

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

January 2011

A message from Pete Jung, Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

Dear All, just a quick one to say thank you to all who have reported the HGV's travelling through the village. Each report has been acted upon and I hope that slowly but surely it is having a positive impact. As always please let me know about any lorries straying through on peter.jung@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or via the post box.

With all the cold weather we have had and more forecast please keep an eye out for anyone vulnerable and alone.

It costs nothing to knock on the door to check all is well. Remember cold can be a killer and any concerns then please call us.

I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year and look forward to continuing to be your 'local' officer!
Regards, PC Pete

Ed: good to see that Quidhampton was not mentioned in the crime reports for October or November. 5 HGVs were reported in October, 2 of which were repeat offenders so have been reported for summons. In November there was one HGV report.

Welcome to Polly

James and Charlotte Gale are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their first child, Polly Grace Gale, born on 10th December weighing 8lbs 5oz (3.8 kilos). Polly will be better known to some villagers as the great granddaughter of Joan Watson who lived in Quidhampton for most of her life and is now in a care assisted home. Jim and Charlie bought Joan's home, 3 Havilland Cottages, and are delighted that it now houses the fourth generation of her family. They want to say a huge thank you to everyone from the village who has sent cards, presents and best wishes. "We have been so overwhelmed by people's generosity and kindness" they said. "Polly has been made to feel very welcome in Quidhampton. It means such a lot."

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Quidhampton Women's Institute

Flood Warden needs your help

Ken Taylor has taken on the role of flood warden for the Parish Council. He would like to talk to anyone with experience or memories of flooding in Quidhampton, and writes:

Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency are setting up a network of flood wardens to be sources of information and focal points. They hope communities will then be better able to cope in times of flooding. If you know of any flooding in the village, either in the recent past or long ago, please get in touch with me by 31st January.

What I'd like to know is:

- 1) What caused the flooding? (e.g. river or stream flooding, flash flood, surface runoff, springs, overflowing sewers)
- 2) What did you do about it? Did you have help?
- 3) Is there still a danger of flooding?
- 4) Any other comments (e.g. historical knowledge, experience with the authorities)

I will treat information about particular properties in confidence.

I'll be finding out what help the various authorities give either as part of their duties or at a cost, and then report back to the Parish Council and in the newsletter.

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Hundred Club December winners:

- 1st 59 Joy Wagstaff
- 2nd 180 Richard Gill
- 3rd 68 Mrs R Brown

Cold weather payments

These payments of £25 for people on low incomes are given when the average daily temperature is zero degrees centigrade or less for seven consecutive days. This has happened four times in our area since November 1st.

If you receive **pension credit** and do not live in a care home you will get the payment. It does not have to be spent on fuel costs or repaid.

You may also get it if you are on income support or income-related job seekers allowance or income-related employment support allowance and have a child under five, a child with a disability or have a disability yourself.

If you think you should have a payment but haven't got it apply in writing to the benefit office.

If you want a check to see whether you qualify for pension credit call the **Pension Service on 0800 99 1234** or **Citizens Advice Bureau on 0844 375 2775**

(Information taken from: www.adviceguide.org.uk)

Helen Kirby
who skied
into
Salisbury
and back in
December's
snow



Burns Night

The White Horse, 21st January

Eating, singing, dancing



Tickets £7 including haggis, neeps, tatties and a wee dram

The WI: It's not all jam and Jerusalem

Have you ever thought about joining the Womens' Institute? With over 205,000 members it's the largest women's organisation in the UK and has been important in making women's voices heard for nearly 100 years. It has had a real impact on local, national and international issues. Did you know it was the WI that was instrumental in getting a phone box installed in every village? Members are now involved in campaigns as varied as asking for clearer labeling on food and the worldwide campaign to end violence against women.

It also of course offers the chance to make friends and have fun and learn new skills, perhaps even jam making.

Quidhampton WI activities include cribbage, theatre outings and craft and knitting groups as well as monthly meetings on the second Tuesday at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 11th January: Behind the scenes at Salisbury Playhouse: a talk by the Playhouse staff to be followed by a visit backstage later in the year.

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New Year Ceilidh

15th January

7:30pm

St Michael's Community Centre

Music by "Scrape the Barrel"

Entry by donation

Bring something to nibble and something to drink.

Details: 01722 333750

Have you ever wondered what life is all about?

The Alpha course gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, fun and friendly atmosphere. The meetings begin with a meal and a chance to get to know the others, before a short talk and discussion. Alpha courses run all over Britain and are designed for people who are curious about religious faith and spirituality, or who simply want to explore the purpose of life. You do not have to go to church to go to the course.

The Quidhampton and Bemerton Alpha course begins with an Alpha Supper on Thursday, 27th January, at 7.30pm at the Trussell Trust café, St Michael's community centre. It runs until the end of March with a break for half term. The first week is entitled: "Christianity Boring, Untrue & Irrelevant" - so it looks as if discussion will be lively!

Contact Brian and Sue Meardon for more details: 01722 501300 or email brian.meardon@googlemail.com

Parish Council date of next meeting : **Tuesday January 25th 7.30** Village Hall. There is still a vacancy for a councillor: contact the clerk, Clare Churchill, if you are interested.

Local history: Village photographer

Last autumn a photograph of old Quidhampton was published in the Salisbury Journal, described as one of several that recently came to light. Many of them were taken by

Charles Price, a late Victorian commercial photographer with a business in Wilton, who lived at The Poplars, now Withy



Christmas Carols at The White Horse

This popular evening began with Rev Susan Drewitt telling Christmas cracker jokes (the kind you groan at) but everyone was soon singing familiar carols to keyboard and accordion, and enjoying descants and solos from the singers. Particularly memorable was "While Shepherds Watched" to the tune of "On Ilkley Moor Baht'at". Rick Pickett played guitar and sang his own carol "Christmas is Coming".

After a reminder of the meaning behind the Christmas story and a blessing from Susan, singing continued with Christmas songs.

Six diners revealed they have been coming to this event from Salisbury for six years. They have a meal and then enjoy what they said is the best carol service they know. "There's no other pub like it". So say all of us!

A collection made towards the cost of a syringe pump for the community nursing team raised £170.

The White Horse sloe gin competition was won by Richard Stokes. BTB is thanked for the cheeses.

House. He had a wife and two daughters and emigrated to Canada in 1905. His younger daughter, Clarrie, must have stayed behind or returned because we are told she was a teacher at Netherhampton School, dying in 1996 aged 105.

None of this is in The Quidhampton Story by Stan Cousins, available from The White Horse for a quid. (sorry about the pun) If anyone has further information about the family please contact the editor.

Correction: The photo reproduced in December's Village Newsletter has since been identified from a copy in The Quidhampton Story as being taken during Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee celebrations in 1897.

Quidhampton Mummers Play

Our very own mummers play was performed in The White Horse for the 36th year since its revival. Everyone enjoyed the traditional story of life, death and resurrection with jokes, but the audience was smaller than in previous years. Perhaps the weather put people off. A collection raised £75 for The Salisbury Heart Support Group. Thank you to the mummers led by Steve Wagstaff who keep the tradition alive.

Christmas Concert at St John's

Despite the heavy snow this fund raising Bemerton Community event was well attended and everyone enjoyed the splendid and varied programme of readings and singing. There were plenty of chances for the audience to join in, with hilarity trying to keep up with The Twelve Days of Christmas as well as seriousness. Mulled wine and mince pies helped everyone face the bleak midwinter journey home. Some generous individual donations, including one from Hugh Grant whose aunt was one of the readers, brought the total collected to £1750.