

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

October 2012

## What's On in October

**Every Monday:** crib night at The White Horse

**Thurs 4** Quiz Night at The White Horse: bring raffle prize if you can

**Tues 9** WI Open meeting: A Taste of Quidhampton History. All welcome

**Wed 10** Bemerton St John school: individual photos taken

**Mon 15** **Public meeting about the recycling facility** – see below

*Come along to let Wiltshire Council know the strength of feeling about keeping the recycling facility in the pub car park.*

**16 – 19** Travelling book company at Bemerton St John

**Wed 17** Harvest Festival and Auction The White Horse (See below)

**Mon 22** Parents evening Bemerton St John 13.00 – 19.00

**Wed 24** Term One ends Bemerton St John, autumn break until 5 November

**Wed 24** Meeting about forming a White Horse Boules Club. 19.30 for 20.00

**Tues 30** Last day to register Year 6 children for a place in secondary school

**Sat 27** Live music with Jim Blair of the Roots Movement from 20.00

*"A lively and excellent musician" making a return visit*

**Wed 31** Hallowe'en event for children at The White Horse, details on flyer

See The White Horse events board and website for the latest details :

<http://whitehorse.quidhampton.org.uk>

### Public Meeting

**To discuss the future of our village recycling facility  
at The White Horse, Quidhampton.**

Wiltshire Council announced that our village recycling facility will close as of 1 October 2012. Following several objections Quidhampton Parish Council have organised a public meeting on

**Monday 15 October 2012, The Loft, The White Horse, 19.00**

An officer from the Waste Management Team at Wiltshire Council will be present. Please come along and make your views known.

If you are unable to attend but wish to put your views forward please contact Clare Churchill on 01722 743027 [quidhamptonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:quidhamptonpc@btinternet.com)

### **Harvest Festival**

**at The White Horse**

**Wednesday 17 October**

**Come along and celebrate the  
season.**

Traditional hymns and an auction of produce by a local Wiltshire character

Items required for auction: seasonal produce, flowers, jams, pickles etc.

*If you can't bring produce then bring a tin or packet of food for the Trussell Trust*

Auction proceeds to be divided between the church and the Trussell Trust

**STOP PRESS: Quidhampton Fireworks Display and Party: Sat 3 November**

Further details will be circulated separately

## **More White Horse News**

**Do you play crib?** The White Horse team won the Salisbury and District League Division Three last season and are looking forward to life in Division Two. Interested? Phone Andy 743128 or Sara 742157

**Do you play petanque (boules)?** The terrain at The White Horse has been renewed so if you're interested in this game, go along on 24 October 19.30 for 20.00 to discuss forming a White Horse club and playing in a league. More details: Jim Goddard 743479 or Sara 742157

**Christmas Draw** : Tickets available from early October. 50p a ticket. The more sold the better the prizes! Draw takes place near Christmas.

**Sloe Gin competition**: this will be judged in January 2013, date to be announced. Start by picking your sloes now. This year there is a Silver Cup to be won!

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**Camilla Burgess** of The Coolins is helping to direct Studio Theatre's latest production, Calendar Girls, the well known story of the WI who produced a calendar of themselves with sunflowers and not much else to raise money for their local hospital.

Camilla told the newsletter she was called in to help in transforming what was a major film script into something the more limited resources of amateur theatre could manage. "It's very hard work but great fun and exactly what I know about," she said. "All my years in the professional theatre have given me an instinct for what works and how to bring an actor and a part together. I'm hopeless at real life but I can do theatre!" The director of productions has arranged for the heating in the theatre to be put on early!

Calendar Girls runs from **3 - 6 and 9 - 13 of October** and some performances are sold out already. Tickets from Salisbury Information Centre, Fish Row 334956

**Quidhampton Women's Institute  
Open Meeting Tuesday 9 October Vil-  
lage Hall 19.30**

### **A Taste of Quidhampton history**

Bea Tilbrook will talk about her research into the remarkable Price Family who lived in Nadder Lane for over 20 years from 1891 and give some idea of what life was like in the village at that time. It's a fascinating story of riches to rags that will touch your heart. Come along if you are interested in local history or doing some research yourself. There will be ideas for future projects.

**Everyone welcome. Charge for non-members: £1**

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**Other Parish Council News** from the meeting on 19 September

**Recreation Ground**: there is a small amount of money available for new equipment. Please contact the clerk as soon as possible with suggestions

**Vacancy for Councillor**: the ex-chair, Ian

Lovett, has resigned. Full details of the vacancy are on the notice board.

**Fireworks event**: the parish council agreed to support this.

**Next meeting:**  
**Tuesday 27 November 19.30**  
**Village Hall**

## A new home fit for a Prince.



Rosa riding Prince

Prince is a very special and much loved rocking horse who has lived with the Herring family of Withy House since Clare and Christopher's eldest son, Sam, was christened. That was 15 years ago and he has given a lot of fun and pleasure to both Sam and his younger siblings, James 13, and Rosa, 10. Prince feels that "his" children have grown out of playing games with him and he is seeking a new home where he will be just as loved and pampered.

Prince is a superb Wiltshire steed with his original paintwork and real horse hair tail. He has a smooth rocking movement and leather stirrups. He is happy to fit into any corner of the home. He has lived in many places in Withy House and he even has his own stable in the garden! He will leave his stable-mate, Nobby, the hobby horse, who has been with Clare since she was a child. Nobby feels a little too old to move on. We suspect it's really because Clare is too sentimental to let him... and why not!

Beautifully made and very good natured Prince has never been known to bite or kick but he's great to play make believe games with and to listen to whispered confidences. £200 is a very

small price to pay for such a royal animal who is waiting patiently to be that extra special birthday or Christmas present for another lucky child.

Please contact Clare Herring on 01722 741469.

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## **October Events in Bemerton**

### **Bemerton Local History Society**

*Come and enjoy hearing about past life in our neighbourhood in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Sessions held at Hedley Davis Court, 19.00. Entry Free. All welcome.*

#### **Thursday 11 October. The Price Family of Bemerton and Quidhampton.**

Bea Tilbrook will be giving an account of her ongoing research into the Price Family who moved to 4 Church Lane in 1889 and left for Quidhampton in 1891. Six members of the family are buried in St. John's Churchyard, one of whom lived to be 105. It's a riches to rags story which will touch your heart and offer glimpses into life in this parish in late Victorian and Edwardian times.

### **Bemerton Film Society**

**Tuesday 16 October** The society will be show-

ing **"The Reader"** at St. John's Primary School, Lower Bemerton at 19.30. Refreshments available from 19.00. "A bold and challenging romantic drama. A film that is impossible to forget" Oscar winning performance from Kate Winslett.

### **Bemerton Community**

#### **Saturday 20 October. English Eccentrics in**

**Love** : an entertaining celebration in words and music, featuring soprano Sally Bradshaw, David Taylor and Alistair Watson at the Studio Theatre, Ashley Road, Salisbury. 19.00 Tickets are £10 and can be reserved in advance from 01722 326261 or on the door.

**Saturday 27 October. Autumn Fair at St John's** 14.00 – 16.00As we go to press it has not been confirmed that this event will take place. Contact Moira Packer on 338681 or email [moirapacker@talktalk.net](mailto:moirapacker@talktalk.net)

## **Village People : Quidhampton's longest staying Incomers?**

John and Margaret Wilcox of Purbeck in Lower Road have lived happily in the village for 46 years. Brought up in Birmingham, they settled here with their family intending to move again when the children had fled the nest. Both teachers (John trained in Cheltenham and Margaret in Coventry), they were introduced by friends at the Martineau Teacher's Centre in Birmingham, obviously a good meeting as they were married 5 months later. That was 56 years ago.



A year after their marriage the couple obtained posts at Highbury School, now Wyvern College. Margaret taught primary children and John became Head of Technology. They moved into a flat in Wilton while they waited for a bungalow to be built for them in Bulbridge. Jennifer was born in 1961 and Michael in 1962. John was often asked to give advice on various technical problems that colleagues or friends were having building their own houses. He and Margaret decided that they would enjoy such a project and John certainly felt confident of the task.

The family moved into a flat in Nomansland to give them the capital and John set about designing and project managing the building of a new house in East Grimstead. A house in the country seemed an ideal place to bring up small children and five months before the move, in 1965, young Alan came along.

After a time they realised that this sort of isolation didn't suit them and John looked for another home for them. On a visit to Quidhampton he met the father of two of his pupils. Knowing John had built his own house already this man told John of a plot owned by John Smith which was going to be sold. Having seen the size of the plot, with its lovely views over the fields and river, John told Margaret he'd found the perfect spot for them, at least while the family was growing: not too far from Salisbury and their jobs and near good schools for the children.

The couple rented St .Abbs while John helped to design the house. He project managed the building of it, doing much of the physical work himself. Margaret and the children watched their new home being constructed and it was an exciting day 12 months later when they moved in. The children were then 2, 4, and 6 years old. As they grew John added an extension, a conservatory, a workshop and a new porch. Somehow the couple still managed to keep working and come home every day with the children to enjoy a cooked lunch together which Margaret had prepared the night before. It was a very happy, busy home. The family joined in with village life, and remembers particularly the Silver Jubilee celebrations. John and Margaret belonged to the Gardening Club and generally enjoyed the company of their neighbours in the village.

In time both agreed to become members of the Parish Council and John was Chairman for a time. During this period they saw off the overhead power lines which disfigured the village streets and helped put through plans for the Playing Field, the Car Park behind Coronation

Square and an improved bus service. They even helped prevent the selling of the Village Hall to a private buyer!

The couple has fond memories of some village characters. There was farmer Jack House, who practised for ploughing matches for hours behind their home and another farmer, Mr Reynolds, from whom they bought fresh milk every day. Their neighbours were Jack and Joan Watson. On one occasion Jack and John were putting the world to rights over the back garden fence when they noticed smoke coming from the nearby cowshed. The men raced over and opened the doors to release a number of calves penned in near the burning straw. Having shoo-ed them out of the farm they were amazed to see them bolt back in over the flames and it was left to the Fire Brigade who had just arrived to persuade the calves out again with water!

The children grew up and left home. Jennifer, a civil servant, lives in Alderbury with her husband and two children. Michael moved to Scotland which he'd always loved after caravan holidays there as a child. He is married with three children and is an oil consultant. Alan has a wife and three children and owns a building company in Cheshire.

Life was too busy after the couple retired in the mid 1980's to consider moving to a smaller place. John and Margaret had much travelling to do, with and without their camper. They toured Europe, India, Russia, China, Norway, America, Australia and New Zealand. Despite a few health problems they are still active. They travel to Scotland and Devon and enjoy a holiday abroad as often as they can. Coming home to the friendly village of Quidhampton is always a pleasure and neither would contemplate moving. So after 46 years, are they the longest staying incomers?

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### **A villager gives her experience of the Olympics and Paralympics.**

The Olympic and Paralympic Dressage at Greenwich were the events I was lucky enough to see and to be thrilled and inspired by. Front row seats for first day Olympic team dressage were followed a week later by last minute tickets for the freestyle to music and the medal ceremony for Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro.

Paradressage was a new experience for me and before the event I did wonder if it would be a tad boring – I was completely and utterly wrong! The tension, atmosphere and skill and the wonderful horses . . . but on top of all this were the courageous stories behind each rider. Three British Gold Medal ceremonies as well as Australia, Austria and Germany. It was humbling and inspiring! Which did I prefer? Impossible to choose. Contributed by Jackie Peters.

### **Congratulations, Gordon, on a very special birthday**

We hear from Colin Mitchell that his father, Gordon, will be 90 on 31 October. Gordon was born in Quidhampton and apart from wartime service in the Royal Navy, lived here until 1952. He and his wife, Anne, who have now been married for 65 years, then moved to Netherhampton. They moved back to the village in 1998 and made their home in Albion Bungalows, just across the road from his childhood home, Elm Cottage. His younger brother, Eric, has lived in Quidhampton all his life. We hope that Gordon has an enjoyable birthday and send him our very best wishes.

### **Speed Limit Campaign.**

Lesla Drewett from Quidhampton Mill would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support for her campaign to get the speed limit on the local section of the Netherhampton Road reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph. She received 50 letters of support which she has passed on to Wiltshire County Council at Trowbridge. More letters were sent direct including one from M.P. John Glenn. Lesla has done a lot of research into the Road Traffic Regulations Circular which gives the criteria for applying certain speed limits to particular parts of the roads. She has matched Department of Transport Safety regulations to the conditions applying on the road concerned bearing in mind this criteria,

even measuring the distance between the lamp standards! All her hard work has left her in no doubt that the County Council “don’t have a leg to stand on” if they refuse to grant the lower speed limit. She has pointed out reasons for the change based on technical, community and vulnerable residents grounds which are required by the Traffic Safety Laws. Lesla has written to Lord Pembroke and hopes that his support will also be forthcoming. The decision will be made by Wiltshire County Council at one of their monthly meetings which Lesla will attend and hopes that a decision will be made by the end of October. Good luck, Lesla, and thank you for all your hard work on behalf of our local community.

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### **A Wedding in the Family.**



Beautiful bride, amazing car

Rich Stokes was very proud to send us these photographs of his beautiful daughter on her wedding day, 11 August. Sam, who used to live in Quidhampton, married Paul Finerty at All Angels



Sam and her new husband, Paul

Winterbourne Earls. Before Rich gave his daughter away he took her to her wedding in an amazing car as you can see. The Reception was held in the Bibery Suite.

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### **Last call for photos**

Bea Tilbrook plans to work on the village photo book in November but needs more photos of buildings in the village. What future historians will like to see is ordinary photos of the village as it is now. These will be added to the photos from the photo competition and photos from the Jubilee events to make a

book. Don’t miss out on the chance to get your house in it. Send digital photos to [bjtis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bjtis@hotmail.co.uk)

*Thanks to the people who did send in photos of their houses and the book group for having a group photo taken, and the WI who had a second photo taken because the first was boring!*

## Cream Teas in a Village Garden.

Members of Quidhampton W.I. invited villagers to a cream tea in Jennifer Tyler's lovely garden on the afternoon of Sunday 2 September. Unfortunately the weather was chilly and overcast which meant that attendance was rather low. However, it was a delightful event and those who stayed away missed a treat!

Homemade scones loaded with luscious cream, strawberry jam and fresh strawberries were delicious. W.I. members helped to serve teas and there was a lovely selection of interesting produce and home-baked fare on the Bring and Buy Stall. The Tombola was popular too.

The event raised £150 which will be divided between the Village Hall and the W.I. to boost their funds. Members would like to thank everyone who helped make the event a success, not least the villagers who supported it.



Max and Stella from Sovereign Close



Janet Barnes with Lesley Buckley and daughter

## Police News

Dear All, a pretty quiet month in Quidhampton apart from our HGV friends! We had 7 reports in total plus a photo of another (good try, Sandie) but also a good response from one of the operators themselves. It never ceases to amaze me just how many different operators there are!

In addition I have received a bit of a complaint regarding inconsiderate parking. I know that Quidhampton is not the easiest village in which to find parking but please try not to obstruct traffic or obscure views at junctions for obvious reasons. If you would like to

Speak to me you can get me on the usual numbers/email.

Best Wishes, P.C. Pete.

### **Are you interested in stopping lorries coming through the village?**

If so contact the clerk to the parish council (details on front and back page). The council would like to join Lower Bemerton in setting up **LorryWatch** but volunteers are needed. *Most villagers complain about the lorries – this is a chance to do something about it. Details of LorryWatch were in September's newsletter*

### 100 Club Winners for August.

1st no. 16 D. Barnes  
2nd no. 86 A. & C. Argyle  
3rd no. 88 A. Witt

### WI September craft evening:

*Joyce Harvey writes:*

We made some lovely macramé dolls. Some managed better than others but the tuition was very good. If there was enough interest Sue would be happy to run a course in the hall. It was an amusing evening and we had a good laugh at the same time.

### Get Well Soon.

Good to know that Marjorie Reigen, our oldest resident, is out of hospital and recovering well. We all send our best wishes.

### Wilton and Quidhampton Good

Neighbours Scheme: we are sorry to hear that Claire Routh is leaving as co-ordinator because of family illness and send her good wishes for the future and thanks for everything she has done.

### Cleaner available.

Marie Young can offer an honest and reliable cleaning service for a few hours on a Tuesday and/or Thursday during term-time. Contact Marie on 744066 or [marieyoung@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:marieyoung@dsl.pipex.com)

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### **Waste and recycling dates:**

Monday 1 October : recycling, black box and blue bin, 8 October household and garden waste, 15 recycling, 22 waste, 29 recycling

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Editor's note: I would like to thank Stevie Paul, who most generously agreed to edit this month's newsletter while I was on holiday.