

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

March 2013

What's on in March

- Fri 1** White Horse music night: Child of Imber
Mon 4 Bemerton St John school v Dinton football match (home)
Mon 4 and every Monday: zumba class 18.30 The White Horse Loft
Tues 5 interruption to electricity supply 8.30 – 11.30
Tues 5 Bemerton St John school parents consultations 13.30 -19.00
Wed 6: and every Wednesday **new** adult contemporary dance class 18.00 – 19.00 The White Horse Loft
Thurs 7 Year 5 open evening Sarum Academy 18.30 – 20.00
Thurs 7 pub quiz The White Horse
Fri 8 family pub quiz The White Horse 19.30
Sat 9 White Horse Music Night: Glowglobes
Sun 10 Mothering Sunday: special three course menu at The White Horse
Tues 12 Women's Institute: Mad Hatting: a talk by Jane White about hats. 19.30 Village Hall Visitors welcome
Thurs 14 Bemerton St John school teacher training day: no children in school
Fri 15 Red Nose Day: dress down day Bemerton St John school - wear red. £1.00 and cake sale
Big Red Children's Party The White Horse 18.30 – 19.30
18 – 22 Year 6 residential trip to Isle of Wight
Wed 20 Bemerton Film Society Tamara Drew 19.30 start Bemerton St John school
Wed 20 Village Fete meeting, White Horse 19.00
Thurs 21 end of term 4 Sarum Academy. Non academy kit charity day
Fri 22 end of Term 4 Bemerton St John school: Easter break. All welcome to church service 14.40 led by years 3 and 4
Sat 23 Easter family pub quiz 18.30 all welcome
Tues 26 Children's workshop The White Horse: bunting
Thurs 28 Children's workshop The White Horse: Easter crafts
Sat 30 White Horse Music Night: Andy Grant UK Roots Movement
Sun 31 Easter Day: traditional roast at The White Horse booking essential

Family pub quiz Friday 8 March The White Horse 19.30.

Teams of up to six, no more than two of them adults.

Entry £1 for competitors to include glass of squash and a cake.

Make up a team on the night : all young people to be accompanied by an adult.

Easter Family Pub Quiz on Saturday 23 March 18.30.

Quidhampton Summer Fete : are you interested in seeing a fete in Quidhampton this year? If so come to a meeting at the White Horse on Wed 20 March at 19.00

Police message: Dear All, if anyone has recently used the post box please be advised we have temporarily lost the keys! Anything urgent please let us know.
Regards, PC Pete

Please do not put cardboard in the paper recycling bin at The White Horse
This means the load is 'contaminated' and has to go to landfill.

The only horse at The White Horse is on the sign!

Peter and Sara Strawson would like to reassure their customers that there is no horse-meat in any of their dishes.

Their meat comes mainly from WS Clarke in Sixpenny Handley, the butcher Sara's family went to when she was growing up, and from Pritchett's.

All the food is prepared in the White Horse kitchen. Vegetables are often organic delivered by Riverford.

Now Sara and Sarah Thornton are doing the cooking themselves you may have noticed some changes. There is traditional pub food: scampi, cod, lasagne, burgers (homemade, of course), ham and egg all with chips, jacket potatoes and sandwiches with a variety of fillings. And there are specials. At the time of writing these included: chicken korma, lamb chops, and the most delicious Persian beef stew (beef mildly spiced with

Mothering Sunday: 10 March: a three course set menu (with choices). Booking advised. Menu will be displayed outside the pub.

Easter Sunday 31 March : traditional roast lunch : booking essential

tomato and green lentils). There are always at least two vegetarian options (the caramelised red onion and goats cheese tart on at the moment is wonderful). Often there is bubble and squeak as well as the usual vegetables.

Some specials such as paninis and meat balls with spaghetti are such favourites they are available most of the time.

Sara wants to offer food that isn't 'foodie' but the kind of thing you'd cook yourself if you were feeling adventurous with more time and the best ingredients.

Sunday Roast: like many pubs The White

Horse found problems serving Sunday roasts every week. Nowadays people expect an alternative menu as well and often only one roast lunch would be served. So now, again like many other pubs, a Sunday roast must be ordered in advance unless it is a special Sunday – and there are two in March:

Red Nose Children's Party at The White Horse :

Friday 15 March 18.30 – 19.30

Join in the fund raising and do something funny for money

Wear red, wear a silly mask. Prizes for best outfit, silliest outfit, most amazing mask – prizes for lots of things

Competitions and children's book-stall – bring books and games to sell for Comic Relief

NEW for Quidhampton Start: Wednesday 6 March, at The Loft

Adult Basic Contemporary Dance Class
Wednesdays - 18.00 - 19.00 at The Loft, White Horse Inn, Quidhampton, £4.

This class is suitable for participants with no dance experience. It fuses contemporary dance style with gentle stretching and relaxation. A good class to unwind after a hard day's work.

Adult Rhythm Tap and Step Class

Mondays 7.45 - 8.45pm at The Loft, White Horse Inn, Quidhampton £4

A fun class using body percussion combining American Tap dance, Step dance, and other styles. Suitable for all levels.

Easter Activities at The White Horse

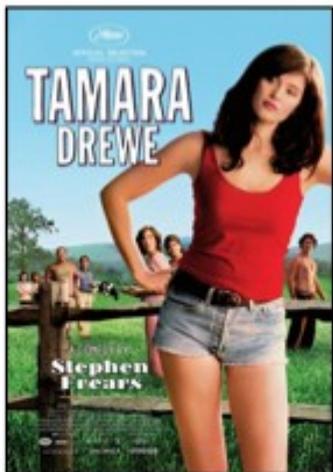
Children's Workshops in The Loft
Run by Sara Strawson and Rachael
Newman

Tuesday 26 March : Bunting workshop. *Make some unique bunting to use for festive occasions*

Thursday 28 March : Easter craft workshop: *decorate eggs, make chocolate nests etc. Lovely presents for Easter Day*

Thursday 4 April : Clay tiles: *make and decorate your own clay tiles*

Friday 5 April : film show – film to be announced. Free entry, popcorn etc on sale



Friends of Bemerton School:

The parents association needs someone to be vice chair. They are also looking for a new chair from September. FOBS has paid for many things this year including £1000 towards the school path, prizes for the science week, golden time and wet play activities for each class, and reducing the cost of school trips. If you feel you have the time to help then please speak to Moria Packer or the school office.

Bemerton St John school path:

a note from the headteacher, Alun Richards: The path through the church yard has now been completed. However, it is not yet open as I am waiting for confirmation that the sports pavilion has completed the path from their side. Also there is an agreement that will be sent out to all parents about the use of the path once a start date has been agreed.

The building of the path around the edge of the cricket field to the graveyard of St John's Church was part of the planning obligations of the Sports Club in connection with their recent redevelopment. It creates a safe route to school for pupils living north of Wilton Road. The school has been responsible for re-inforcing the path across the graveyard.

Bemerton Film Society

Tamara Drew

Wednesday 20 March St John's Primary School
doors open 19.00

Tamara Drew is a comedy, made in 2010 and set in Dorset at a writers retreat where the rural idyll is disrupted by the return of dangerously beautiful Tamara, a scowling pop guitarist, two starstruck schoolgirls, and a lovesick handyman. The standout performance is from Tamsin Greig as the female half of the long married couple who run the retreat. Preview notes say: the film touches lightly on some confusing and painful truths of

life via characters ranging from innocent and decent to egotistical, lustful and obnoxious. It is the kind of film in which both the just and the unjust get their just reward. The ending may not greatly surprise you, but it should leave you contented.

Women's Institute: members and visitors enjoyed the February talk by Rosemary Pemberton about the history of drinking chocolate and learnt that it is a drink older than tea or coffee. Monks first brought it to Spain from the Mayan civilization but it took the Catholic Church 200 years to decide whether it was a food or a drink. Eventually it was decided it could be drunk on fasting days if it was made with water, not milk. The amount of froth was always important, that's not a modern fad. Next meeting: Tuesday 12 March. Jane White will talk about hats. Visitors welcome.

Children/family quiz at The White Horse: Rachael Newman writes:

The first Quidhampton children's pub quiz was a success, thank you all for coming and making it a great evening. It was a trial event and we are very pleased that the families enjoyed it so much and look forward to the next one. There was a quiz sheet for the adults too. The money goes to a charity chosen by the winning team but it was forgotten in all the excitement last time so that will be announced later!

Wiltshire Good Neighbours scheme:

the new Wilton area co-ordinator is Valerie O'Keefe who can be contacted at vokeefe@communityfirst.org.uk or on 07557 922034. *She sees the aim of the service as: "helping older residents stay independent for longer."* For more details contact the editor.

What to do about potholes? It's the time of year when potholes in the road seem to be at their worst. Ring CLARENCE to report them and any other highway issues (blocked drains, broken lights, damaged signs etc): 0800 23 23 23. Do not ring this number from a mobile.

Clare Churchill, parish clerk, says: the issues are logged and if thought necessary action is taken. Experience has shown the more people who ring the better, as with the letters about the speed limit, so make the call even if you know someone else has already reported it. CLARENCE is run by Wiltshire Council for public roads and pavements during office hours. There is a website so you can report online.

Are you up-to-date with health and safety regulations
or are you interested and willing to learn?

Do you have some spare time and want to help others?

If you answer yes to any of the above then read on.....

Salisbury Samaritans need a health and safety officer

The officer will :

- be responsible for health and safety policies and practices in the premises
- become a member of the management committee

- give a presentation to new volunteers, and annual updates to all volunteers

Full training will be given including module 1 of the initial training for Samaritans which explains the way they work and the confidentiality that is maintained.

The person appointed must be organised, approachable, honest and a good verbal communicator.

If you've always admired the work of Samaritans but felt you couldn't do it yourself this could be your chance to help out with one of the most deserving organisations in the UK. For further details contact Samaritans or Peter Dawson on 742843

'All villagers invited' This invitation in February's newsletter was for Simon Crowther's



70th birthday celebration as well as his 35 years of drinking in The White Horse. The pub was full to capacity as everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet and listened to The Kings of Lounge – though at times the buzz of excited chatter drowned the music.

Mary Crowther says: We thought it was great, just how Simon hoped it would be: a traditional night out in his local with chums, neighbours, family, good beer and a rocking band. We would like

to thank Peter and Sarah

for being wonderful hosts and providing tasty grub, Maureen for the yummy cakes and the "Kings of Lounge" for enticing us on the dance floor with their great music. Thank you to all the village people who turned up on a Sunday night in February. I hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

From our local police:

Dear All,

Just 2 reports so far this month, the first being a house burglary at Tower Farm Cottages. This occurred between 1215-1245 on 13/2/13. If anyone saw anything unusual or suspicious please contact the officer in the case PC 1460 Jem Homer at Salisbury Police Station or you can always contact me of course.

Re the power cut on 5 March I am unable to find any report of the vandalism so if you have any information please let me know. There was a recent theft of cable from the phone lines running along Stratford Tony Rd (you may well have seen how low they are) which knocked out the phones and I believe are still awaiting repair! This is a continual problem so please keep 'em peeled especially at night!

We have had 3 reports of LGV's so far this month – all of which have now received the advisory letter from me.

All the best, PC Pete

Local history 1: the 1904 wildflower competition described in February's issue was won by May Tabor and Clarie Price of Quidhampton and Emily Blanchard of Devizes Road. *Editor's note: I was advised to include these names to help family historians who may do an internet search for them in the future and so will be led to the article on the village website. Oh the wonders of the web!*

Local history 2: investigations continue into the memorial for the four Price sisters suggested at the talk given by Bea Tilbrook last year. It is possible to re-surface their mother's gravestone and engrave it with additional words but Ian Newman, who arranged Clarie's funeral in 1996, thinks he can find Clarie's unmarked grave. If he succeeds then a memorial on her grave may be more suitable. Further updates will be posted in What's On in Bemerton and the Quidhampton Newsletter.

Quidhampton Parish Council

On Thursday 2 May all Parish Council seats are up for election

LOCAL ISSUES NEED LOCAL PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP FOR THEM



YOU could help keep Quidhampton a vibrant and good place to live by becoming a Parish Councillor.

YOU could be in at the 'grass roots' level of Local Government and be involved in making things happen or getting things sorted!

You need to attend the six Parish Council meetings a year; in return you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping your local community.

You must be at least 18 years of age and a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union **and**

- be a local government elector for the Parish of Quidhampton **or**
- have resided in the parish during the whole of the previous 12 months **or**
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish, either as owner or tenant **or**
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, had your principal or only place of work in the parish

Quidhampton Parish Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of alternate months at 19.30.

Any one interested should contact the Clerk, Clare Churchill, details on back page, **or** Wiltshire Council. Nomination papers are available online from the Electoral Commission. Clare will have some printed copies.

NOMINATION PAPERS MUST BE RETURNED TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL BY FRIDAY 5 APRIL

Editor's note: it would be great to see more women on the parish council and some younger people. I am happy to print off forms for anyone who would like one.



New village resident **Rachael Newman** is only twenty one but has packed a lot into her life and is brimming with energy, enthusiasm and good ideas.

She recently joined her mother, grandmother and brother in Greenways Barn, Lower Road, and will return to Brighton University in September to continue her midwifery training. Meanwhile, having recovered from the health issue that led her to taking time out of her course, she is available for child-minding services – see above.

She is not Ofsted registered but her other qualifications are fully up to date and she can look after children in their own home e.g. pick them up from school, take them home and look after them until parents arrive.

Before going to university she worked for a year as a health care assistant at the hospital and in children’s homes. She has helped with Laverstock Brownies for eight years and she was the organiser of the recent children’s quiz night at The White Horse.

It’s good to meet someone who does so much for the community – and she has plans for children’s workshops at The White Horse at Easter. Details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Village resident seeks childminding and baby sitting work
CRB checked – First Aid and Safe-guarding trained
Available until September – reasonable rates – references available
Call Rachael Newman 742857

Church news and Easter dates

Weds 13 March Friends of St.Andrew’s AGM 19.30 in St.Andrews Church

Sat 16 March Jumble Sale at St.Michael’s 13.00

Thurs 21 March First meeting for anyone interested in adult baptism or confirmation

There is a **monthly lunch club** for over 60’s on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and a

youth club fortnightly on Friday nights for 11 – 16 year olds

Church contact details: see contacts column on back page

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 19.30 Communion at St.Andrew’s

Good Friday 29 March :

1. Walk of Witness starting at 10.00 with a hymn in St.Michael’s, then onto St.Gregory’s church for a hymn, finally arriving at Roman Rd Methodist for a short service at 11:15, followed by refreshments. You are very welcome to join us for all or part of it.

2. Hour by the cross 12:00 noon at St.Andrew’s

3. Children’s Time 15.00 - 16:30
St.Michael’s : making the Easter garden, decorating Eggs, and of course, Hot Cross buns.

Easter Day 31 March

08:00 Communion at St.Andrew’s

10:30 Communion at St.Michael’s

Editor’s note: Snow in January: the photo feature in the last newsletter describing the children’s joy over the snowy weekend upset one resident who felt it downplayed the danger of snow for the elderly. This was not the intention. I can only repeat the last sentence: if there is any elderly or frail resident who wasn’t offered help by neighbours please let me know and I will try to arrange for them to be called in the next snowfall.

Electricity supply: all villagers should have received a letter from SSE (Scottish and Southern Energy) announcing an interruption to Quidhampton's electricity supply on Tuesday 5 March from 8.30 – 11.30. SSE told the newsletter that it is necessary to switch off the power in order to repair damage to the wires caused by vandals. They believe the culprits planned to steal the copper wire but did not get that far. SSE's letter has helpful advice about coping with a power cut. If you have lost your letter contact the editor or look online at www.ssepd.co.uk Only a competent electrical contractor should connect a generator when the power is off.

Spring Fair at Broad Chalke Primary School on **Saturday 9th March** 10.30 - 13.30. Climbing wall, craft stalls, cakes and food, fresh flowers for Mother's Day plus lots of other gift ideas.

A mystery: she's doesn't know how it happened but Lesley Buckley recently found in her handbag a pair of spectacles that do not belong to her or her family. Contact Lesley if you can help her reunite them with their owner.

Farewell and welcome: Tracy Ann Whyte wants to say a 'fond farewell' to everyone via the newsletter. "I moved out of 4 Eveque Court on Monday 11 February and I shall miss Quidhampton. My son Samuel and I enjoyed our time there and I will miss our lovely neighbours but we've moved into a house in Amesbury with my Fiance (got engaged on Valentine's Day!), so we moved for all the right reasons. Also, please say hello to Laura and her boyfriend who will be moving in, I hope they will be as happy as I was there."

100 Club Winners: February

1st.	K Adlam.	101
2nd.	B Bass.	22
3rd.	Mr Rennie.	187

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Waste and recycling dates

Monday 4 March: recycling black box and blue lidded bin; **Monday 11**

March: household and garden waste;

18: recycling; **25:** household and garden waste. **Monday 1 April** recycling

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