

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

July/August 2012

What's on in July and August

Thursday 5 July White Horse Quiz Night

Saturday 7 July Bemerton St John school fete

evening: Celtic folk music night Finnian McGurk The White Horse

Tuesday 10 July WI: History of the Ambulance Service Village Hall 19.30 new members always welcome

Wednesday 11 July Olympic Torch Salisbury 18.15 Hudsons Field

Thursday 12 July Olympic Torch Wilton 08.22 Park Wall

Thursday 19 July 14.10 end of term Sarum Academy

Friday 20 July last day of term Bemerton St John school

Saturday 21 July Family Challenge The White Horse (see below)

Tuesday 24 July Parish Council 19.30 Village Hall

Saturday 28 July Music Night with Pete Christie The White Horse

Thursday 2 August White Horse Quiz Night

Saturday 4 August Family Challenge The White Horse

Monday 6 August Bank Holiday

Tuesday 14 August: WI: 'Women of Oman' Village Hall 19.30

Saturday 25 August Music Night with Andy Grant The White Horse

Monday 27 August Bank Holiday Family Challenge The White Horse

Bemerton St John Summer Fete – Saturday

7 July 14.00 - 16.00 – Bemerton Recreation Ground A very traditional summer fete. Stalls and games, performances from the school's choir, gymnastics and street dance club, BBQ, cakes and teas, ice creams, bouncy castle, face painting, tombola, beer tent and loads more, including the Big Money Duck Race (£25 first prize!) at 16.00. Once again we're very grateful to Salisbury City Council for providing a free climbing wall.

This is the school's biggest fund raiser and we very much appreciate your support in making this such a lovely community event. If you can come along we'd love to see you.

The Friends of Bemerton St John School

Family Challenges at The White Horse

Following the success of the Bank Holiday family games events Sara and Peter are organising a family event with challenges similar to The Great Egg Race of the eighties when teams had to build gadgets using only simple objects and their own ingenuity. Dates: 21 July, 4 and 27 August. Further details from The White Horse nearer the time.

Sara says: families are welcome to come into the pub or garden with their children and use our games at any time. You don't have to wait for a special event. That is what being a community pub is all about.

Advance Notice: 28 – 29 September Beer and Music Festival at The White Horse.

The next newsletter will be September's edition. Contributions to the editor by 27 August

The Olympic Torch will be in Salisbury on the evening of 11 July. It will leave from the Cathedral at 07.49 on 12 July and travel to Wilton. It will be in convoy along our bit of Wilton Road, emerging again at 08.22 at the Park Wall traffic lights. Expect traffic delays but there will be free parking in Salisbury from 15.00 on 11 July and in Salisbury and Wilton from 08.00 – 10.00 on 12 July. Wiltshire Council are organising a major free celebration event on Hudson's Field from 13.00 – 22.00, and everyone is encouraged to go to line the streets in Wilton the next day and then have breakfast in the Square.

Parcels collection point: The White Horse is applying to be a parcels collection point for the village which means you will be able to collect your parcels without going into Salisbury. Details will be circulated to the village when it has been confirmed.

Bemerton Film Society Tuesday 24 July
Bemerton St John School
Dr Strangelove
Stanley Kubrick's Sixties satire with Peter Sellers
Doors open 19.00 Start 19.30

Bemerton Film Society Tuesday 21 August
Bemerton St John school
Heat and Dust
Times to be confirmed

George Herbert in Bemerton Group
Tuesday 17 July St Peter's Church Fug-
glestone
'Who was George Herbert?'
18.30 Bookings: 335909

George Herbert in Bemerton Group
Thursday 16 August
George Herbert Watermeadows walk
Cathedral Cloisters 09.45 Bookings: 331236

Welcome to Hannah Budd who has moved into Nadder Lane. She is a veterinary nurse who works at the Endell equine hospital and this is her first home of her own.

Cleaner/home help available: local couple wants local work: cleaning, home help, general work around the home. Weekly, fortnightly, monthly or one-off. References available. Contact Linda on 744046

Police report: Dear All, we have had a further 7 reports of HGVs heading through the village this month and there are still a few days to go! My PCSO Jenny Moss has settled in nicely and is looking forward to getting 'stuck in'! You can contact her on

jenny.moss@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

I have noticed across the area especially at beauty spots an increase in theft from cars. Even when there is no property on display some have been broken into and searched. Top tip of the month: if parking in a remote area never leave anything you don't want to lose in your car. If possible leave your glove box open and expose the boot to show there is nothing in there. Consider leaving a note on the dash saying something like 'NO VALUABLES IN THIS CAR'.

All the best – PC Pete

Chinese lanterns: another lantern has been found in Quidhampton and a reader asked for it to be pointed out that if a lantern causes a fire or other damage and can be traced back to the person who released it that person is liable for the damage caused.

Dog fouling: it should be made clear that although dog fouling is a council and not a police matter it is illegal. On the spot fixed penalty notices can be given and offenders may be prosecuted and fined up to £1000. *Several people remarked how good it was that during the Jubilee celebrations there was no dog mess to be seen in Lower Road.*

The village photo book: can you help?

The winning photos from the Jubilee competition will be enlarged, framed and displayed in The White Horse. The photo book will take longer to produce - more photos are needed to give a more complete record of Quidhampton in 2011/2012. The book will be part of the village archive, to be enjoyed by residents now and to be a resource for future historians.

Were you in the village photo? If not and you would like to be included in the photo book please send a photo to the newsletter editor. This could be a passport type shot or a family photo, anything that shows someone who wasn't in the main photo.

Would you like a photo of your house to be included? There were no competition entries of individual houses and it is often these that show the passage of time most clearly. Send the editor a photo or contact her for one to be taken if you'd like your house to be in the book.

Village groups: can you provide a photo of a village group? The WI has had one taken already and historians of the future would love to see who was in the darts team, the reading groups, on the parish council etc. Again please contact the editor if you are willing to have a photo taken.

Anything else? Please send any other photos you'd like to see in the book, perhaps of your pet or something else special to you. It could even be a photo of something you don't like in the village – all aspects of village life should be shown. Please note the organisers' decision will be final and photos of actual dog poo are unlikely to be included!

What is a photo book?

A photo book is not an album. Thanks to digital technology (please do not ask the editor to explain this further) a book can be produced of captioned photos, a book that is printed and professionally bound. There are no problems of sticking photos in and the colour should last longer.

Are you bus pass age and need a cleaner or a gardener? *Claire Routh of The Wiltshire*

Good Neighbour Scheme writes: we are a **free** and **confidential** service providing information for older residents in Wilton and Quidhampton about the excellent services and organisations available to you. We aim to help older people live more independent and fulfilling lives. One of the most frequent requests is where to find a cleaner or gardener and I can provide information about both, either local or through an agency. Below are some of the cleaning and gardening services available in Quidhampton:

- Weekly cleaners
- One off blitz or deep cleans
- Help with changing bedding, laundry, ironing etc.
- General gardening
- Grass cutting.

If you think the Good Neighbour Scheme can help you or someone you know, or if you have any questions, do please feel free to ring for a chat or to arrange a home visit.

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Left behind after the Jubilee

A Leaden Hall tea towel, the kind with children's drawing of themselves.

A large white plate, oven microwave and freezer safe.

Both left at Withy House tea point. Contact the editor if they are yours. If unclaimed they will be donated to the Village Hall.

100 Club winners for June

1st	12	S Rowland-Johns
2nd	88	A Witt
3rd	1	A Meredith

Local people:

Bill West, world champion

As The Olympics draw closer it's surely time for an interview with Quidhampton's own world champion.

Newcomers may not realise that in Lock's Lane there lives a man with some astonishing achievements: powerlifter Bill West won 14 world championship titles and more than 20 world records, some still standing today. He performed at championship level for nearly thirty years and is the only man to win powerlifting world titles at 5 different body weights.

Bill told me his passion began in 1958, when he was 12, at a boys club on Milford Hill, Salisbury where he would leave the boxing and wrestling to watch what went on in the mysterious weights room. And he was hooked. He will never forget Charlie Plumb who encouraged him so much in the early days, even bringing weights over especially for him to use. It wasn't until he won his first British title in 1975 and qualified for the world championships that Bill had his own coach, very different to the way talented youngsters are looked after today. As a Junior he would train on his own all day but as time went on he and two other promising British lifters organised their own training four times a week.

The sport was new and the first official world championships were in 1973, the same year that Bill started his painting and decorating business which he has run ever since. "I was fed up asking for time off," he said. He won his first world championship in 1976, quite unexpectedly. He was selected for the team only after the first choice was injured but on the day his performance was best, and he ended equal with the US contender. Bill had the lighter body weight so he won. After that he got some local sponsorship, though again



Bill with his first world championship trophy, one of many from his very full cabinet

nothing like the deals successful athletes have today.

As with any top level competitor his sport took over Bill's life completely but it gave him some incredible experiences. He travelled the world, loving it, especially the US where one of his early training buddies and lifelong friend now lives. Training and championship schedules always gave time for sightseeing. South Africa was interesting, he said, despite the compulsory bodyguards. Northern India was the most difficult experience; like many visitors he found the poverty overwhelming and hard to deal with.

Bill moved to Quidhampton in the late sixties when his parents took over the village shop and Post Office in 6 Alexandra Cottages. His

mother died in 1977 so lived to see him world champion, and his father died in 1982. Although he moved away Bill came back to the village in 2000 and says he loves the community centred round the pub (“We’re lucky to have it but it’s a case of use it or lose it.”). He enjoys quiz nights, the harvest auction, and the way everyone gets together for events like the Jubilee.

Powerlifting used to attract hundreds of spectators. It’s not (yet) an Olympic sport but Bill preferred it to the better known weight lifting because “it seems more natural than lifting weights over your head.” It’s also possible to lift heavier weights. The heaviest Bill lifted was 385 kilos which was a world record and which helped him win the world championship in 1991. Bill told me he never had an injury while lifting heavy weights – the moves are so carefully structured that you have to do it correctly. The only injury he sustained was when making a film for TV. He had to repeat a lift again and again with a light weight and got careless.

Bill’s powerlifting life has given him more memories and experiences than most people gather in several lifetimes. As well as the friendships and the travel he particularly treasures the time he was invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace in 1992, the fortieth year of the Queen’s reign. The guests were sportsmen and women who’d been world champions during her reign. Bill was thrilled to meet the 1966 world cup team, Nigel Mansell and other famous personalities, as well as the Queen. When I said “You must have been so proud to have been there,” he told me that was exactly what the Queen had said.

Although the world championship categories extend to lifters of eighty years and above Bill decided to retire in 2004 and have ‘an ordinary life’. He can now go on holiday without first finding out whether there is a proper gym for daily training, he can indulge his other

sporting passion of fishing and he can do the things with family and friends that ‘normal’ people take for granted. He missed it terribly at first but last year he even gave up going to the gym.

When I asked what advice he would give to a young person starting out today he surprised me by saying he’d tell them to find another sport. Powerlifting, he explained, is one of the hardest. It takes years to build up your body before you can succeed. But Bill is an inspiring example of what someone can do – such a rich life full of achievement and now a happy retirement.

Powerlifting is not the same as weight lifting, though both involve lifting weights in three attempts.

There are three events:

Squat: the lifter stands erect, the bar loaded with weights resting on shoulders. At the referee’s command the lifter bends their knees and drops into a squatting position, then returns to an erect position. At the referee’s command the bar is returned to the rack.

Benchpress: With back resting on the bench and feet on the floor the lifter takes the loaded bar at arm’s length and lowers it to his or her chest. When the bar becomes motionless on the chest, the referee gives a press command and the lifter pushes the weight up until the arms are straight with elbows locked. At the referee’s command the bar is returned to the rack.

Deadlift: the lifter lifts the bar from the floor and stands upright with locked knees and shoulders back, the weight held by the lifter’s grip alone. At the referee’s command the bar is returned to the floor under control of the lifter.

The 2012 Jubilee in Quidhampton part II

The Jubilee Dance



This special event in the marquee on Monday 4 June was not quite as lucky with the weather as the street party but was widely appreciated:

“A lovely event that celebrated and cemented the feeling of community. A real chance to chat to people.”

“The marquee was so beautifully decorated we gasped as we walked in”

“Very pleasant; a chance to talk and excellent food provided by Sara”

“Great food and company. The Jubilee has really helped us to get to know more village people. I feel so lucky to have found a home in Quidhampton.”

“The evening ended with Ted and Peg dancing together, everyone round them in a circle clapping and at least one person in that circle with tears in her eyes”

Yes, another success. In fact the whole weekend received praise from visitors: “you are a very special group of people and it was lovely to be able to share this time with you all... your decorations are streets ahead of other villages”

And residents: “I am so proud of the village’s efforts for the Jubilee. Many villages are do-

ing nothing at all” “It will be a special memory for the children and let’s hope they do things like this for their children – and so it will continue.” Many people helped out including those who were away and offered parking spaces in

their driveways, and all the people who gave so many quality items for the hamper raffle prize that three hampers were made up. Others simply enjoyed it: “It was a fantastic weekend bank holiday, and a very well planned event. A big thank you to all those who put in such hard work for those like myself who just sat back and lapped it all up!!”

The core organisers, who worked very hard indeed as the expected numbers doubled, said that comments like this made it all worthwhile.

Will anyone alive today see another Diamond Jubilee? Barring accidents, probably not. But we hope the people of Quidhampton will never forget this one.

Comments from Ann Gale, Deen Heather, Graham Heeley, Christopher Herring, Melinda Hilliard, Stevie Paul, Denese Rowley, and Richard Stokes



Clare Herring, pictured with her 80 egg Jubilee cake, and bearers Clive Goff and Chris Edge



How did it compare to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897?

Clarrie Price (1890 – 1996) who lived in Quidhampton until her early twenties wrote:

We kept Queen Victoria's Jubilee in grand style. A wonderful fete in the fields, climbing a greasy pole, chasing a greased pig, tug of war and many other kinds of sports. Children were given Jubilee Mugs, and I remember how pictures of our great Queen Victoria thrilled me.

Now that sounds fun! Clarrie would have been nearly seven. The school log book records that the school was closed on 21 and 22 June. The children were presented with a mug and plate from one donor in the morning and a mug from another in the afternoon. A third donor gave chocolate. Later 80 loaves were distributed among the poorest of the children.

The parish magazine describes other events: *"At quarter past ten a procession headed by the band and colours of the old Loyal Club paraded the village and marched to Fugglestone Church."* After a service the procession re-formed and *"accompanied by Morris dancers proceeded to the pasture grounds adjoining the Wilton Road, kindly lent and prepared for the occasion by Mr Taunton. At 12.30 a dinner was provided for all the men and women in the village, Mr Taunton presiding. After dinner sports and other amusements were indulged in and about ten o'clock all returned to their homes having thoroughly enjoyed themselves"*. (N.B. in Bemerton the men had a dinner while the women and children had a tea in the afternoon but there was no differentiation in Quidhampton)



The Bell Inn during the 1897 Jubilee celebrations

Mr Taunton was the local farmer but does anyone know what the 'old Loyal Club' was?

We are not told how many people attended the festivities but the population of Quidhampton in 1901 was about 296 so the 300 who came to our street party may have been the largest number ever to sit down for a meal in the village. In 1897, however, Fugglestone inhabitants were included and if all 85 of them came that would have been the bigger gathering.

Further Parish Council matters from May meeting

Councillors on the Planning Group are Paul Cripps, Dave Roberts, Peter Strawson and Ken Taylor.

Jennifer Tyler continues to look after the recreation ground assisted by Pete Dawson Dave Roberts will attend WILCAP meetings and Ken Taylor will attend Area Board meetings.

There was discussion of the use of the marquee by villagers. Under the terms of the new insurance policy villagers can use the marquee but they must also have their own insurance for their event which must be shown to the parish council beforehand. The marquee should be put up and dismantled under the supervision of someone approved by the marquee committee.

New secure storage for the parish mower is required and it was agreed to buy a shed.

Next meeting Tuesday 24 July 19.30 Village Hall. The public are always welcome to attend.

The new Quidhampton Parish Council website is still being developed (see contacts column). Use web@quidhampton.org.uk for comments and suggestions.

Email edition: Compliments for the June newsletter came from people as far away as the US and Canada. "it was almost as if I were there" "it is a real breath of home". Local people remarked how great it was to see the photographs in colour. If you want to receive the newsletter by email send your email address to the editor. If you live in Quidhampton you will continue to receive the paper copy through your door.

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Waste and recycling dates:

Monday 2 **July** household and garden waste, 9 July recycling (blue bin and black box), 16 July waste, 23 July recycling, 30 July waste.

Monday 6 **August** recycling, 13 waste, 20 recycling, 27 waste

This edition is sponsored by a resident of Lower Road in memory of her mother whose birthday was in August and who is still missed every day.