

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

April 2014

What's On in April

Every Monday : zumba class Village Hall 16.30 – 17.15

**** no zumba class Easter Monday****

Thurs 3 : non academy kit charity day, Sarum Academy

Fri 4 : end of term 4 Bemerton St John and Sarum Academy

Tues 8 : **Village talk: Life and Culture of Cuba 19.30 Village Hall**

Wed 9 : Bemerton Film Society: Midnight in Paris 19.30 St John's School

Thurs 17 : Bemerton local history society: film of old Salisbury and Bemerton.

Hedley Davis Court Cherry Orchard Lane 19.00

Thurs 17 : **Quidhampton monthly charity quiz Village Hall 20.00 for 20.15**

**** please note change of date for April's quiz****

Fri 18 : Good Friday

Sun 20 : Easter Day

Mon 21 : Easter Monday

Tues 22 : staff training day Bemerton St John,
students return to school Sarum Academy.

Wed 23 Pupils return to school Bemerton St John

Mon 28 at 14.30 and Tues 29 at 09.00 Meetings in Bemerton St John's school to see and discuss plans for St Johns church.

Thursday 1 May: St John's church: 19.00 main meeting: the future of the church
– see details on page 7

Basic Contemporary Dance Class

at Wilton Community Centre
on Wednesday evenings

from 20.00 – 21.00 Enquiries :
Helen Kirby on 07592028479

Advance notice:

Cycle Wiltshire 3 – 4 May :

a major cycling weekend culminating on Sunday 4 May in the **Cycle Wiltshire Grand Prix** starting and finishing in Wilton. This is an elite cycle race, part of the British Cycling National Road Series, and will involve 100 of the top riders. Starts Wilton 11.00 and finishes with short laps through the town at 15.00. It is free to watch along the route and in Wilton market place - all are welcome. Excitement guaranteed!

Village Talk Tuesday 8 April The Life and Culture of Cuba : talk with slides

The last of the talks that were arranged by the WI is now being run as a talk for the village. The speaker, Sarah Buttenshaw, is an experienced photographer and popular speaker. Cuba is a holiday destination these days and its culture is beginning to change.

Come along to find out more from someone who has been there.
Tea, coffee and biscuits served. Donations suggested to cover costs.

Village Monthly Quiz : change of date

The quiz is on the third Thursday this month: 17 April.

Howard Rowley has done a fantastic job continuing to organise this in the village hall while the pub has been closed.

Quizmaster, furniture arranger, drinks and snacks provider, money collector – he makes sure everything is done, usually by doing it himself.

Last month £30 was raised for Trussell Trust, the charity nominated by the winning team.

Howard hopes that in May the quiz will be able to move back into The White Horse which will mean more money for the charity with no hiring fee to pay. Until then – do try to give your Easter a quiz puzzling start by coming along on

Maundy Thursday: 17 April Village Hall 20.00 for 20.15.

Bemerton Local History Society

The committee intended to have a break this year, being very busy with publications, the graveyard survey, and the George Herbert festival, but others have offered help so there will still be meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

First meeting: Thursday 17 April 19.00 Hedley Davis Court Cherry Orchard Road Films and slides of old Salisbury and Bemerton.

Fascinating for anyone who is interested in the history of the area. There are even a few of Quidhampton. Sadly this month the meeting clashes with the village quiz.

Is there interest in a slide show of Quidhampton photographs?

Digital technology means it is easy to copy photos and present a show.

South Wiltshire Green Doors 2014

Following the success of last year's Green Doors weekend, Wilton Community Land Trust is running a second event on **17 and 18 May**. It is a great opportunity to be part of a real community event and we are looking for the following in Wilton, Salisbury and the outlying villages:

Home owners: Do you have a 'green' energy smart home? Could you open your home to interested members of the public?

Volunteers: Volunteers are based at one of the homes, to help the home owners.

Speakers: This year we want to run a series of informal talks and workshops on various aspects of green living – anything from keeping an allotment to making organic face creams. If you have green passions that you'd like to share with the community, please get in touch.

Sponsorship: If you are unable to commit your home or your time, why not consider sponsoring the event?

Contact Sarah Ackroyd on 01722 744112 or sarah@sarah-ackroyd.co.uk or Lucy Bennett at southwiltshiregreendoors@gmail.com

Rose Cottage Eggs

Once again Josie and Connie of Rose Cottage are selling eggs from their chickens, delivered to your door every week. £1.60 for half a dozen and £3 for a dozen.

Limited supply of bantam eggs also available: £1 for half a dozen.

Contact rosecottageeggs@hotmail.co.uk

The White Horse

Dave Roberts (chair of the parish council) and Ken Taylor (parish councillor) recently met Alex Howell, Enterprise Inns area manager, at The White Horse and were shown round. The kitchen has been emptied and redecorated and awaits new fittings. The cloakrooms have been refurbished, the pub redecorated and the flat upstairs will also be improved. Three sets of applicants are being assessed, but Enterprise does not expect the pub to re-open before Easter.



The White Horse during its March refurbishment

Things are moving slowly, but Ken and Dave said Enterprise appears to be serious about getting the right people and making connections with the village. They want someone who has previous experience of running a pub.

Villagers in the news:

Two villagers have appeared in the Salisbury Journal this year. In January there was a photo of **Bill West** at the height of his powerlifting achievements in 1976: he is shown lifting the mayor of Salisbury and the previous mayor at the same time. Great photo, Bill!

In February it was **Audrey Catford's** turn. Audrey is an example to us all in keeping active and trying new things and now, in her nineties she has won a prize for one of her paintings. It was chosen to go to the Wessex Area Arts Fest run by NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts). She was inspired by a photograph she took of Kabul forty years ago – and it was her third attempt to paint it that she put into the competition. Another lesson to us all – if at first you don't succeed.... Well done, Audrey!

Young people in the news:

Wilf Richardson of Fisherman's Reach recently represented his swimming club, the Durrington Otters, at the Wiltshire County swimming championships in the butterfly sprint and 100 metres breaststroke. Wilf is in year eight and became the eighth fastest butterfly sprinter in the county. Well done, Wilf. Butterfly sprint sounds really challenging.

Three Year 6 pupils at Bemerton St John school, Francesca, Jazmine and Lily, made gifts from recycled materials and sold them for charity. They raised over £150 and told the newsletter they were 'ecstatic'. The money was for Canine Partnerships : they were inspired by a visitor to the school who told them all about the charity. "Can you be inspired too?" they ask.

The girls also wrote to Blue Peter and each of them got a letter and a Blue Peter badge. They called their project: **Totally Rubbish.**

Normally only events involving Quidhampton residents are mentioned in the newsletter but the girls wrote a report especially for us. And with a clever project name like that perhaps they could start writing headlines for the newsletter!

Lesley Buckley 1952-2014

So many people in the village will miss Lesley Buckley. Belinda Richardson of Fisherman's Reach has adapted a shorter version of the wonderful tribute and account of her life that was given at the celebration held in the Cricket Club last month.

Lesley Barbara Buckley, who died in February aged 61, was one of Quidhampton's finest treasures. A bubbly, fun person, with incredible generosity of spirit, she was pragmatic, optimistic and very much the "glass half full" sort. She needed all those qualities to face her diagnosis and throughout her illness demonstrated great courage and determination.

Late last month, her life was celebrated with a humanist ceremony held at Lower Bemerton Cricket Club, after a private green burial earlier in the day. On that rainy morning the sun broke out brilliantly and dramatically as friends gathered to hear stories of her past. Together, they mingled, chatted, ate, drank and helped make it the happy occasion she had asked for it to be. Most of all, they marvelled at all she managed to squeeze into her all too short life.

Born in Paddington Hospital on 23 March, 1952, Lesley was adopted by Jim and Barbara Titchmarsh, whom she came to love dearly. They moved to Warwick where, in 1969, Lesley was just finding her feet as a young lady when she and Jim lost Barbara. Jim and Lesley remained very close for the rest of Jim's life.

As a teenager, Lesley's interests included ballet but she was too tall to pursue it professionally. That didn't stop her from taking up clog dancing and she was often to be found on stage with The Somerville

Gentleman's Band. When not dancing she would hang out at the Anglo-French club – the "approved" social activity for young people in the Leamington Spa area - in the basement of the Marizan Hotel, where there were soirees and parties galore run by the indomitable Mme Arsnee Wainhouse.

At 17 Lesley met Robert Buckley, known as Bob, whom she soon married. For much of their early relationship she was a student nurse at St Barts Hospital. With her caring nature, nursing seemed like a natural career. Once qualified, Lesley moved back to Coventry, and commuted to Shipston on Stour for her first job. She went on to get her midwifery qualifications and ultimately to train as a health visitor.

The marriage didn't last and, although they split on good terms, Lesley found the initial years hard. She lost Jim in 1980 which accentuated her loneliness. Lesley was close to Bob's parents and along with Bob they remained very much her family even when Bob moved to Andover and met Suzy. She was a little unsure of this new woman in Bob's life initially but before long they became the best of friends, like sisters almost, in



what Bob described as an “unconventional little family”.

In 1984, Lesley signed up for Voluntary Service Overseas. She was sent to Papua New Guinea to run a medical clinic, where she lived in a flea-infested mud hut and learned to play golf. From there she set off on her travels, beginning in Australia. Travelling west she met Ian Lovett on a beach in Thailand in December 1986. He was heading east. They snorkeled and swam and spent Christmas together, before he continued to Australia, not expecting ever to hear from her again. Lesley, however, decided not to let this one go and flew back to Australia. They travelled on together to New Zealand and South America. They tussled with rats in their bed in Mexico, gave up vegetarianism in Argentina and survived being held up at knife point in Brazil, before deciding it was time to come home.

At first they stayed with Bob and Suzy, before settling down, buying a house and learning to be parents to their family: daughter Emily, born in 1992, and cats Tom and Harry. Lesley had advised mothers and looked after babies for years in her work but couldn't believe it was now her turn.

Lesley loved being a Mum. She was fun, loving, caring and often liberal in her thoughts. She'd settled back into work as a health visitor and still found time to enjoy the simple pleasures of a walk or pottering about with her flowers. She had learned her gardening skills from Jim and it was not long before she took over the chair of the Quidhampton Gardening Club, which became one of the most successful village activities, with Lesley the 'go-to' person for gardening questions. She joined a book club, loved music and was a brilliant cook.

Ask anyone and they will tell you how Lesley was a fantastic colleague at both Harcourt and Endless Street surgeries. Fun, straightforward, loyal and conscientious, she created a great camaraderie among colleagues. Lesley had a real sense of being a professional, was never judgmental and always a great listener. She found lasting friendships at every stage of her life, as a teen, on her travels, in her jobs. Often a little to the left of average, she had a quirkiness about her, in personality and dress, with flamboyant colours and patterns and those great earrings.

Lesley was as comfortable on her travels seeing the world as she was settling down to family life at home in Quidhampton. It often surprised people how much she loved tradition. Happy doing whatever was in the moment, Lesley was confident in her own skin. She had that rare ability to make you feel special from the moment she met you. On her many travels, with patients and colleagues, in quiet moments with friends, Lesley embraced people. Friends and family were always incredibly important to her.

Twenty five years to the day they met, Lesley and Ian were married in Salisbury Registry Office on 16 December 2011, a simple ceremony with Emily and witnesses Bob and Suzy. The reception was a slap up tea at the Red Lion with a promise to have a party for friends in the future. Lesley may not have been there in person when that party finally came but she was very much there in spirit and, just as in life, you felt better for having her with you.

Church services at Easter

17th April Maundy Thursday

Children and Families Making Easter Gardens 14:00 – 16.00 at St.Michaels (you can drop in)

Communion in St.Andrews 19:30

18 April Good Friday

Ecumenical Walk via St.Gregory's to Roman Rd Methodist Church. Start 10.00. Service at 10:45 hot cross buns and tea afterwards.

Hour by the Cross : St.Andrews, 12:00 – 13.00

20 April Easter Day

Communion St Andrews 08.00

Service of Word St Michaels 10.30 – 11.30

Parish Council : items from the meeting on 25 March

- the Council is trying to negotiate an amended contract to include emptying the waste bin in the playground.
- 20 mph limit: Lower Road has been listed with nine other requests for a 20 mph limit. These will be considered by a group appointed by the Area Board and two will be chosen for further consideration by the Community Area Transport Group.
- the Council urged the village hall committee to apply for grants toward refurbishment, especially of the kitchen. Victoria Frank volunteered to join the committee.
- flooding: the Parish Council noted that the watermeadows in Quidhampton are not built on and they work. No flooding was reported to Ken Taylor, the flood warden.
- the overgrown 'wild corner' of the playground will be cleared by councillors on an agreed date
- traffic in Skew Road: the recent metrocount showed that there was not a speeding issue

The next meeting is the **Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 27 May**. It will be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting at 19.00**. All agenda items should be sent to the clerk by 09.00 on Monday 19 May.

The First World War : Quidhampton

Research continues into the names on the lych gate war memorial. Each one of them reveals an interesting story and something new about the social history of the time. We've almost finished the story of Arthur Case who died of TB in 1917 after war service in France. His family lived in Wyllye House, though it had a different name then. His mother, Emily Case, was there until her death in 1930 and his brother Herbert Case was there until 1938 with his wife Lily. Herbert Case, who'd served in the Royal Army Medical Corps, called the house Wimerex after the area where he was stationed. Herbert's aunt, Lily Morris, described as 'feeble minded', may also have lived with them. Does anyone have any memories of the family?

Both Herbert's son, Alvin, and Alvin's son, Stephen, died in the late 1990's but we believe Stephen's widow (who may be called Kym) and daughter (may be Emily) are still alive and would love to be able to trace them.

Your family and the First World War

Do you have any family photos of servicemen or their graves or even letters or diaries? If you do have you considered sending copies to the parishes they came from? Research is being done by local people all over the country and we know they would love to receive them.

St Peter's Church Fugglestone

Sixty seven people attended the recent public meeting on the future of the church. There are several serious faults with the historic gas lighting which can no longer be used and there are problems with the roof and parts of the masonry. The church has been closed since the end of last summer. Only about eight people attended services regularly.

There was very strong consensus that the church should be retained, not sold – and kept at least partly as a place of worship.

The realistic cost of repairs is £250,000. Everyone agreed that the church should look into whether it could sell an Elizabethan drinking flagon to raise funds.

The Fugglestone Flagon, or Hawes cup (named after the rector who donated it in 1776) belongs to St Peter's but has been kept in Salisbury Cathedral since 1983. It was reported that it was last valued at £275,000.

Those present at the meeting were asked to consider what additional uses the church might be suited to.

Research into the names on the lych gate has reminded us of how close the connections used to be between Quidhampton and Wilton. St Peter's was George Herbert's church and the main church of the parish until St John's was built in 1861.



Bemerton Film Society: Midnight in Paris

This month's film from 2011 is regarded as the most successful in Woody Allen's career. It is a time-travelling comedy about a Hollywood screenwriter on holiday in Paris with his prissy fiancée and her parents. One night he wanders off by himself, a vintage car draws up and he is transported to another age populated by famous names from the first half of the twentieth century. Woody Allen won an Oscar for the screenplay and reviews talked about the film's 'charm, humour, nostalgia and romance' – just the thing for a lovely spring evening.

St John's School Lower Road
Wednesday 9 April 19.30 doors open
19.00 Refreshments available
Entrance £5

St John's Centre - the Future!

The planning application has been submitted, serious fundraising and grant applications are starting.

Come and find out about plans, costs, how (if) we can raise the money needed to save the church building and make it a vibrant centre for the village and an extra learning space for the outstanding school

Meeting on Thursday 1 May
St John's Church 19.00

Meet the team, see the plans, enjoy cakes and cider

Other meetings in the school on:
28 April 14.30 & 29 April 09.00

Police report:

I am often asked what the situation is with the closing of Salisbury Police Station and how it will affect the village. In short there is a time frame but as we all know too well these are guidelines – never carved in stone.

Salisbury will close this spring / early summer and response officers will be posted to Amesbury until they can be relocated to a 'campus' in Salisbury in conjunction with Wiltshire Council – 18 months to 2 years time. I understand this will most likely be at the Five River's complex.

As far as Wilton is concerned we, the Neighbourhood Police Team, will continue to be based here until 2016 or thereabouts when Neighbourhood Police Teams will be relocated to another campus – possibly a Council site in Wilton. That said we are developing IT that will allow us to be based on our areas where there is WIFI. So this could be the village hall, school, library, pub (like the sound of that!) and the like. It is early days and this is what I am picking up through the grapevine so don't hold me to it!

All the best P C Pete

Police Community Support Officer

Jenny Moss reports: only three HGVs in Quidhampton in March – or only three reported!

Do you need a cleaner?

Sam Finnerty of Coronation Square, who recently moved back to the village, is available for cleaning and ironing. She is an experienced cleaner looking for something to help her with the cost of her studies and would like to work within the village. Contact her on 07850085169.

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Problems with HGVs: contact PC

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or leave a note in the black box.

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Waste and recycling dates

Monday April 7 household and

garden waste; **Monday 14** recycling;

Monday 21 household and garden

waste; **Monday 28** recycling

100 Club winners for February

1 st	18	S Paul
2 nd	140	Mr Evans
3 rd	45	B Scanlon

This month's newsletter has been paid for by a resident of Lower Road