

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

January 2013

## What's On in January

**Thurs 3** Quiz night at The White Horse

**Tues 8** Term begins at Bemerton St John Primary School

**Tues 8** WI meeting: "Nude but not Rude" Jane Arnold of Lower Bemerton talks about her work as a life model. Jane also recently appeared on 'Come Dine with Me' 19.30 Village Hall

**Sat 12** Sloe Gin competition The White Horse

**Wed 16** Dance classes begin, Zumba and Rhythm Tap from 18.30 The Loft, The White Horse – see page 2.

**Wed 16** Bemerton Film Society: Whisky Galore St John's School. 19.30

**Tues 22** Parish Council Meeting 19.30 Village Hall Members of the public welcome. Agenda is displayed on the parish notice board.

## Two successes for community action



### **Recycling facilities at The**

**White Horse:** It was announced before Christmas that the recycling facilities in the White Horse carpark will remain but the site is being

kept under review. **Use it or lose it!**

Quidhampton was the only community to protest and hold a meeting about the loss of recycling facilities. It's good to know we have been listened to.

### **Remember: no cardboard or plastic waste**

can now be taken to the site. This is the case throughout Wiltshire. Cardboard and plastic bottles should be put in your blue lidded bin or taken to the recycling centre on Churchfields.

### **Speed limit on the A3094 to be reduced**

New recommendations have reduced the proposed speed limit on the Quidhampton part of the A3094 to 40 mph instead of 50 mph. This is a triumph for Lesa Drewett of Quidhampton Mill who led the campaign for a lower limit, knocking on doors and asking people to respond. The parish council, who asked for 40 mph in the original review, and John Glenn, our M.P., also supported it.

Wiltshire Council has sent a letter to everyone who responded giving an internet reference for details. It appears that there were 60 objections, enough to trigger a further review which recommended 40 mph as far as Quidhampton Mill, but not as far as the Daye House which objectors wanted. From the Mill the speed limit will remain at 60 mph but reduce again to 40 mph for the Netherhampton corner.



**Maximum speed**

Lesla says she is pleased that Wiltshire Council has taken some notice of what Quidhampton villagers want but she'd put forward arguments for a reduction to 30 mph based on regulations about street lights. She intends to challenge the Council again because she feels their comments do not answer her points adequately.

### 100 Club Winners

#### **December**

1st	54	Mrs Thompson
2nd	29	Sylvia Smith
3rd	132	Mrs Green

## Christmas Events

**The bus pass Christmas party** Audrey Catford writes:

The Christmas tea party for all proud owners of a bus pass (what a tactful description!) made a perfect start to Christmas and, as ever, the organisers and hostesses did us proud. The hall and table decorations were topical as well as festive with gold, silver and bronze medals for each one of us, and the catering, as ever, truly delicious.



A generous raffle, pass the parcel and Jubilee poem were followed by some lusty carol singing accompanied by the highly accomplished Sophie, as adept on the keyboard as she is on the accordion.

Thank you, Quidhampton, for being such a lovely village to live in!

*Audrey modestly omits to say that she wrote the Jubilee poem which the newsletter is proud to publish—see opposite.*

In a change of date the **Carol Service and Mummers Play** took place on the same evening at The White Horse. This meant a very full pub and a very jolly evening of both carols and Christmas songs, with some reflection on the meaning of Christmas and an entertaining performance of the Quidhampton Mummers Play – heckling seemed to be welcomed! A total of £200 was collected for the Trussell Trust.

**The pub Christmas draw** attracted a smaller crowd but interest was high because of the special prizes this year. John Bowden won the Kindle e-reader and Mick Mackinder the laptop computer. The prizes included vouchers and Duncan Witt declared his was the most exciting thing he'd ever won: an extreme RIB adventure on the Solent. ( RIB : rigid inflatable boat). It would be good to hear about it from Duncan when he's experienced it.

### New Year's resolution to get fit?

#### Dance classes in Quidhampton can help

Helen Kirby of Sun Meadow Lodge is running two dance classes on Mondays at The Loft, The White Horse.

**18.30 – 19.30 : adult beginner zumba:** Latin American-inspired cardio-dance workout. Energetic, varied, suitable for complete beginners

**19.30 – 20.30: adult beginner rhythm tap:** this focuses on the sounds rather than the aesthetic look of dance and is a fun class

where you can keep fit while getting your dancing rhythms going.

Helen says: wear loose clothes that are easy to move in with trainers for zumba and low heeled boots or tap shoes for tap. If you've not got them trainers will do.

**Classes begin on Monday 16 January** and cost £4 a session.

Helen, who is also an artist and musician, runs creative contemporary dance classes in Wilton on Wednesdays.

More details from Helen: 07592028479 or [artlabdesign@btinternet.com](mailto:artlabdesign@btinternet.com)

## 2012 by Audrey Catford

Before we start welcoming the Quidhampton Mummers  
Let's look back o'er the year at the happiest of summers  
When, with the Queen's Jubilee, like the rest of the nation  
We all joined together with our own celebration.

What a joyous occasion it turned out to be  
With the bunting, the flags and the Jubilee tea  
A *most* happy day when we all came together  
And were miraculously treated to glorious weather!

With the road all sealed off – not a bus to be seen! –  
And tables and chairs adorning the scene  
We tucked into sandwiches, cream scones and cake  
(The main one so huge it took 80 eggs to make!)

Our houses were decorated and we wore fancy dress  
So that Union Flags fluttered from every address  
While original outfits and paraphernalia  
Ranged from Derby Day toppers to majestic regalia.

The overall winner from all of the entries:  
That royal princely foursome dressed up as sentries  
For Wither House guardsmen, and what is more,  
With Her Maj and her corgies stepping out of the door!

There were games for the children and a mind testing quiz  
And the White Horse regaled us with cool Pimms and fizz  
While Albion House staged a photo display  
And a historic village portrait completed the day.

As we look back now on that second of June  
Here's hoping for further events really soon.  
Maybe Harry will marry or Wills and Kate have an heir.  
Whatever the occasion I plan to be there!



*Not only a poet but a prophet too! Audrey is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 22 January a number that will come as a surprise to many people who know her. Congratulations, Audrey. We wish you many more happy years in Quidhampton.*

### **Bemerton Film Society** now meets on Wednesdays.

The next meeting is on 16 January and the film is Whisky Galore, the comedy classic set in 1943. It was a world wide hit as audiences laughed at the antics of the inhabitants of a Scottish island where the whisky had run out but a shipwreck contained 50,000 cases of it. Based on a real-life incident the use of locals as extras adds to the feeling of authenticity.  
St John's School. 19.00 Film starts 19.30.

### **Some thoughts for the New**

**Year:** Jim Goddard, who spent a memorable time in India in 2012, has given the newsletter some words of the Dalai Lama about 21<sup>st</sup> century life.  
*We have more conveniences but less time.  
We've been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour.*

## **Remembrance Day Collections**

Dear Bea,

Before Remembrance Day I went round the village in my capacity as the Wilton British Legion Poppy Collector for Quidhampton. In addition we also, through the kindness of Peter and Sara, had a box in the White Horse.

I would be very grateful if in the next newsletter you could place on a record a sincere thank you to all Villagers who made a donation to me or at the pub.

The White Horse box raised £36.83 and my collection around the village raised £107.96, a great result which is much appreciated.

Kindest Regards

Chris Daniel

## **From Peter Webster of the Bemerton Community**

Almost 200 people crowded into St John's for our Christmas concert. The involvement of the school children this year made it better than ever and there was a great mix of choir, community singing and the Sarum Sisters of Swing. Many thanks and congratulations to everyone involved, especially the singers, readers and Nigel Haynes who oversaw it all. We are also grateful to those who staffed the fund raising stalls, decorated the church, and helped with refreshments and in many other ways to make it such a success. We raised more than £1,500 when Gift Aid is included, all proceeds going directly to the conversion of St John's for wider community use. It's especially pleasing that over £500 of this came from small individual donations that evening.

## **Frank Mark Watson Gale**

Jim, Charlie and Polly Gale would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents and congratulatory wishes on the birth of Frankie. He was born on 17 December at 00.23 hours weighing 10 lbs 13.5 ozs and is looking forward to living in Quidhampton.

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Waste and recycling dates

**Tuesday 8 January:** recycling: black box and blue lidded bin;

**Monday 14 January:** household and garden waste: black bin and green bin;

**21:** recycling;

**28:** household and garden waste

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