

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

March 2012

What's On In March

Thursday 1 Bemerton St John v Broadchalke netball match home 15.30

Thursday 1 Quiz Night at The White Horse

Saturday 3 Save Energy workshop

10.00 - 12.00 The Loft, The White Horse

Sunday 4 Six Nations: Ireland v France The White Horse

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 Staff training days Sarum Academy, school closed for pupils

Saturday 10 Music quiz The White Horse 19.30 for 20.00

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 Six Nations, three matches The White Horse

Tuesday 13 WI Open Meeting: wills and power of attorney Village Hall 19.30

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 Bikeability for year 6. Cycling proficiency for the 21st century.

Saturday 17 Six Nations final, all three matches showing

Saturday 17 St Patrick's Day special menu The White Horse

Sunday 18 Mother's Day lunch at The White Horse, Sunday menu with special puddings, booking advisable

19 - 23 Bemerton St John Year 6 school trip to the Isle of Wight

Wednesday 21 school rugby festival at Bishops school

Friday 23 Staff training day, Bemerton St John, school closed for pupils

26, 27 and 29 parents evenings Bemerton St John from 15.30

Tuesday 27 Parish Council Village Hall 19.30

Friday 30 last day of Term 4

'Save Energy, Save Money!'

10am-12, Saturday 3rd March 2012

Open to all,

at The Loft, The White Horse, Quidhampton

Learn how to access equipment and funding, plus lots of handy, helpful tips around the house that show you how you can save money as well. Christine Lawson of Wilton will be running the event.

With quizzes and discussion. Free refreshments.

Just turn up

One of a series of free events and opportunities in Wilton and Quidhampton for energy saving and environmental improvement arranged by Wilton Eco Park Community Development Association. For an update on the community bid for the UKLF site, and other events please see www.wiltonecopark.com, or call Ken Taylor on 742456.



LOTTERY FUNDED



Exciting news!

Jo Penny and Sara Strawson are exploring the idea of running a village shop. See enclosed questionnaire for details and be sure to fill it in and return it if you would like to see a shop in the village again.

Parish Council: next meeting 27 March 19.30 Village Hall.

It is hoped there will be a presentation about Lorrywatch. Watch for confirmation of this on the village noticeboard and come along if you are interested.



Jubilee Street Party Saturday 2 June it will be a date to remember!

There was a lively

discussion about various aspects of the event at a well attended meeting in The Loft. The organising group will take account of the views expressed and draw up the final plan. The following have now been confirmed:

- a competition for the best decorated house
- entertainment and games including music, quizzes and a magician
- dress code: a character from the past 60 years. This can be general e.g. a hippy, or specific e.g. John Lennon
- fancy dress competition for under 16's who come dressed in Royalty theme
- a village photo to be taken in the late afternoon
- early evening hogroast and a family disco in the marquee
- tables will be set up in the centre of the village and bunting zigzagged across the street on the day

Women's Institute March Open Meeting: wills and power of attorney

The speaker is Ann Orr, who works for Collective Legal Solutions, a specialist company for wills and powers of attorney. They visit people in their homes to work out what is best for them.

As this subject is of interest to so many people (*how many of us still need to write a will or update an old one?*) it will be an Open Meeting to which everyone is invited. Guests are asked to pay one pound towards costs.

Thursday 13 March 19.30 Village Hall

- Jubilee mugs will be given to all children (sixteen and under) who live in Quidhampton. Additional mugs can be bought - ordering details later.

If the application for a grant is successful it is expected all the events on the day will be free. Numbers must be notified in advance.

If you are interested in buying bunting for your house at a reduced rate contact Denese Rowley on 744617 or Chris Edge 07790 564735, earlier rather than later. Correction: Chris Edge, leader of this group, lives in Rogers Close, not Hampton Court as reported in February.

Road Closure

Quidhampton Parish Council is applying for a street closure for the Jubilee Street Party on 2 June but first must consult with every affected resident.

The intention is to close Lower Road from its junction with Foothill to its junction with the A3094 from 12.00 until 18.00.

If you live in the part of Lower Road that will be affected and have any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk (details on last page) by 16 March.

In the event of an emergency, emergency vehicles will be permitted to come through the road closure.

Accident in Lower Road :

Duncan Witt reports

At around 22:30 on Friday 17 March we were aware of a huge bang -like an explosion - in the road outside Alexandra Cottages and Wylde House. A silver VW travelling at very high speed through the village away from Salisbury had crashed into the back of Mary and Simon Crowther's blue Citroen Berlingo. The impact was such that the Berlingo was shunted into the wooden telegraph pole outside their house, loosening it. The front of the car was totally crushed, as well as the back, and it ended up facing in the opposite direction to its original orientation, in the middle of the road, blocking it completely.

Debris from both cars was strewn a considerable distance. The silver car struggled to detach itself from the Citroen and in doing so shunted another neighbour's car into the one parked in front of it, on the right hand side of the road, (no real damage) then sped off spewing radiator fluid as it went. All of this was witnessed by neighbours

parking their car just 20 metres away from the scene. The latter part was also witnessed by several neighbours alerted by the noise of the impact. Two police cars attended the scene, statements were taken, and villagers cleared the road of debris and pushed the Citroen to the side. It was loaded onto a breakdown vehicle and removed as a "write off" about an hour and a half later.

We were informed by the attending police officers that a motorist travelling along the Netherhampton Rd had reported a badly damaged vehicle travelling in the opposite direction. The car was found in the area of Salisbury Racecourse, with blood covered inflated airbag and the driver, smelling of alcohol, was apprehended and taken into custody.

Mary and Simon add: we would like to say a big thank you to all our lovely neighbours for their help and support. We are also grateful to PC Graham Briant of the Salisbury force for his calm and careful handling of the incident. We didn't realise how much paperwork is involved.

Quidhampton Jubilee Photo Competition

After a night of strong winds you may spot Ron Strange pushing his customised wheelbarrow around the village. He uses it to collect wood from along Wilton Road and in the woods, usually with the help of his neighbour Joyce. Ron is in his eighties and Joyce in her seventies - both splendid examples of villagers who deserve to be remembered with their photo in the photo competition.



Remember: if you are photographing people you must make sure you have their consent, or the consent of their parents or guardians if they are under 16, **and** that they consent to the photograph being entered in the competition.

See insert for more details : Full rules on the parish council website

What an achievement!

The collection for John and Janice raised £500. Ron Smith said that when told about it John was overwhelmed by the generosity of the villagers and his customers, and totally surprised - he knew nothing about it at all. That means the whole village managed to keep it secret - another great achievement.

John and Janice are now planning how they would like to use the money. People who know John best say he wouldn't enjoy a big presentation 'do' but when Ron returns from holiday they will be given the lovely card made by Sandie Smith. The white sticky labels on which people wrote their messages of thanks and appreciation are stuck inside, but there's room for a few more. If you didn't get round to doing it, why not do it now? Just put them through the door of Meadow Barn, Fisherman's Reach.



Two special tributes to John and Janice.

The first is from Ann Gale whose family have lived in the village for several generations: *Our family would like to thank John and Janice both so much for the lovely celebrations we shared together in the White Horse including my parents' Golden and Diamond Wedding suppers. Jack (my dear Dad) loved to have his couple of pints at the bar and really enjoyed his crib games with a group of friends most of whom, including Dad, are sadly no longer with us. However the happy memories will always be there and we thank you so much for the very good times. He was very fond of you both. We hope you enjoy your retirement - you really deserve it!!*



Our best wishes to you both from Ann Gale, Kevin & family

The second is from a conversation the editor had with Richard Stokes from another well established and large village family. He told her how after the tragic death of his youngest son, Robert, in a road accident John opened the pub so the whole family could be together, to try to take in what had happened.

John and Janice were there for the bad times as well as the good. They were very special people and are much missed.

Women's Institute February meeting

Arthur Millie and Jane Ware, archivists of Salisbury Playhouse, gave a most interesting talk about the history of the theatre, reminding members and guests that until 1976 it was in the building in Fisherton Street that is now MultiYork. Most people didn't realise that building was originally a chapel, sold in 1915 because constant flooding had made it unsafe. Despite this it was turned into a cinema and then, during the Second World War, became the Garrison Theatre Southern Command attracting actors such as Laurence Olivier and Noel Coward to perform for the soldiers. After the war the Arts Council took over and then a group of local enthusiasts. In 1955 Reggie Salberg was appointed to run the newly named Salisbury Playhouse and one of the first

things he did was to ask a member of the audience to put down her umbrella during the performance - the building still leaked. At that time the theatre had two companies, one performing in Salisbury and one touring. There was a Theatre Goers club from the start and it even organised its own baby sitting circle.

Many more fascinating facts followed - the public appeal for funds for the new building which opened in 1976, Ewan McGregor's first appearance on stage, Stephanie Cole performing with a slice of toast on her stiletto heels (you'll have to ask a WI member about that). And, above all, gratitude that the theatre survives and flourishes. Salisbury still has a theatre to be proud of but we must not take it for granted.

Burns Night

Maureen Walter writes

Well done to the White Horse for keeping the village tradition going. We had a really good time; the haggis was perfect with a traditional raspberry cranachan to follow, all served on china plates piping hot as was the piper! Well done, Ron, for organising the dancing, all great fun ending with Ron and Sylvia having the final fling. Even Cilla and

Rick popped in at the last minute looking very well and told us about the Burns night they had in France at a bar/restaurant owned by a French chef and his Scottish wife.

(Editor: overheard on the bus: it was a good evening but the piper didn't swirl about enough so you couldn't see what he was wearing underneath his kilt!)

February visitors



Male blackcap



Early morning fox

What else is going on at The White Horse?

The Six Nations matches continue to be shown - see What's On, page one. This has been very successful and sessions are getting busier - be early to get your place.

Music Quiz night Saturday 10 March, 19.30 for 20.00 Organised by Richard Stokes. Money raised goes to the Jubilee celebration. There will be a raffle - bring a prize if you can.

The Loft, the pleasant upstairs room at the back of the pub, is available to hire at £7 an hour, which is waived if you order a buffet.

The marquee will be up in the summer and Peter and Sara will be pleased to discuss bookings for larger events.

Advance news: Peter and Sara are organising a small garden produce and flower show in the second week of August (11 or 12)

so bear this in mind when planting this year. Don't do red, white and blue flowers only: there will be life after the Jubilee and Olympics!



Church news: St. Andrews Services

Our winter time of 9:00 a.m. for the Sunday service will change with the clocks, on March 25, back to 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Simon Woodley

Bemerton St John School news

There are plans to produce a school newspaper. A rival for our newsletter?!

All pupils will be involved in making flags for the celebrations when the Olympic Flame arrives in Salisbury on 11 July.

Pupils are being encouraged to find items about science in newspapers for the new science board.

Susan Drewett is running a weekly prayer group in school

The headteacher reminds parents that school entrances must be kept clear of cars. The car park by the front entrance is for staff only.

Coming and Goings

It's good to hear that Jean and Mike Kalvis and family of Tara have finally moved into the house they wanted in Wilton.

Quidhampton will miss them and thanks Jean for her service on the Parish Council.

We warmly welcome several new families who have moved into the village recently.

Wilton Eco Park

The well attended public meeting in February heard from John Glenn, MP as well as the developer and the architectural company involved in the bid for Erskine Barracks. Those at the meeting agreed the formation of the Wilton Community Land Trust and now await the outcome of the bid. Latest news: the due date for the bid has been put back to the third week in March.

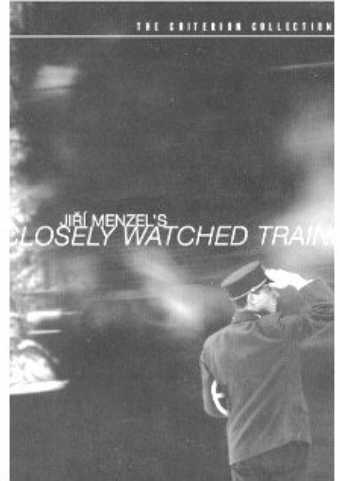
Meanwhile the group are running workshops about environmentally sound living - see details on page one.

Bemerton Film Society

Tuesday 20 March: St John's School 19.30

Closely Watched Trains This 1966 Academy award winning film is set in occupied Czechoslovakia during World War II when German munitions and troop trains were given priority passage. It follows a young man working at a country station and his first attempts to woo the opposite sex. The earthy comedy is eclipsed in the end, however, by an explosive and shocking event.

Film Society Questionnaire : the society has been going for a year now and is considering becoming a film club with a subscription rather than payment on the door each time which would reduce the licence fee for each film from about £100 to about £35. Give your views at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W7QQWCK> which also asks about the kind of films you would like to see. If you want a paper copy contact the newsletter editor.



Quidhampton villagers are invited to contribute to The Bemerton Jubilee Cookbook

Glenna Ferdinando from Bemerton writes:

We are planning a souvenir collection of family recipes from the past sixty years to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, proceeds to St John's Community

Centre. Your recipes need to be your own, not from a published cookbook unless there are significant variations.

The deadline for contributions is 31 March. Send your recipes to Glenna at 117 Lower Road SP2 9NH or email glenna.ferdinando@btinternet.com

Police report

An incident was reported to me involving a resident and an unpleasant experience on the bus. A school pupil was travelling home from school alone on an early evening bus. He was surrounded by 3 other youths who continually asked him questions and patted his pockets, making him feel intimidated and that they might steal his phone. He was concerned enough to get off the bus early. Thankfully no harm came to him but just a bit of advice for parents of youngsters using the bus: if they are travelling alone tell them to sit up front next to the driver. Thugs generally want to carry out their

cowardly acts without drawing attention to those who would stop them. Alternatively move to where other adults are sitting for the same reason. If they feel they need to get off the bus then ensure it is in a built up area, not in a quiet lane. In the unlikely situation of things getting badly out of hand and they have access to a mobile phone then dial 999 and leave the line open. Remember all 999 calls are recorded including verbal threats from any would be yobs!

This sort of incident is very rare but the mother of the child involved asked that other parents be made aware of it.

Pete Jung

100 club winners

February

1st 171 M Wright
2nd 75 H Rowley
3rd 121 Mr Denton

Villager looking for work as home help or cleaner. Will also do ironing. CRB checked. Excellent references. Flexible hours. Ring Linda: 744046

Making a rockery? Small quantity of rocks available free for the taking from Millington Cottage. Call Stevie on 742987.

Bus pass party lost property: a white metal pendant, heart shaped with a red ceramic rose in the centre was found after the party. Contact the editor if it is yours.

Waste and recycling collections will be Mondays from March 26 : with household and garden waste one week, and recycling the next.

Household waste must be put in the bin. Any left by the side will not be collected. If there are 5 or more in your household you can apply for extra capacity for household waste but you will have to have a waste audit to check you are recycling everything that can be recycled. Bins must be kerbside by 7.00 a.m. as they are now.

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Waste and recycling: please note changes at the end of March

Friday 2 : waste and recycling

Friday 9 : household waste only :

Friday 16: as Friday 2: waste and recycling

Friday 23 : as Friday 9: waste only

Monday 26: garden waste (green lidded bin) and household waste (black bin)

Monday April 2: recycling only