

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

September 2012

What's On in August

Sat 25 Live Music with Andy Grant at The White Horse

Clean acoustic sound across several kinds of music

Fri 31 Live Music with Finnian McGurk at The White Horse 21.00

A return visit of the Celtic folk music artist

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Sun 2 WI Cream tea 4 Nadder Lane 15.00 – 17.00

Tues 4 Term starts Bemerton St John and Year 7 Sarum Academy

Wed 5 Term starts Years 8 to 11 Sarum Academy

Thurs 6 Pub Quiz The White Horse : *bring a raffle prize if you can*

Sun 9 Exercise bike fundraising event at The White Horse

Mon 10 Term starts Years 12 and 13 Sarum Academy

Tues 11 WI Craft evening: macramé. 19.30 Village Hall

Sat 15 Live Music with Ron Trueman-Border The White Horse 21.00

Great songs with accessible choruses

Wed 19 Parish Council meeting 19.30 Village Hall **note change of date**

Fri 28 Live Music with Pachango at The White Horse 20.00

Support Quidhampton resident, Helen Kirby, and her band

Sat 29 Live Music with Alex Roberts 20.00 The White Horse.

Alex returns after his performance at Meadowfest.

See the White Horse website for details of the musicians, links and music clips. <http://whitehorse.quidhampton.org.uk/>

White Horse bus pass lunches:

now Monday, Thursday and Friday. £5.50 one course and coffee, £7.50 two courses and coffee

Netherhampton Road speed limit reduction: write in campaign for 40 mph

By now you should have had information and a sample letter from Lesa Drewett of Quidhampton Mill about the proposed reduction of the speed limit on the A3094 to 50 mph. Villagers have **until 28 August** to comment. The Parish Council and many others think it

should be reduced to 40 mph and Lesa is encouraging people to write in support. There is a petition in The White Horse with spare copies of the information sheet and the letter. If you haven't written already please think about doing so. It is the number of letters received that will be important. Any queries contact Lesa Drewett: 741171

Quidhampton WI invite you to CREAM TEAS IN A VILLAGE GARDEN

Sunday 2 September 15.00 – 17.00

4 Nadder Lane Everyone welcome

Bring and Buy Produce Stall. Bottle Stall.

Admission £3.00 including cream tea

Children free : donations accepted

Proceeds to Village Hall and WI

Please note:

The October newsletter will be edited by Stevie Paul of Millington Cottage, Lower Road. Items to her by 12 September, short items/announcements by 15 Sept.

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Free to a good home: upright Joseph Wallis piano, tuned in May. Apply Withy House, 741469

Local people at The Olympics

Getting a ticket for the Olympics seemed to be a matter of luck. Three fortunate villagers told the newsletter about their experiences:

Dave Roberts and family saw fencing, basketball, dressage and hockey. He said: "It was an amazing experience – London felt happy and the crowds and organisation at the Olympic venues were brilliant. The only downside was getting drinking water – the line for the tap was always the longest in the venue!" Spectators were not allowed to take water into the venue but could fill bottles at taps.

Kate Cater wrote about Wimbledon: "It was a fantastic occasion on Centre court; not the sedate atmosphere one usually gets there, but noisy, good-humoured and uninhibited. The organisation was superb and the Olympic ambassadors (volunteer guides) simply marvellous. Well done Seb Coe and his committee."



Lou and Imogen at the Olympics

Lou, Elton and Imogen Pool got tickets for the morning athletics on 7 August. Lou writes: "While it meant an early start for us (4.30am to catch the first train) it was well and truly worth it. The Olympic Park was a great experience and the Stadium absolutely amazing. It was an incredible atmosphere in the Stadium - the noise and cheers, for Team GB athletes and for the fastest man on the planet, Usain Bolt in his 200m heat, were deafening at times. To see all the athletes was inspiring. It was certainly a day we'll never forget."

Sport is not to everyone's taste and a different view was expressed by another villager who, when asked if she was going to watch The Olympics on TV, replied, "Not intentionally!" Perhaps even she was swept along by Olympic fever in the end.

The Olympic torch in Wilton

Charlie Gale writes about the morning the Olympic torch came to Wilton

It was a really well organised intimate event in Wilton, just the right amount of time waiting for the torch, with a useful commentary, made complete with complementary hot drinks, lots of flag waving and an Olympic themed soundtrack ... all just perfect for 8.25am.

We followed it up with a hearty cooked breakfast in Coffee Darling – see photo – coping cheerfully with customers queuing out of the door. A brilliant morning out .



Quail Eggs for Sale

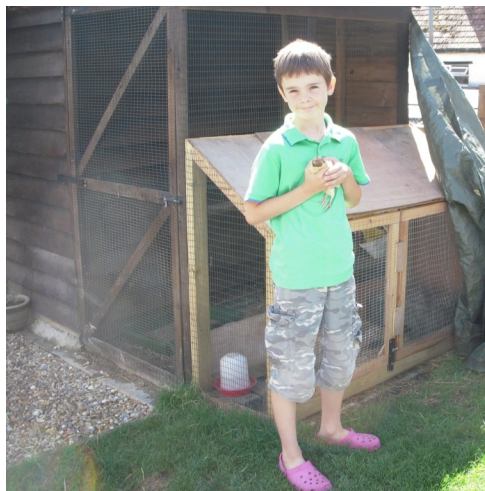
Stevie Paul reports on another young villager who is selling speciality eggs

Connor Mullett, 9 year old son of Sharon and Rich of 5, Edgam Place, is an enterprising young man. The family enjoys keeping bantams and when one became very broody a friend gave them 15 quail eggs. Quails have been domesticated for meat and eggs since at least Ancient Egyptian times and have lost the instinct of nesting so their eggs have to be incubated.

The broody bantam enjoyed her task and all 15 hatched. Three died, three were re-homed and the rest made welcome in the Mullett household with their own pen. Female quails produce one or two eggs a day, more than the family can eat, so Connor went into business. Having done some market research in Waitrose he now helps his Dad look after the birds, collects the eggs and offers them for sale at £1.50p a dozen, less than the super-market price.

Quail eggs are small, half the size of a chicken's egg, but delicious. They are tradi-

tionally hard boiled and served with celery salt as canapés but they can be served in all the usual ways and are great added to salads.



Pop along to see Connor or phone 07825942730 and treat yourself today. Connor enjoys handling the birds too and each has their own name. His favourite is Pippin.

Bemerton School Fete

Marie Young reports on a very wet day:

The fete was very successful considering the weather and raised £1700. People enjoyed the barbecue on the way in. Many activities happened inside, including the school choir, gymnastics group, stalls, and face painting. Children loved having tattoos and making jewellery! oohhh and eating lollies! Who needs the sun??

The duck race took place in the hall using a paddling pool and children were chosen to select a duck. Daisy Young declined and asked

a friend next to her if she would pick one. Unbelievably she picked out Daisy's number so Daisy won £25. How often would that happen?

It was good to have new faces helping with setting up, packing up and refreshments. Thank you all. FOBS is the parents way of helping to raise funds to ensure our children have extra opportunities at school through trips, visits and resources. New ideas are needed and would be so gratefully accepted!

100 Club winners for July

1st	No. 30	H Whitmore
2nd	No. 41	D Thomas
3rd	No. 22	B Bass

Congratulations: Linda and Richard Story are 'very proud parents': daughter Becky has got a place at Kings College Cambridge University to study biological sciences. Her A level results were 3 A*s and 1 A. Well done, Becky, what a brilliant result.

Local history

*You may recognise the name Wendy Lawrence from the photo competition. Her photo of Geoff Crawford won the Village People section. She lives in Pewsey and has written a piece to explain her **Quidhampton connection***

Charles Hammett was born on 10 April 1877. His father James was a cousin of the Tolpud-dle Martyr of the same name and had moved to Netherhampton from Dorset in the late 1860s after the death of his first wife.

James's second wife, whom he married in 1875 and who was Charles's mother, was Mary Durrington from Fovant. James, at one time employed as a drowner of the water meadows, died in 1897 but we know his widow was still living in Netherhampton in 1915. At that time coal cost 34 shillings a ton and 22 people in the village, including Mary, each received either coal or coal tickets from the Groves Eleemosynary Charity that year as recorded in 'My Lord Pembroke's Manor of Netherhampton' by Henry Shute.

Between 1898 and 1910 Charles served with the 6th Dragoon Guards, seeing active service in South Africa during the Boer War, and in India. Twelve months after his discharge from the army the census of 1911 shows that he had returned to his previous occupation of groom and was living and working at the fox hunting stables in Wilton. Two years later he

married Alice Annie Padden in Temple Combe and settled in Quidhampton for the rest of his life. Shortly afterwards their first daughter Marjorie was baptised in Bemerton church. A second daughter Mary Selina was born in 1916, followed by triplets, Eva Kate, Alice and John Charles, in 1921 and a fifth daughter, Dorothy Vera, in 1924.

Charles, who worked at the nearby Rogers' Whiting Factory and was a keen cricketer, died in June 1952 at his home, 3 Rose Cottages, where his widow continued to live until the 1960s. The cottages, near the village hall, were demolished some years ago.

Charles and Alice, who died in 1969, and three of their daughters Marjorie, Mary and Eva, are buried next to each other in St John's graveyard. Regrettably there was no male heir to carry on the family name as their son, although twice married, died in 2001 without issue as far as I can ascertain.

And my connection? Mary Selina Heuston (nee Hammett) was my wonderful mother-in-law whom I loved dearly.

Wendy Lawrence

Email: lawrence@jazz4us.fsnet.co.uk

Wendy would love to know whether anyone has any memories of the family and also if anyone knows exactly where Rose Cottages were.

Exercise bike fundraising: The White Horse is joining a charity bike ride for PTSD Resolution, who provide trauma counselling for ex-forces personnel and families. Pubs are combining to cycle the distance between Britain and Afghanistan on exercise bikes. You can help by being a sponsor or by going to the pub on Sunday September 9 and getting on the bike.

Jo Penny writes: The Pennys wish to thank all our friends and neighbours for their support, kind interest and loan of nursing equipment during what has been a difficult time for

us, particularly Elliot. As I write he is 11 weeks down the line since breaking his leg and still has at least another five to go on crutches but remains his usual stoic and resigned self. It is at times like this you really appreciate living in a village and we are very grateful to everyone, thank you.

More darts players wanted: is anyone interested in playing for the men's winter darts league? Go to The White Horse on a Tuesday evening after 20.00, or speak to bar staff.

You don't have to live in Quidhampton.

Meadowfest 2012

For the first time the weather wasn't perfect but organiser and performer Helen Kirby says Meadowfest was successful though the cold wind meant fewer villagers came and several didn't stay for long. There were lots of musicians and their friends, however, who enjoyed the event as always and ended up round a bonfire playing quiet acoustic music late into the night.

Helen and Steve want to thank everyone who helped put up the marquee and other tents, especially Jonathan Young.

Thanks too to Mark Game and the residents of Fisherman's Reach who helped prepare the meadow. And to all the bands who played for free.

There's no Meadowfest next year – Steve and Helen have their wedding to organise – but it is likely to be back in 2014.



Daisy Young and Amelia Weston from Hampton Court enjoy themselves at Meadowfest

John and Janice Blane want to thank everyone once again for their collection: 'We did not go to Burgh Island as we hoped as the weather forecast was awful but we had a wonderful week in Crete for our Ruby Wedding Anniversary on Midsummer's Day'

Fire in Edgam Place

Julie Lanchbery describes how frighteningly easy it is for a fire to start and how smoke detectors saved her house

On 26 July, during those few incredibly warm days, we had the misfortune of a fire in our house. And it was scarily simple how the fire is suspected to have started, so we really want to warn others of the danger.

We had a double-sided magnifying mirror on the bedside table, and the blind was pulled most of the way down to keep the room cool. The afternoon sun hit the mirror, which reflected the light - and magnified the heat - onto the blind, which caught fire.

Thankfully I was at home, working. I heard the smoke alarm, ran upstairs, thinking it was a bonfire that had set it off, but I heard a crash in the bedroom. I poked my head round the door, saw a flame and lots of smoke, and got out of the house as quickly as I could before dialing 999. The fire brigade was amaz-

ing, and got here in about 5 minutes although it felt like a lifetime. They were able to contain the fire to the bedroom, but there is smoke damage to most of the upstairs.

I really would like to thank the firemen of Salisbury and Wilton, who did such an amazing job of dealing with not only the fire, but also a very emotional me. These men risked their lives for us, and I really don't think I can ever thank them enough. I would also like to thank our neighbours, Pete and Danni, for taking me in that afternoon and trying to keep me calm.

So, everyone, be aware of things like mirrors, magnifying glasses, snow domes – not to mention more obvious things like lighters – and keep them out of direct sunlight. And please **go now**, as you finish reading this, and check your smoke detector is working.

Thanks again to everyone who helped us, Julie, John & Anna Lanchbery, 7 Edgam Place

Farewell to Bethan: Bethan Strawson is leaving The White Horse for Bath to study for a masters degree in textiles. Her lovely smile and cheerful presence will be much missed but she's achieved her ambition and we wish her success in this next stage of her life.

WI July meeting: The History of the Ambulance Service

Joyce Harvey writes:

David Tovey told us that it used to be the responsibility of the police to transport injured people to hospital. Volunteers with carts and stretchers began to take over but it wasn't until the 20th century that the ambulance service was formed, later to be taken over by the NHS. It was an interesting subject, extremely well presented.

August meeting: Women of Oman

This was another very interesting evening showing how other nations live, and how it can be so different.

A fund raising cream tea will be held in Jennifer Tyler's garden on Sunday 2 September.

Village Hall AGM: the report from the treasurer was similar to last year's. Despite being most economically run there are fewer bookings than in the past so expenditure was again more than income. To avoid dipping too far into reserves the committee is considering a fund raising event. Marie Young and John Cater joined the committee.

Jubilee: the last items

Thanks to Ron Strange who grew on some tomato plants donated by Graham Stokes and sold them from his front garden. The proceeds of £19.20 went to Jubilee costs.

Raffle prize: one prize still remains uncollected. Who had ticket number 65? If not claimed by the end of September it will go to the next village event with a raffle. Contact The White Horse to claim the prize.

Dave Roberts, chair of the Parish Council, writes:

Jubilee: The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in making the village Jubilee weekend such a great success. As with all these things a small gang of people grafted hard to pull things together and we are grateful for their efforts and commitment. The village looked fantastic, everyone ate and drank well, the sun came out and the entertainment was entertaining – what more could we have possibly asked for?

Once again a huge thank you to all those that helped organise the events – and an equally big thank you to all those that supported them and made the weekend one that many will remember for a long time to come.

LorryWatch : The Parish Council meeting heard from Wiltshire Council about the Lorry-Watch initiative. This involves the local community working with a team from Wiltshire Trading Standards to record details of over-

weight vehicles passing through the village. Offending vehicle owners are contacted and if they offend again they can be prosecuted. The scheme works by using high visibility volunteers to monitor the relevant roads on set days. They report any potential offenders to Trading Standards who do the follow up. It began in Bradford on Avon and has been a huge success with word quickly travelling through the trucking community. It is proposed Quidhampton examine the possibility of working with residents in Lower Bemerton to become a combined LorryWatch area. If enough volunteers can be found, after some simple training, the scheme should be able to get off the ground this autumn. **Anyone interested in being involved should contact the Parish Clerk, details on back page.**

Until the scheme is organised please continue to give details of lorries to Pete Jung who does the same follow-up as Trading Standards.

Bemerton Parish, Salisbury



St. Michael's wishes to appoint a

Part-time Community Centre Administrator

average of 10 hours per week from November 2012.

Based at St. Michael's Community Centre, Bemerton Heath, the successful applicant will help the church manage the day-to-day administration and running of the Centre on behalf of the PCC, enabling the church to reach out and meet the needs of the local community.

The successful applicant will share the vision and aims of Bemerton Parish with skills, experience and an enthusiasm for:

- maintaining and improving the building and facilities
- working with people
- IT and administration
- building relationships in the church and neighbourhood

Salary will be £7.50 an hour. Hours negotiable.

The appointment is subject to satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure

Information pack and application form from:

Helen Pessell 01722 333 604 or email pessell.family@virgin.net

Closing date 21 September. Interviews Thursday 4 October

Bemerton Film Society

"Mid–August Lunch" 2008: a charming tale of good food, feisty ladies and unlikely friendships.

Tuesday 18 September St John's School
19.30

Bemerton Local History Society

Jean Abdalli on Miss Olivier of Wilton

Thursday 13 September 19.00 Hedley Davis Court

George Herbert in Bemerton Group

John Cox leads an exploration of Herbert's poetry

Book: 331069

Tuesday 25 September 43 Church Lane
10.00 a.m.

The Bishop and the Bard "Herbert's poems and my own"

Bishop Graham Kings of Sherborne, a published poet and a George Herbert fan, reflects on Herbert's poetry and its influence on his own.

Thursday 27 September St Andrews church
19.30 – 21.00

Contributions always welcome .

While correspondence is welcome letters cannot be published unless contact details are provided.

Parish Council Meeting

Change of date: next meeting: Wednesday 19 September.

Parish Council Matters : July meeting

The draft **Community Emergency Plan** drawn up by John Cater was approved, mapping and flooding details to be added after consultation with the appropriate people. John will update the list of resources as they change. Copies of the plan and resource list will be kept with councillors, with John and in The White Horse and will not be published on the website. The chairman thanked John for his hard work.

Chris Cochrane, Wilts Councillor for Salisbury (Fisherton and Bemerton Village) attended to talk about proposed development in the Wilton/Salisbury area and the importance of drawing up a **neighbourhood planning document**. Councillors from the region will meet in August and report to parish councillors.

The playground: the goalposts will be put back and fence repair investigated, perhaps making it higher.

Netherhampton Road speed limit: The parish council re-affirmed its support of 40 mph.

The marquee committee are looking at the management of bookings to ensure insurance requirements are met while keeping it as simple as possible.

Police report: Jenny Moss, Police Community Support officer, attended the parish council meeting and asked that any communications to Pete be copied to her:

jenny.moss@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Little local crime was reported but there has generally been a rise in break-ins into cars. Usually nothing is stolen because drivers are more careful about removing valuables but the break-ins are bolder and occur in public places, even driveways.

The last collection from the post box in the centre of the village is now 17.15, not 17.30

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(New) Website: [http://](http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/)

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The Rector of Bemerton

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Parish Office 328031

Problems with HGVs: contact

Peter.Jung@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

or leave a note in the black box.

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Village Hall bookings:

Sabine Dawson 742843

Waste and recycling dates:

Monday 27 **August:** household and garden waste

Monday 3 **September** recycling, 10 waste, 17 recycling, 24 waste

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