

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

October 2013

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## What's On in October

**Thurs 3** monthly quiz: village hall 20.00 for 20.15\*

**Thurs 3** Sarum Academy sixth form open evening

**Sun 6** Harvest evensong, St Andrews 16.00 *All ages welcome to this friendly service*

**Tues 8** WI Village Hall 19.30 Spinning, dyeing, weaving

**Wed 16** Bemerton Film Society: The Salt of Life St John's School 19.00 for 19.30\*

**Sat 19** Happy's Circus Lower Bemerton 13.00\*

**Sat 19 and Sun 20** Zoe's photoshoot for Help for Heroes\*

**Wed 23** End of Term One Sarum Academy. Pupils return to school Mon 4 November

**Thurs 24** Bemerton Local History Society: local films Hedley Davis Court 19.00

**Fri 25** End of Term One Bemerton St John. Pupils return to school Wed 6 November

\*more details elsewhere in newsletter

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## Monthly Village Quiz : everyone welcome

**Thursday 3 October: Village Hall 20.00 for 20.15**

Drinks and tapas available or bring your own and hire a glass

**Please support this long running event - now the only regular night out open to the whole village**

**Howard Rowley, quizmaster**, writes: *the monthly quiz has run for at least ten years raising thousands of pounds, initially for the Antony Nolan bone marrow appeal and now for a charity nominated by the winning team. It's always been a good night out and is still run in the same way: the team is the size that you want it to be (quizmaster will split if too big and rowdy!), there will be groans and arguments over the right answers and the quiz master will sing out of tune at every opportunity. The popular half time challenge, a separate quiz, gives you a chance to win chocolates. If you come on your own we can find you a team to join.*

*The quiz is at a level where you will know some things, guess at some more and be completely baffled by just a few. Tip of the tongue answers and obscure questions usually mean that you leave with more knowledge than you came with!*

**The only change of format is that we have to raise some additional funds to pay for the hire of the hall.** *To do this we need three things: to sell you some snacks and tapas at a reasonable price, to hire you a glass which we fill (or an empty glass if you bring your own drinks) and more people to come along and enjoy themselves.*

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### 100 Club August winners

1st 80 S Ainsley

2nd 12 S Rowland-Jones

3rd 59 J Wagstaff

The monthly draw will now take place at the village hall quiz night: first Thursday every month

### Another accolade for Quidhampton Mill.

Quidhampton's newest bed and breakfast provider featured in The Guardian's list of '100 best hotels and b and bs under £100 in the world'. Lesa Drewett says they were inundated with booking requests after publication but had to turn most away as they were already fully booked.

**The closure of the White Horse:** Not only has the village lost a focal point where people can meet and socialise but regular events have to find new venues. The **darts team** has moved to The Cedars, the **crib group** now meets at The Bell at South Newton and both the **book group** and **Jazz Club** (enthusiasts who listened to music in the Loft) are meeting in members' homes. The **South Wiltshire Agricultural Preservation Society** has gone to Harnham Social Club. The **Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers** group who met there for lunch every two months have presented to the village hall a plaque of their regimental badge commemorating their meetings. Sara said they originated from a group who were stationed in the village during the war (in the stables and the Nissan huts behind the pub) and about twenty men and partners turned up each time, including a woman of 102.

**The Harvest Festival and auction of produce** from the church harvest services which usually takes place in the pub will not happen this year. Please take only tinned produce to the church harvest services

## **Women's Institute:**

**The October meeting** is the annual craft talk and demonstration : Spinning, Dyeing and Weaving with Dorothy Whittle of Wiltshire College, Corsham. Everyone is welcome to attend - if you are interested in textiles why not come along? Tuesday 8 October, Village Hall, 19.30.

**The September meeting** was a games evening for members only and much enjoyed. It was good to have the chance to socialise and to learn some new games. Upwords went down well: a 3D version of scrabble but easier - you change words by putting letters on top of others so BEAD becomes LEAD or even LEND. *(the editor or Joyce Harvey can explain further if you're interested and want a new game for Christmas)*

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**Communication:** other ways of communicating are more important while the pub is closed. If you want to know what's going on check the notice board, make sure you send in items for the newsletter (especially if you are new to the village and would like a mention or if you are leaving and would like to say goodbye) and think about joining the Quidhampton Community email list by sending your email address to the editor.

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**Stella Garry:** the interview with Stella Garry, who was 90 in August, will be in the next edition. There will be fascinating facts about being a child in Quidhampton in the twenties and thirties, and a surprising inside story about the royal family.

*Editor's note: I hear there are other villagers who will be having special birthdays this year. Please contact me if you would like it mentioned in the newsletter. It's particularly interesting to see old photos as well as hear your memories.*

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**What a bonus!** These smiling faces show two Quidhampton residents very happy in their work. Katie Emmett on the left organised a special attraction for the opening of a new residential care home : a visit by Olla and James Jordan, stars of Strictly Come Dancing. Her mum, Susie Bale, and friend Joy Wagstaff went along too. It's not clear why Joy is in her work clothes but she said James agreed to be security frisked by her so it was worth it.



## Chess success for Quidhampton student: *the editor interviews Sam Herring*

Sam Herring, age 16, of Withy House has had considerable success in chess tournaments recently. He goes to Bishop Wordsworth's School where he joined the chess club and has represented both his school and Wiltshire. This year he took part in "the largest chess tournament in the world": the Delancy Challenge. 55,000 young people take part in the earliest stages. Sam won though to the Gigafinal by being the best in his age group in the Megafinal where he won the title of Supremo. Sam didn't get to the National Terafinal this year but deserves congratulations for being among the best 2,000 players in the country.

Sam played chess at the Cathedral School and won the chess prize in Year Seven. He plays his father, Chris, but always beats him now.

He said he liked chess because you prepare and study for it and can see yourself improve. It's one of the few games where skill is all you need: there is no luck or chance.

Sam says chess is good training for the memory, and for developing thinking skills. You have to be able to concentrate, to stay calm and think quickly - all tournament finals are played against the clock. It's also fun proving yourself, proving you can do it. It is growing in popularity so you meet new people.

He finished by saying it always looks good on an application form for college or a job. Sam is obviously pragmatic as well as competitive and prepared to work hard. He should go far!



This edition of the newsletter has several items held over from previous months. If you think something has been missed out please contact the editor.

**Can you help?** The editor would appreciate some help with the newsletter from time to time. It doesn't have to be writing; someone to check facts, look things up etc would be a great help. Contact details are on the back page.

You may have seen **Cilla and Rick Pickett** in the village again. Cilla writes: *Hi All As many of you know we have been back for a few weeks. It has been so nice to see everyone and we were so pleased to be here for the fete. Well done to all those who organised and helped.*

*Sadly our reason for being here is to tidy up Melrose to put it on the market. The garden is too large to be left for any length of time and we have been advised that people renting*

*do not want large gardens. We will be very sorry to give up our base in Quidhampton but cherish the wonderful memories of the last 20 years and our friends, and will be back to visit.* Cilla's letter continues with another mouth watering description of their retirement in France (for newcomers: Cilla is a very accomplished cook) and more of that will be published in November.

## Quidhampton Village Fete

Apart from constant sunshine it would be difficult to think of anything that could have improved the happy afternoon that was the village fete. The scarecrows along Lower Road made people smile before they got there and the wonderful bunting lifted people's spirits immediately\*.

Once in the field it was obvious it was a real community occasion. Tea and cakes were served by WI members. *(Please say thank you to everyone who made cakes for us', said the secretary. 'We didn't even know some of them!')*

Teenagers and younger children ran stalls and games, and enterprisingly sold hot food from a basket. Adults ran the tombola, raffle, bookstall etc and

there were two new attractions: the human fruit machine and 50/50 50p gamble.

The Wilton Royal British Legion Band played throughout the afternoon, a tuneful background that brought the fete together. "One of the nicest villages we've played in," they said - and asked to come again.

Two women from Harnham who ran the card stall echoed this: "One of the friendliest villages we know and one of the nicest fetes we've attended."

It was a simple event - but not quite as simple as it looked, of course. The hard work behind it was considerable and no-one worked harder than the organising committee: Clare Churchill, Jo Penny, and John Cater. Without them there wouldn't have been a fete. Thanks also to Mark Game for use of the field and to Peter and Sara Strawson who arranged for the supply of electricity.

Dozens of others did everything from baking cakes to sorting out a jar for the tombola but the people who helped set up and clear up deserve a special mention: preparing the field, erecting the marquee, transporting furniture. Some of them couldn't make it to the fete itself and at least one also gave a donation - what examples of community spirit!







The competitions were judged by Michael Bowyer, an RHS qualified judge and Chelsea medal winner who is in charge of the flowers in the cathedral. Prizes were presented by Dave Roberts, chair of the Parish Council. Thanks, Dave, for making space in a busy work day.  
*\* Can there be any other village with such fabulous bunting? Bethan Strawson's gift of 'QUIDHAMPTON' across the entrance, Jo Penny's colour co-ordinated streams of bunting inside the marquee, Elizabeth Heeley's fruity crocheted bunting around the human fruit machine, and many more.*

### Competition results

**Baking 4 cupcakes** five to eight years: 1.

Imogen Pool 2. Edward Ainsley 3. Daisy Young; nine to fifteen years: 1. Patrick Ainsley

**Seniors a cake:** 1. Kate Cater 2. Sam Herring 3. Viv Bass

**Master Baker of Quidhampton:** Kate Cater for her gluten free courgette and chocolate cake

**Garden in a seed tray:** five to eight years:

1. Imogen Pool 2. Amelia Watling  
 nine to fifteen years: 1. Olivia (Livvy) Churchill 2. Rosa Herring 3. Marcus Churchill

**Scarecrows:** 1. Harry Potter at The Old Bakery 2. The sniper : Greenways Barn 3. Drag Queen, Wayback, Fisherman's Reach

**Quiz and 50/50 50p gamble:** Sally Ainsley won both, winning £11.50 from the 50/50 and getting 18 right in the quiz



**FETE LATEST NEWS:** the amount raised was £695.48. It will be kept in a special Parish Council account for improvements to the playground. Further donations always welcome - £100 has already been received. Unsold books from the bookstall were donated to the Hospice charity shop.

**Bemerton Film Society 16 October:** this month's film, *The Salt of Life*, is a follow-up to *Mid-August Lunch*, shown last year. 'Funny, poignant, life-enhancing' it follows 60 year old Gianni who is unwillingly retired and no longer sure of his role in life. A friend suggests he should have young mistresses 'like every other senior Italian male'. His attempts to do so have hilarious and poignant results.

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**Salisbury Art Trail: 5 - 12 October**

Once again several Lower Bemerton artists are exhibiting in the Salisbury

Art trail and studios and exhibitions are open in Church Lane, St Andrew's Road, Lower Road, and the Quaker Meeting House with local artists Glenna Ferdinando, Lesley Burton, Lindsay Keir, Derek Sealey and Sam Arnold represented, among others. Brochures are available in Salisbury and in St Andrews Church. Glenna often supports events in Quidhampton so why not pop along to see her work (*mixed media*) at 117 Lower Road with Lesley Burton (*handknits*) and Mike Hywel-Davies (*wood carvings*) Open every day 10.30 to 17.00, late evening 18.00 - 20.00 pm Wednesday.

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**Bemerton Local History Society**

The chance to look at a number of films of Salisbury and Bemerton, an important record of places and people. 24 October, Hedley Davis Court, Cherry Orchard Lane at 19.00 - all welcome.

**British Heart Foundation: London to Brighton Bike Ride**

**Jackie Peters writes:** Taking part in the ride in June was a fantastic experience. Wall to wall cyclists blocked London's roads so the first 4 miles took 1 ½ hours. We made the mistake of stopping too often early on but then kept going until the bottom of Ditchling Beacon, long, steep and known locally as Heart Attack Hill. It was crowded with cyclists pushing their bikes up. The view from the top is fantastic and from there it is downhill to Brighton - easily the best bit of the ride. We aimed to raise £200 but managed in the region of £400!

Yes, we would do it again next year but only as part of a team as Zoe doesn't feel she can ask for more sponsorship so soon after Ride Vietnam. Anyone up for the challenge?

PS. This OAP wasn't stiff but was on a high for a week afterwards

**Police report:**

Dear All

I'm sure you have had various scams via email over the years - just to reiterate the reporting process which is very straight forward. When you get the scam email go to the Action Fraud website - [www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud)

Once you have reported it you are given an email address to which you forward the scam email. This is centrally collated and investigated - these scams are world wide.

Save the link to your favourites as you know the scams won't stop!

Only three reports of LGV this month (*PC Pete only three? Of course, Duncan has been on holiday!*)

## **Ride Vietnam:** Curious cyclists were

seen stopping to admire the scarecrows - including one on a bike with a map of Vietnam (the scarecrow that is). It was made by Zoe Peters, of



Clovelly. After the 'amazing experience' of the London to Brighton bike ride which she did with her mother, (see separate report) Zoe set herself the challenge of Ride Vietnam next spring: 300 miles around Vietnam in aid of Help for Heroes. Such rides are complex to organise and participants have targets for fundraising, the first being due on October 25. To meet this target Zoe has organised a photoshoot with her friend and professional photographer Abi Jacobs - see separate advert. She would love your support, either through a donation or by going to the photo shoot. Donate via [bmycharity.co.uk](http://bmycharity.co.uk) Search for Zoe Peters.

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## **Church News**

**Coffee and chat** in the new family friendly café St Michael's Community centre  
Mon - Fri 10.00 - 12.00

**Harvest evensong St Andrews 6 October 16.00:** take tins for Trussell Trust

**Barn Dance and Ploughman's 12 October:** dancing starts 18.00, food 19.00, more dancing 20.00 tickets £5 children free  
St Mike's community centre

More details on the parish website:

[www.bemertonparish.org.uk](http://www.bemertonparish.org.uk)

Simon Woodley, rector

## **Parish Council Matters**

After the uncontested election of the Parish Council in May there were two vacancies to be filled by **co-option** and Caroline Hampson of Sovereign Close was co-opted to the Council. NB One vacancy is still to be filled.

The Council has requested a **20mph limit** along Lower Road

**Raised footpath near Still Waters:** this is not feasible as it will reduce the road width and make the pinch point too long (practically from Foots Hill to Skew Rd). The Clerk and Chairman will be meeting Highways to discuss an alternative to keep pedestrians safe.

**The difficulty of crossing the A36:** a report has been received of a narrowly avoided accident when a schoolgirl was crossing the A36 to catch a bus. The item will be on the agenda of the next meeting and villagers are asked to send comments to the clerk beforehand.

**Parking:** concerns continue about illegal (on double yellow lines) and inconsiderate parking where cars block the view of drivers emerging from a nearby road or drive. It is recommended that people first talk to the drivers concerned who may not realise how difficult it is to get onto Lower Road from side roads or driveways. This item will also be discussed at the next meeting.

**Dog excrement:** once again people are reminded to bag it and bin it - it seems people sometimes do the first but not the second

**Plants overhanging pathways:** villagers are reminded it is their responsibility to keep the pathway clear, particularly important in Quidhampton where pathways beside Lower Road are so narrow and are the main route to the primary school.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 26 November**

**Charity Photoshoot**  
**With professional photographer**  
**Abi Jacobs**

**Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October**  
10.00 - 13.00 just turn up; 14.00 - 17.00  
appointment only.

Families, couples, children, portraits (sorry,  
no pets)

£10 for a disc of 10 photos

Raffle, tea, coffee, cake. All proceeds to  
Help For Heroes

Dennis Marsh House, Westminster Road,  
Salisbury SP2 7DG (near Butts Field)

**Bookings: Zoe Peters: 07845791472**

**Judge's Comments on the FETE**

**Scarecrows**

Peddling Pete: so lifelike!

The Grange: a really good face

The Hayloft: just delightful

Greenways: well hidden!

Withy House: charming

Fisherman's Reach: really scary!

Sovereign Close: so good for small crows

Old Bakery: ingenious

Old School House: 1. tinsel looks good

2. is it really her?

3. pirate/cowboy has enviable waist.

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**Sympathy is extended to the family of**  
**Malcolm McGowan (Mac)** who passed away  
peacefully in his sleep at his home in Lock's  
Lane. He had previously lived in Weymouth  
and Salisbury. His family organised a horse  
drawn carriage to carry his coffin to his  
funeral, a splendid sight and a wonderful  
send off.

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or leave a note in the black box.

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**Waste and recycling dates**

**Monday 7 Oct** Household and garden

waste; **Monday 14 Oct** Recycling: black

box and blue lidded bin; **Monday 21 Oct**

Household and garden waste; **Monday 28**

Oct recycling

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