

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

July 2010

## Police notices

PC Pete Jung asks me to draw your attention to a car theft in the village in April. The owner was away from the car for 'only five minutes' and had left the keys in the ignition. A timely reminder to us all.

There have also been three thefts from garages and sheds, not all of which were locked, and an attempted distraction burglary in a nearby village when two men pretended to be from the water board. Pete says if you suspect that people are trying to persuade you to let them into your home you should not hesitate to call 999 and write down any descriptive details you can remember.

It is a particularly unpleasant crime that can leave people feeling embarrassed or ashamed - unnecessarily so because, after all, those who do it go out of their way to be very pleasant and personable.

**Recycling** : Would you like to recycle more? Can you get to the household recycling centre (also known as the tip)?

If so then you are now able to recycle more varieties of plastic than the bottles we put in our blue wheelie bins.



Look for a triangle on the plastic with a number inside it. If that number is 1, 2 or 3 then the plastic will be accepted for recycling. It's great that more plastic can be recycled, not quite so great that at present it involves a journey to a recycling centre.

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**Please note: The next edition of the newsletter will be September 2010**

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## Bemerton St John's School Summer Fete, Saturday 10th July. 2 - 4 pm

A traditional summer fete with all the usual attractions: arena events, raffle, teas, BBQ, beer tent and possibly a few more. The afternoon will be rounded off with the ever-popular duck race, where the school aims to beat last year's 195 ducks in the river.



Money raised will go to provide an additional all weather play area within the school grounds. This will give the children much-needed space to run around in the winter months.

Do go along. Have a great afternoon out and support a very worthwhile local cause.

## School news

The summer term is always hectic but thoroughly enjoyable. We set off at a gallop after the half term break with the whole school science week which was hugely successful. It began with a trip to Intech in Winchester which was great fun. We also had visits from the DSTL scientists from Porton Down and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust who came armed with many exciting activities.

The close proximity of the river became a huge advantage when all classes went to investigate exactly what we have living in and around it. I was a little worried how the chat from the eminent scientist from the University of Southampton's Genetics team would

be received by the children - my first experience of that particular topic was at A level! My worries quickly disappeared when we listened to the input from Dr Poole and Professor Jacobs who put the tricky subject into an easy-to-understand presentation.

The highlight of the week for some was the visit from the theatre company who presented the show Bin Raider which was very well received. We feel that it was all a thoroughly worthwhile venture.

The new school year begins on **Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>** for 'old' pupils with reception children joining us on **Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Estelle Smith, Headteacher**

## Don't forget at The White Horse

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July : Ceilidh Night**

Dance to the Seven Foot Irish Band, with a barbecue and raffle.

Tickets £10 including the barbecue. On sale at The White Horse and at The Alzheimer's Society, 29A Brown Street, Salisbury.

**Saturday 17 July 11.00 - 3.00 boules tournament and lunch**, in aid of Salisbury Heart Support Group. Some tickets are still available Phone Carlton Brown 744152.

**Extend Exercise class: any age!  
any sex!**

Camilla Burgess is resuming her exercise classes in the village hall on **Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>**. The classes are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and there is the promise of coffee and cake after the first one to tempt newcomers to give it a try. Camilla says : "All the exercises are designed to stretch and strengthen muscles, any muscles: eyes, face, arms, legs, tums - the lot! We do most exercises to music and sometimes we even sing (that is optional!)"

It is a good way to dismiss the Monday morning blues and it really isn't just for the older age groups. Everyone has some aches and pains that can be helped. Do come. Just turn up or telephone: 743750"

It is now recognized that stretching plays an important part in keeping fit and supple - even more reason to go along. Camilla's working life has been spent in the theatre as an actor and director so we are lucky to have her here as a teacher.

**Welcome**

We'd like to welcome Richard and Melinda Hilliard who have moved from London into Fisherman's Reach. Richard runs his own business and Melinda is a garden designer. They have two adult daughters who will also be here from time to time.

*If you have new neighbours or if there are any family announcements you would like included in the newsletter please contact the editor.*

**Quidhampton Parish Council** : date of next meeting **July 27<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 Village Hall

**A village mystery**

Barbara Strange tells me that there used to be a village roller that anyone could use for rolling their lawns. When you used it you hung onto it until someone else wanted it. Now it cannot be tracked down. Does anyone know where it is or what happened to it? If so please contact me or Barbara.

This reminds me of a story told about the immaculate lawns of the colleges of Cambridge University. When asked the secret of keeping them so beautifully the head gardener said, "Prepare the soil well, get the best quality seed, give a careful first cut and then roll them for four hundred years."

**The hundred club**

Have you thought about joining the hundred club? The fee is £1 a month and the prizes are £40, £30 and £15. The draw takes place on the last Friday in the month at the White Horse and the prize winners are posted on the pub notice board. The club is self-financing and the money not spent on prizes is split between the village hall and other worthy causes in the village such as a children's Christmas party.

Contact **Viv Bass** if you are interested. Tel: 742483

**Winners**

May: 1st 47 M Young 2nd 75 H Rowley 3rd 11 C Hampson

June: 1st 4 P Thornton 2nd 127 Mr Kershaw 3rd 53 A Bennett

**Book group** The first meeting will be on **Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30 at Meadow Barn, Fisherman's Reach. Please contact the editor if you'd like to join us.

**Church community events**

A reminder that St John's Church is still open for weddings and baptisms but regular services are now held only at St Andrew's (Lower Bemerton) and St Michael's (Bemerton Heath).

Plans are underway to convert St John's so it can be used by the community. Grant applications have been made to help with the conversion but some fund raising must be done locally as well to demonstrate that there is a demand for the community facilities and local support for the project. The Open Gardens event in Lower Bemerton was blessed with perfect weather showing the gardens at their glorious best. All the hard work put in by the gardeners, tea makers and book and plant sellers paid off handsomely: the amount raised was £1100.

**Local people**

As I get to know more people in the village, I realise so many have interesting stories to tell and hidden talents. Several people run businesses here and it's been suggested that the newsletter publicise their details so if you want to support a local tradesperson you can.

The first is:  
**Derek Sewell : Semi-retired engineer looking to offset boredom.**

"Lived in Quidhampton for 15 years or so. Willing and able to do all those small jobs which are of no interest to most tradesmen, at very reasonable rates.

So, if you want a new socket, a dripping tap repaired, help with hanging pictures

**The Women's Institute** continues to meet on the third Friday of every month. Their next meeting is a guided walk round Langford Lakes on **July 18<sup>th</sup>**. In **August** they are back in the village hall when Mr R White will give a talk about Antarctica, The Falklands and Georgia  
Contact Valerie Fry 742082 for more details.

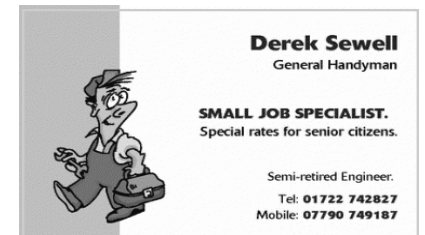
You are invited to: **Come and Clean the Church!**

**On July 10<sup>th</sup>** why not make your contribution to local life this month by joining a group who will be clearing some of St John's churchyard and cleaning the inside of the church. Start at 11.00 a.m., bring sandwiches and then go over the road to the school fete for a cuppa.

The next fund raising event is:  
**Cream teas : Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>** from 2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m at St John's church. Enjoy a cream tea, admire the clean church and the tidy churchyard and support the community fund raising.

If you can help by donating a cake or being there on the day please contact Rev Susan Drewett: 01980 652751

or curtains, assistance with computer skills, a house-sitter or just someone to



walk the dog - please give me a call".  
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*Let the editor know if you would like your Quidhampton-based business mentioned in the newsletter. Please note: these details are for information only and carry no guarantee of quality.*