bungalows built further back from the road. Bessie and daughter Edith moved to 24 Coronation Square where Bessie died in 1962, aged 90. Bessie and George are buried at St John's.

Edith died in 1977. George and Bessie's other daughter Dorothy married Albert Philpott. They lived in Alexandra Cottages, then at 20 Coronation Square where their son Richard and family lived until a few years ago. Dorothy died in 1976 and Albert in 1986. Both were buried at St John's. George and Bessie's other children moved out of the village but their youngest son, Charles, was widowed in 1937 and his son, John, was living with his Quidhampton grandparents in 1939.

**Joseph Cousins**, was born in 1878, four years before Sidney. At 18 he joined the Wiltshire Regiment Volunteer Force, later known as the Territorials. In 1901 he volunteered for a year's service because of heavy losses in the Boer War. His son Stan, who wrote "The Quidhampton Story", said the volunteers were "feted at Wilton on their return" and a plaque in the Mayor's Parlour commemorates this.

In 1906 Joseph married Rose Tuffin (Bessie's sister) of Temperance Cottages. In 1902 she had had a baby who died of scalding in a kitchen accident when only a few months old.

Joseph worked at Wilton Carpet Factory and enlisted as soon as war was declared. He joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion and, like his brother Sidney, sailed for Gallipoli in 1915. After the retreat he went with the Expeditionary Force to Mesopotamia where, like so many others, he became ill. After treatment in hospitals in India and Egypt he was discharged with tuberculosis on 3 October 1917 with a weekly pension of £1. 2s 6d.

Stan Cousins said his father never really worked again but he and Rose had three more children, making six in all, and he died in 1952, aged 74. They lived at the bottom of Nadder Lane in a house that was later demolished. One villager remembers a library being run there in the 1950's. Rose eventually moved to Locksheath near Southampton to live with Stan's family and died in 1962. They were both buried at St John's.

The children of Joseph and Rose all married and moved out of the village.

The youngest, Sylvia, was still living with them in 1939.

**Reginald Cousins** was born in 1880. In March 1901 he was a general labourer lodging with another family in Quidhampton but on 13 August that year he enlisted at

Salisbury to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Provisional Regiment of the Hussars. Perhaps a recruiting party had been here, perhaps he wanted to outdo his brother Joseph (with the Volunteers in South Africa) or perhaps, like many others, he was attracted by a steady wage, secure accommodation and three meals a day.

Reginald went to Hounslow for training but five months later caught scarlet fever and died in the barracks on 26 December, aged 20. He was buried nearby in Heston, Middlesex.



## St John's Lych Gate war memorial: remembering the names of the First World War

On 11 November the names of all who died in the two world wars will be read aloud in the Remembrance Day service.

Bea Tilbrook and Wendy Lawrence continue the Parish Council project researching the lives of those men from WWI. Thirteen biographies have been published so far, 100 years after each serviceman died.

In 1917 fifteen men from Quidhampton and Bemerton died, more than the total of the previous three years. It must have been devastating.



### Can you help commemorate these men?

The costs of printing these stories will be like printing five or six extra newsletters. Could you sponsor the printing of one of them, average cost £10?

These are the seven men who had a Quidhampton connection:

**Robert Huggins, 19**, lived in the eastern part of Quidhampton, beyond the village hall. His father was a weaver.

**John Foster, 48**, joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry when he was 19 and also worked at Fisherton Lunatic Asylum. His family lived in Nadder Lane and 1 Temperance Cottages. His father was railway platelayer.

**Arthur Case, 22**, a blacksmith's apprentice, was a grandson of the Morris family of Wilton, and lived with his mother and grandfather in Wylve Cottage. His father, a policeman, had died of TB.

**William Stokes, 19**: William's sister, Dorothy, aged 101, is sponsoring his biography.

**Charles Gasper, 26**, was a carpenter. His family lived in Quidhampton from the 1850's until the 1930's in one of the houses at the top of the Netherhampton Road. Charlie's father was a nightwatchman at Wilton House.

**John Cook, 39**, lived in the central part of Quidhampton when he was a child. His father was a shoemaker.

**Albert Vincent, 30**, lived in Nadder Lane as an adult and worked as a railway clerk. He married in St John's in 1913.

**If you would like to sponsor the story of one of the above men, or a serviceman from Bemerton, contact the editor (see back page)**

Thanks to *Charles Frank* who is sponsoring the stories of five of the Bemerton men and to the Parish Council who will fund any shortfall in printing costs this year.

## Birth and Deaths

**Joan Watson, previously of Havilland Cottages**, passed peacefully away on Monday 24 October at Braemar Lodge, aged 92. She was born in Quidhampton and lived here all her life until she went to Braemar Lodge seven years ago. She will be much missed by her daughter, Annie Gale, and her grandson Jim who lived in his grandma's house until last year. Her funeral is on 9 November at Salisbury crematorium at 13.00.

**Rose Bell of Alexandra Cottages** aged 87 died on 22 October after some time in a nursing home. Our thoughts are with her family, especially her daughter Pauline, her grandson Lee and her partner Bonzo who has been in hospital recovering from a stroke since 18 October. Rose lived in the village for over fifty years. Her funeral is on 9 November, 11.00 at All Saints Church Winterslow. The funeral cortege will be leaving from Alexandra Cottages at 10.15 and her family invite all villagers who cannot get to Winterslow to pay their respects to Rose then. They will also be welcome at the Royal British Legion, Endless Street from 12.30. If desired donations to Alzheimer's research can be made via Chris White, funeral director.

**Eric Mitchell, previously of Coronation Square**, died on 7 October in The Birches Nursing Home, aged 92. Eric was born in Elm Cottage, younger brother of Gordon who died last year. He was a builder and lived in Quidhampton all his life until he moved to the nursing home. His wife Pam left at the same time to be nearer their children. Our thoughts are with her and their two daughters, Heather and Hilary,

their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Eric's funeral is at Salisbury crematorium on Thursday 3 November at 12.15. His family also ask for donations to Alzheimer's Research as above. What a wealth of history and experience we are losing.

**Roger Eagle** of Lower Bemerton died on 2 October, aged 81, after suffering from Parkinson's disease. He was known to many in Quidhampton and was a good friend to the village. He and Clare were loyal supporters of The White Horse and greatly encouraged the editor in the early days of the newsletter. Roger had a particular interest in the WWI research and organised the first services at the Lych Gate on 11 November when St John's closed for regular services. He will be much missed, not least for his revolutionary idea that there should be joint Bemerton and Quidhampton events! His funeral has taken place in St Andrews and a memorial service in St John's will be announced later.

**Sarah Thornton** of Coronation Square is delighted to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Frankie John Edward Wright on 21 October at 10.48, weighing 8lb 4oz. Mother Amber (Sarah's daughter) and baby are doing well and father Dan is as happy as only new dads can be.



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## Power cut? Ring 105

105 is the designated number to ring for information if you have a power cut, whichever company you get your power from. That sounds like a good idea.

NB: police: non-emergency is 101; NHS non-emergency is 111; power cuts are 105.

### New venture by village resident

Inga Lauriston has lived in Alexandra Cottages for three years and has worked with children and young people all her life. She also has qualifications in the performing arts, a diploma in child and adolescent counselling, and has worked with homeless people with Alabare.

Inga is now putting all her energies into work with theatre. She believes young people can be helped through drama in ways that other interventions cannot achieve. In 2004 she began a theatre company of her own and she has worked with Stagecoach Theatre Arts. For eight years she ran drama workshops at Elizabeth House Social Centre for children and adults with disabilities and mental health difficulties. She is also a performance poet and plays in a local band. Now, after a period of ill-health, Inga is returning to work with young people from 13-30 years:



### **Dance, drama and music workshops at St John's Centre**

Supporting people with learning disabilities and mental health difficulties

Six weeks from 18 November : 19.00 – 20.30 £36 for the course

Contact Inga: 07564226397 email: ingalauriston@hotmail.com

*Inga would love to have a volunteer to work with her as some of the young people have physical disabilities. The courses will be on-going, designed to meet the needs of the participants.*

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### **Bemerton St John's School news**

**Colourful 'Value Boards'** have been painted by Teaching Assistant Kate Sayouk and displayed in the playground to remind pupils of the values the school wants to see them upholding : Fairness, Respect, Thoughtfulness, Thankfulness and Perseverance. Great values for adult life too!

**Mrs Peter** who has worked at the school for 17 years is leaving for a full time post. Many villagers will remember her, particularly for their musical education.

**Friday 4 November** St John's School parents forum meeting in the school 09.00  
*This is a monthly meeting where parents can talk to the head about any issue. The head will talk about plans and future events. Minutes will be on the school website. A separate appointment should be made to discuss issues relating to individual children.*

**Thursday 10:** Travelling Trends Fashion Show: Friends of Bemerton School event 19.00 – 22.00 Tickets £6.50 to include a free drink. Bar and raffle. Contact Joanna Weston 07900568765

**Friday 25 :** St John's school dress down day: bottle for Christmas Tombola

**Wednesday 30 :** parents welcome to view children's work 15.00 – 15.30

**Shelley Wood, manager of St John's Place writes:**

*I can't believe that it is now the count down to Christmas and St John's Place has officially been open for five months. In those five months over 1500 people have enjoyed the facilities from after school and holiday clubs to conferences, parties, christenings. We have just had our very first wedding reception.*

*Everyone has had such kind words about SJP. Word of mouth is ensuring that the venue is getting the recognition and use it deserves.*

*Well done Bemerton and Quidhampton... Enjoy your success.*

**Friday coffee mornings** now offer yoga or zumba on alternate weeks plus Age UK every other Friday for advice and IT help on the third Friday of the month. Craft activities and refreshments every week.

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**Car windows smashed**

On Monday 10 October at least five cars were damaged in Quidhampton, Netherhampton and Downton. Nicola Clark, our PCSO, said, "Offenders are believed to have used catapults with stones to smash the rear windows. It is not known whether it is linked to the earlier spate of damage."

Inspector Pete Sparrow said, "The vandals who commit these crimes have no regard for the impact on the victims. Someone knows who is doing this and I would ask them to disregard any feelings of loyalty or thought for the offenders and tell us so we can put a stop to it."

If you have any information contact PCSO Nicola Clark at Wilton Police station on 101. Or ring Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 to remain anonymous.

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**Chest fridge freezer:** free to anyone who would like to collect it. Full working order. Contact Joy: 743080

**Contributors & Contacts**

**Police non emergency no.:** 101  
Wilton Police Station: 01722 438981

**St John's Primary School:** 322848

**The White Horse :** 744448

**Quidhampton Mill :** 741171

Self catering apartments

**Footshill B&B:** 743587

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**Village Hall bookings:**

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or phone 742843 (not weekends)

**Community Emergency Volunteer:**

John Cater 744079

**Floodwarden:**

Ken Taylor 742456

**Waste and recycling dates**

**November**

Recycling Mon 7 & 21

Household waste Mon 14 & 28

Paid for garden waste Fri 11 & 25

This month's newsletter has been paid for by two residents who wish to remain anonymous.

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