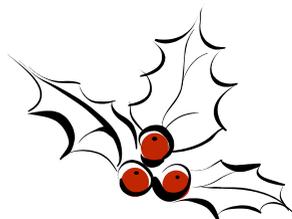


QUIDHAMPTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

December 2012

What's on in December

- Thurs 6** Quiz Night at The White Horse
- Sat 8** Paintings Exhibition White Horse Loft 11.00 – 16.00
- Tues 11** WI Christmas meal: members only
- Thurs 13** Neals Yard evening The White Horse 19.30 for 20.00
With mince pies and mulled wine
- Sat 15** Bus Pass Christmas party 15.00 Village Hall
- Sat 15** School Christmas bazaar 15.30 – 17.00, everyone welcome
- Sun 16** Christmas Concert St John's church 17.30
- Mon 17** Christmas Draw 19.30 The White Horse
More mince pies and mulled wine. Draw tickets can be bought until lunchtime
- Tues 18** Bemerton Film Society: Filming Call The Midwife, 1900 St John's School
- Wed 19** Carol Service The White Horse 19.30
Sing along to Sophie's accompaniment with some Christmas words from the clergy
- Fri 21** End of term 2 Bemerton St John and Sarum Academy
- Sat 22** Mummers Play at The White Horse



White Horse Christmas and New Year Opening Times – see centre pages

- Thurs 27** **Pub closed in the evening: staff Christmas meal**
- Mon 31** **No household waste collection. See back page**

NB: the sloe gin competition will be held on Saturday 12 January, a later date than usual to give the sloe gin time to mature.

White Horse Christmas

Draw: grand prizes

All the money taken is spent on prizes in this traditional pub draw. This year there are two very special prizes: **a notebook computer and a kindle** as well as the usual hampers, chocolates, bottles of wine etc.

Tickets can be bought up to lunchtime on the 17 December.

Events in Bemerton

Sun 16 **Christmas Concert** St John's Church
17.30 No entry charge
Singing to join in with and to listen to, readings, mulled wine, mince pies and a Christmas stall of small presents and food goodies. All proceeds to Bemerton Community, working towards a future for St John's.

Bemerton Film Society

Tues 18 **Filming 'Call The Midwife'**
19.00 Bemerton St John School
Bemerton resident Terri Coates is technical adviser on this very popular programme and will talk about how a book is transformed into a TV series with a screening of an episode from Series 1. Come and learn the secrets behind the scenes, but come early – a big crowd is expected.

A Christmas message from the Rector

There is nothing like an old church, decked out with holly and candles for Christmas, to put one in the right place. Shopping stress, cooking worries, even family strife can all be put into perspective with a few carols and some apt words. With services in all 3 churches there must be something for everyone so we'd love to welcome you to any of our celebrations, or indeed to see you in The White Horse for Quidhampton's own carol service. If you can't make it, then may you have a blessed Christmas anyway.

Simon, Gillian and Susan

The newsletter is pleased to enclose a Christmas card to all villagers from the parish team.

Saving money on Christmas postage

1. All households should have received information from Royal Mail about buying up to 36 stamps at 2011 prices if you receive pension credit, ESA or incapacity benefit. Contact the editor if you'd like another voucher for this.

2. Speedyprint are selling stamps at reduced prices for a minimum purchase of ten: 1st class 54p instead of 60p, and 2nd class 45p instead of 50p. Speedy print is in Malthouse Lane, Salisbury.

For sale: baby carrier, vg condition £40
Phone Marie Young 744066

Wanted: any unneeded garden tools. Fair price paid. Contact Dan on 07501 8588996

Advertisements in the newsletter: Dan in the 'wanted' ad above is Dan Overton who used to live in the village and is still a regular at The White Horse. Any villager or person with strong village connections is welcome to place similar advertisements or to advertise their business in the newsletter. First mention will be free, after that a small donation is requested.

100 Club Winners

November

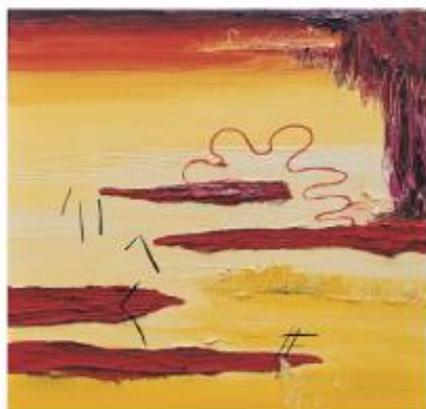
1st	Mrs Garry	177
2nd	E Heeley	84
3rd	J Harvey	120

Did you know how Sovereign Close got its name? A competition was organised by the developer to name the housing in what happened to be the year of the queen's eightieth birthday. Barbara Strange suggested Sovereign Close. But it wasn't just the connection with the monarch that made it the winner: a sovereign was a pound coin and a pound is also known as a quid.

Local history update, editor's note : after the talk about the Price Family who lived in Quidhampton from 1891 - 1915 several people expressed support for some sort of commemoration of the four sisters who lie in unmarked graves in St John's churchyard. We thought about adding a small plaque to the grave of their mother. Sue Amey, manager of the residential home where Clarrie Price spent her last years, came with me to see Simon Woodley, the rector. Simon was very supportive and told us that we could do this but it is also possible to have the existing headstone sanded down and re-engraved with additional words commemorating the sisters. Can anybody recommend a stonemason who could consider this work and give an estimate?

If you are interested in being kept up to date with this project please give me your name and email or telephone number.

Wrapping paper: please note that unfortunately most Christmas wrapping paper cannot be recycled. If it has a 'dull' surface that is not metallic or plastic-y and screws easily into a ball without springing back then it can be recycled with paper.



Visual Music 'Sound Paintings' Solo Exhibition

by Quidhampton artist Helen Kirby
at

The White Horse Inn

Saturday 8th December from 11am - 4pm

Helen Kirby is a mixed media and installation artist and musician based in Quidhampton. After graduating with an MA in Fine Art in 2008 at the Winchester School of Art she has been exploring the theories of Visual Music which has remained at the heart of her creative work as a painter and installation artist.

Helens paintings are her own interpretations of complete musical tracks, musical tones, notes and rhythms. The textured surface of the paintings change throughout the day with the everchanging levels of scattered light. These large textured paintings could brighten up any living room or hall and relate to all threads of musical theory.

Helen Kirby at:
www.helenkirby.co.uk
email: visualmusic@helenkirby.co.uk



The White Horse Inn Christmas opening hours

Monday 17th	Christmas Draw 19.30
Wednesday 19th	Carol Service 19.30
Saturday 22nd	Mummers Play
Christmas Eve	Opening as usual - kitchen closed in evening
Christmas Day	12pm to 2pm (kitchen closed)
Boxing Day	11.30am to 4pm (kitchen closed)
Thursday 27	Open lunchtime, with food - closed evening for staff Christmas meal
Friday 28	Normal opening resumes
New Year's Eve	7.00pm until late. - ticket only, £8.00 ask at bar
New Year's Day	12pm - 3pm (kitchen closed)

*A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our customers!*

Christmas Menu

Starters

Curried Parsnip soup with Parsnip crisps

Pate with melba toast

Potato Rosti with Smoked Trout

Sweet Red Onion and Feta Filo Cigars

Spicy Squash Ravioli

Mains

Roast Turkey, Pigs in blankets, Roast Potatoes,
Vegetables and all the trimmings

Venison and Red Wine Pie, Lyonnaise Potatoes and Vegetables

Mushroom and Stilton Pie, Lyonnaise Potatoes and Vegetables

Pan Roasted Seabass with Prawn and Chardonnay Sauce,

New Potatoes and Rocket salad or Vegetables

Desserts

Christmas Pudding and brandy butter

Chocolate Truffle Cake

Lemon Cheesecake

Sorbet or Ice cream

Cheese board

Coffee and Mince Pie

Two courses £15.75, three courses £17.75

Bookings only



Remembrance Day

More than forty people from Quidhampton and Bemerton were at the Lychgate war memorial for a short service and the reading of the names followed by coffee in the church. Several wooden crosses were left by the Lychgate this year, perhaps the start of another tradition. The name of William Stokes

who was killed in the First World War was again decorated with a poppy, put there by his 97 year old sister and her daughters. Dorothy Humphries, the youngest of thirteen children, was born after her brother William had gone to war. She never saw him but keeps his memory alive in this way every year.

A message from PC Pete Jung

Dear All

Having checked the stats for the last 60 days it would appear there has been no reported crime for Quidhampton which is quite amazing and let's hope it long continues.

Just in case anyone has had any crime happen and not reported it please make sure you do. I know there is a certain apathy of 'what can the Police do' or 'they aren't interested'. All I

can say is that I am interested of course, but remember that resources are always given to where it is needed most and crime stats are what the bosses go on. It's easy to do online via the Wilts Police website or on 101.

During November I received 5 reports of LGV's through the village and of course the Operators have been notified!

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and the very best for 2013! Regards, PC Pete.

Goodbye: Caroline and Andrew Argyle and family have left their lovely home in The Old Farmhouse but as they have moved to Nadder House in Lower Bemerton we hope to continue to see them in the village. Welcome to the new occupants of The Old Farmhouse, who used to live in Nadder House. There has been talk in the past of a divide between Lower Bemerton and Quidhampton – this should help to bridge it!

Halloween

A crowd of happy but scarily dressed parents and children gathered in the pub early one evening at the end of October. It was **Hallowe'en**, and the ghosts and ghouls, wizards and witches took part in apple bobbing and other activities. Carved pumpkins were brought along for judging. The winner was really in tune with the gruesome theme: a pumpkin with fierce teeth had another very small pumpkin face peering from its mouth. Some pumpkin carvers showed great originality. (*Warning : if you have a delicate stomach look away now. One pumpkin was presented on a tray. The pieces removed while hollowing it out were placed in front so it looked as though the pumpkin head had been sick. Was this bad taste or was it clever and amusing? Opinion is divided!*)

Later the crowd dispersed, some for a bit of trick or treating round the village, others to make their way home as quickly as possible in the heavy rain.

The village fireworks evening

“Just as good as last year” was the general opinion and that is praise indeed. Once again Denese and Howard Rowley must be thanked for their professional skill. Quidhampton is fortunate in having two firework professionals living here who are so generous with their time at their busiest time of year and who provide so many fireworks.

Several villagers, including Parish Council Chairman Dave Roberts, brought along friends who said it was a spectacular show. Joyce Harvey called it “a fantastic sight and a fitting end to a year of celebrations.”

Over 300 people attended and chairman of the organising committee Jonathan Young says there should be a profit of about £500. Denese told the newsletter that their company, Royal Party Fireworks, was nominated as the public's preferred brand and one of their fireworks was voted Best Firework for 2012.

Thanks to Jonathan and the other committee members, Chris Edge and Sara Strawson, for all their hard work and also to the Parish Council for the fireworks. Sara wants to thank Joy Wagstaff, Jo Penny and Marie Young who ran the very busy soup and sausage stall and Jonathan wants to mention all the people who helped set up on Saturday and clear up on Sunday. It's unsung work but events wouldn't happen without people like you.

The table top sale in the White Horse loft was a successful and sociable event, so successful it almost had to spread downstairs. Thank you to those who attended, visitors and table toppers, and everyone who donated items for the newsletter table. The newly decorated loft was admired and £180 was raised for the newsletter including some cash donations and sponsorship. This later rose to nearly £200 as two items were sold via Salisbury Journal ads. Other unsold items were given to the Trussell Trust. *Editor's note: it was heartening to see so much goodwill toward the newsletter. The parish council is sponsoring two issues in 2012/13 so it is secure for another year. Thanks also to Sara Strawson who prepared the venue and supplied tea and coffee.*

Peter and Sara want to record their appreciation of the hard work of Chris Edge and Rich Stokes in decorating The Loft, and Dan Overton and Sarah for their gardening.

Use it or lose it? You can't have a community pub without the community. Peter and Sara were brave enough to take on a new business in a recession and they need the support of the village, and not just at events such as those described above. News reports tell us pubs are closing every week. The new winter menu has been introduced with all cooking now being done by the Strawson family and Sarah Thornton. The Christmas menu is in the centre pages – why not take some friends along to try it?

Recycling Centre at the White Horse.

Clare Churchill, parish clerk, reports: A decision is still awaited from Wiltshire Council and once known will be displayed on the village notice board. **In the meantime** please continue to use the facility for paper, tin and glass. The collection of plastic and cardboard has ended at all mini recycling sites across Wiltshire. *Editor's note: Notification of the decision will be sent to the Quidhampton Community email list. If you want to join this list and be kept up to date with village events send me your email address, otherwise always keep an eye on the village noticeboard by the post box.*

The glass recycling bins have been replaced with smaller ones to make them easier to empty but there are more of them.

Other Parish Council News from meeting on 27 November

Co-option: Howard Rowley was co-opted to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ian Lovett.

No decision has yet been made about the **speed limit** on the Quidhampton section of the Netherhampton Road.

Recreation ground: repairs to the fence are in hand. The only comments received from the public were about the hard surface around the horse and the roundabout which become dangerously slippery in autumn. This had already been noted by the council and the last of the R2 money will be used to replace it with upgraded safety surfacing. Grants may be available for new equipment – contact the clerk if there is additional equipment you would like to see in the recreation ground.

Lorrywatch: there were not enough volunteers to set this up so **keep reporting HGVs to PC Jung as before.**

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or leave a note in the black box.

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Waste and recycling dates

Monday 10 December recycling: black box and blue lidded bin; 17 household and garden waste; 24 recycling; **31 no collection**

Next collections: **Wednesday 2 January** household waste only, no garden waste

Tuesday 8 January recycling: black box and blue lidded bin

This edition is sponsored by Peter and Sara Strawson of the White Horse who would like to wish all villagers a very happy Christmas