

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

October 2014

## What's On in October

**Thursday 2** : second hand uniform sale Bemerton St John school

**Thursday 2: Charity Quiz Night at The White Horse**

**Wednesday 8 : Harvest Festival Auction at The White Horse**

**Wednesday 8** : Bemerton Film Society: Philomena:

**Thursday 16:** Bemerton Local History Society: Researching the WWI servicemen

**Wednesday 22:** end of Term One for pupils Bemerton St John school and Sarum Academy

**Sunday 26 October: White Horse whisky tasting session**

**Monday 3 November:** Term Two begins Bemerton St John school  
and Sarum Academy

## What's on at The White Horse

### **Fish and chips takeaway service from October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Order in advance and collect  
from the pub. Order ready in 15  
minutes, longer at busy times

### **Steak and Quiz Night: Thursday 2 October**

6oz rump steak or gammon, all the trimmings and  
a drink £10 a head  
Early booking advisable  
Quiz starts 20.00 for 20.15

### **Harvest Festival Auction: Wednesday 8 October**

It's Zoe and Nick's first harvest festival auction and they have promised some  
mystery lots : wine, whisky, a meal voucher for two or a wooden spoon!  
Go early (booking advisable) for Sausage and Mash Supper £7.50 a head

### **Whisky Tasting Session: Sunday 26 October 16.00**

Tasting notes, 6 malts, table snacks, bottled spring water  
Only a few places left, must be booked in advance: £20 a head

## Harvest Festival Services in the parish

**If you have young children.....** Sunday 5th October, 10:30 Fun Church Family Harvest  
Service - St.Michael's

**For the more traditionally minded.....**Sunday 5th October 16.00 Harvest Evensong,  
St.Andrews,

**For the beer loving...** Wednesday 8th October 19.30 Harvest Auction at the White  
Horse, Quidhampton

**For those who like dancing.....** Saturday 11th October 18:00 till late - Harvest Barn  
Dance and Ploughman's St.Michael's Community Centre (£5 a head, under 12's free)

**For those who like to plough the fields and scatter....**Sunday 12th October 10:30  
Traditional Harvest Festival St Michael's

## **Future dates now confirmed:**

**Saturday November 8:** Bonfire Night Fireworks display with children's entertainment, barbecue and beer tent (including hot chocolate and mulled drinks).

**Saturday 6 December:** bus pass tea party

**Sunday 28 December:** sloe gin competition

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### **View from The White Horse:**

Another month has whistled by and the first signs of autumn are beginning to show. Quite a difference to those hot days of summer, when even overnight the temperature remained at 20 degrees plus. By the time this month's newsletter is published, The White Horse Inn will have been reopened for just over 8 weeks. Neither of us can believe it's gone so quickly, but Quidhampton now truly does feel like home. We're both delighted that we chose the pub we did, but also the village we did. Our welcome to Quidhampton has been quite incredible, which we are very grateful for.

The feedback we are receiving regarding what the pub is offering is great and it would seem that word is getting around that The White Horse Inn is a very different place now.

Thank you once again to all who have supported us and The White Horse Inn.

If you want to contact us email [hello@whitehorsequidhampton.co.uk](mailto:hello@whitehorsequidhampton.co.uk) (phone number on the back page)

Zoe and Nick Hoare

### **Police News:**

Dear All, Residents who get my Neighbourhood Watch email bulletin will know about the thefts from vans in the car park at the rear of Coronation Square. A high value theft from three vans at the location occurred over the weekend of 12/13 September. It was committed by a well versed bunch of crooks who were able to do their crime under the noses of residents and silently stole thousands of pounds worth of tools. I would strongly suspect that they would have cased the area previous to committing the theft to identify the locations of these vans.

No doubt it will go quiet again but would ask you all remain vigilant to those not local and give you the 'gut feeling' that they are up to no good. Drop me an email with a registration as you never know which piece of the puzzle it may fit.

As always please let me have your email address if you are not yet on my list – it's the best way to keep in touch with any such issues in the village!

Regards, PC Pete.

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## **Quidhampton resident to swim the Channel – twice!**

Rebecca Hudson, aged 20, of Elm Cottage is taking part in a sponsored event, aiming to swim the equivalent of the 22 miles to France and back in the Five Rivers swimming pool: 44 miles in total and 2,832 lengths.

She is raising money for Aspire, which gives practical help to people with spinal cord injuries so they can live more independently. Rebecca has never done anything like this before but was inspired to do it because her cousin had a spinal injury and had to work very hard to regain his mobility. Many people do not recover.

Rebecca has raised more than her first target of £350, which will provide specialist hardware to enable a paralysed person to use their computer, and she is keen to raise even more.

What a challenge! She tries to swim a mile three or four times a week before going to work at the Property Ombudsman office in Salisbury. Her progress will be reported in the newsletter. Surely such an effort deserves to be applauded.

<http://www.justgiving.com/rebeccaspireswim> will take you to her donation page, or just pop something through her door.



## **Stephen Henry Crockett 1888 – 1914**

### **Private 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment**

Stephen Crockett was the first man from Quidhampton to be killed in the First World War, and the first to be killed who was born in the parish. He died, age 26, on 27 October 1914, as the British tried to establish a line as far east as possible through Flanders to the North Sea.

Stephen's body was never found and his is one of 13,000 names on Le Touret memorial in France, names of men with no known grave who died in that area before October 1915.



Le Touret Military Cemetery, near Bethune

Stephen's grandfather was a Salisbury cordwainer, maker of soft leather shoes, shoemaking being an important trade in Salisbury in the nineteenth century. After he died in 1878 his widow lived in Hussey's Almshouses, Castle Street.

Stephen's father, Thomas Henry Crockett, born in 1842, was the fourth of eight children and in 1861 he too was a shoemaker, aged 18, living in Castle Street with his parents. By 1871 they had moved to The Friary and he was a soldier. No details of his military career are known. Thomas was the only one of his brothers to enlist, perhaps inspired by his great grandfather who joined the Dragoon Guards and fought in the Napoleonic Wars.

In 1873 Thomas married Bessie Allen in Lambeth. She was a servant who had been working in Bath. By 1881 they were back in Salisbury where he was working as a housepainter. By 1885 Thomas and Bessie had moved to Quidhampton, first to a smaller house, and then to number 4 of the newly built Temperance Cottages, where they stayed for the rest of their lives. We know from the 1911 census return that Thomas was illiterate: a neighbour filled it in for him and witnessed his mark.

Thomas and Bessie had eight children, one of whom died in infancy. The youngest three, Mary, Stephen and Richard, were born in Quidhampton and all attended Bemerton St John School. Richard was in the Church Lads Brigade so it is likely that Stephen was too. Census returns show the children left school as soon as they could and most got jobs at the Wilton carpet factory.

From 1889 to 1905 "Crockett" appears five times on Lady Pembroke's Christmas list: twelve parishioners chosen to receive a blanket or coat. These appear to be the 'deserving poor' (poor through no fault of their own) but in 1901 the Crockett household might seem a surprising choice: 13 year old Stephen and four of his sisters were working at the carpet factory. Women's wages were low, however, and their father could have been struggling to make a living in a village as small as Quidhampton. In 1911 only Stephen and Richard, both whitening factory hands, were living with their parents. Thomas, aged 68, was a 'shoemaker and painter.'

To be on active service in 1914 Stephen must have joined the army soon after this, perhaps, like many others, seeing it as more secure and better rewarded employment.

His regiment left for France on 13 August. After the retreat from Mons, it was involved in attack and counter attack as each side tried to gain more land. On 25 October the battalion diary records : "trenches shelled pretty well all day also HQ... regiment on left partly driven out of their trenches. Village (Neuve Chapelle) reduced to ruins and roads cut up by heavy shells".

Tuesday 27 October began with the discovery that German snipers had surrounded them in the night. There was fighting all day, much of it at close quarters with some bayonet charges and eventually a retreat. On the 28th there was time to count the losses : 28 killed, 121 wounded and 167 missing. One of them missing was Stephen Crockett.

Thomas and Bessie died in the late 1920s. Their surviving children all married. Two of their daughters, Ada and Margaret, married brothers Hubert and Joseph Shergold. Margaret continued to live in Quidhampton but Ada moved to Sussex, then Coombe Bissett. Rosa married William Salisbury, a shoemaker, and moved to Northampton, returning to live in Gorrington Road by 1919. Mary married Henry White and lived variously in Sussex, Fordingbridge, and Bournemouth. Arthur, the eldest son, married Alice Bacon and moved to Ringwood as a railway porter.

All except Ada had children so there must be many descendants living in the south of England. Carole MacKinder of The Alders shares ancestors with Stephen Crockett. Her great grandfather was his great uncle.

Richard Crockett, Stephen's younger brother, also served in the war and his story will be told next year.



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### **Thomas John Trubridge 1885 – 1914** **Private 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment**

Thomas Trubridge died on 31 October 1914, a casualty of the same fighting that killed Stephen Crockett. He was 29, and left a wife and young son in West End Cottages, Wilton Road. He has no known grave and his is one of the 13,000 names on Le Touret memorial in France.

Thomas Trubridge's ancestors lived in Great Wishford from at least the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century, most being farm labourers and woodmen. His father, William, was a ploughboy at the age of nine.

In 1874 William married Louisa Jane Abbott from Berwick St John. They had eight children, Thomas being the fifth, and one dying in infancy. William and all but one of his siblings sought work and presumably a better life away from farm labour and Great Wishford. In 1881 he was an "attendant on the insane" at Fisherton House Asylum, at that time the largest private asylum in the UK. It meant living in while his wife lived at West End Cottages



The bronze plaque issued to the families of all service men who died. With thanks to Pamela Trowbridge, granddaughter.

nearby. As well as two children of her own she had two child boarders to look after, including one from Quidhampton aged 18 months.

Thomas was born in 1885. The family continued to live in West End Cottages, joined by William who had retired from the asylum by 1901. Thomas was then 15 and an assistant in a corn merchant's shop. An older brother, Bertram, was a railway engine cleaner and their mother took in washing. There were five children under 12 in this household of ten: children and grandchildren of William and Jane.

In 1911 Thomas, 25, was a domestic gardener and his widowed mother, aged 57, still took in washing. William had died in 1905.

In 1912 Thomas married 23 year old Elsie Alice Crabbe. Her father was a plumber, originally from Dorset. She was born in Southampton but in 1911 her parents lived next door to the Trubridges while she was a live-in servant in the household of Sidney Rambridge, future mayor of Salisbury. Thomas and Elsie had a son, Reginald, born in 1913 and baptised at Bemerton. The address given for Elsie when he was in the army was 1 West End Cottages.

Thomas must have enlisted in the regular army or the special reserve before 1914; he would not otherwise have been in action as soon as the war began. In the same battalion as Albert Lodder and Stephen Crockett, he fought at Mons and the subsequent retreat and is recorded as 'killed in action' on 31 October. Strangely the battalion diary records no casualties that day so he may have been killed in the fighting on 27 October which had been so difficult that two NCOs were asked to write accounts to add to the official war diary. Or he may have been one of the two men killed on 29 October as the battalion tried to settle into billets and "a large consignment of mail, warm clothing and gifts from friends at home" was received. Research continues.

In 1919 Elsie married Herbert Beck also from West End Cottages. She was still living there in the 1950s and died in 1964. Reginald Trubridge, her only child, worked for the railway and served with the Home Guard. He married and had one child, Pamela, who still lives in Salisbury. He died in 1968.

Thomas's youngest brother, Lionel, was conscripted and killed in action in France aged 22 in September 1918. His name is on Salisbury war memorial. Their mother died in 1921.

Another brother, Reginald, enlisted and survived. He returned to his job as attendant at Fisherton House asylum where in 1941 he was killed by an inmate, who suspected him of adultery with his wife.

West End Road is a now unnamed cul-de-sac between numbers 60 and 58 Wilton Road. A modern house occupies the land where eight cottages once stood.

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### **Bemerton Local History Society: Thursday 16 October Hedley Davis Court Lower Bemerton 19.00**

Bea Tilbrook and Wendy Lawrence talk about their research into the lives of the local men killed during the First World War. They will describe the resources they use and those they are creating, with examples, and illustrate how persistence and serendipity are the best friends of local historians.



## More news from The White Horse

**The White Horse Collectors Card:** For each full pint of real ale, lager or cider purchased you receive a stamp. 50 stamps can be exchanged for a White Horse glass tankard or 80 stamps can be used for a White Horse pewter tankard. All are engraved with The White Horse Inn logo and the wording of your choice. They can be taken home, given as gifts or kept at the pub.

**White Horse Cribbage Club** will start playing on a Sunday evening from 16.00. Just turn up, whoever is here is here and beginners will be very welcome too. Happy to help teach, refresh memories etc. If we get enough interest we might see if we can get back in the league next year. **Begins on Sunday 28 September**

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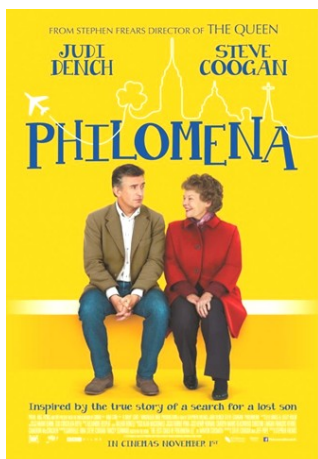
## School News : Bemerton St John

**Friday assembly:** Every Friday a certificate assembly is held where parents can join the children for a celebration service run by either Rev Simon Woodley or Rev Susan Drewett. Until the October break these are held in Bemerton St John's Church at 14.30. After that they will take place in the school hall. If your child is receiving anything in the service parents will receive a text or a telephone call the day before. Everyone is welcome to attend on any Friday.

**There will now be a regular uniform sale** held on the first Thursday of every month after school in the school hall. Any unwanted uniform is gratefully received. Money raised goes towards extra resources for the school.

**Alun Richards, headteacher writes:** In the last week of the summer term we were moderated against the RE Quality mark and we have now received notification that we have been awarded the Silver level. This is a great achievement for the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Kelly and the children who ensured the moderator had all the evidence they needed to guarantee we were successful. We have now been asked to go for the Gold level.

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## Bemerton Film Society: Philomena

**Wednesday 8 October, St John's School, Lower Road**  
**Start 19.30, doors open 19.00.**

**Refreshments available**

**Entrance £5**

This film, released in 2013, stars Judi Dench and Steve Coogan, playing real life characters Philomena Lee and Martin Sixsmith. In her 70s, Philomena Lee went in search of the son she was forced to give up for adoption 50 years earlier and journalist Martin Sixsmith accompanied her. Critics say : "The tangle of secrets and coincidences they uncover will break your heart, before the film's tender conclusion repairs it."

## The Village Fete

Whatever the drama behind the fete this year it was a successful occasion. Villagers and friends met and mingled in the sunshine, enjoying old favourites like the raffle, bottle tombola, books and bric a brac as well as teas served by ex WI members and friends. The human fruit machine was there again as was the 50/50 gamble and a new craft stall run by Sandie and Bea.

Also new this year were the beer 'tent', barbecue and a dog show run by Zoe and Nick all adding to the relaxed atmosphere.

Among some delightful and tasty entries the winners of the competitions were:

**Bake off: 8 yrs and under** 1st Penny Laurence; 2nd Imogen Pool; 3rd Daisy Young; **9 -15 yrs** 1st Olivia Churchill; 2nd Rosa Herring; 3rd Marcus Churchill; **Senior 1st** Clare Churchill; 2nd Emily Lovett; 3rd Chris Anderson

**The Quidhampton Master Baker Cup** : Olivia Churchill

**Tray Garden: 8 yrs and under:** 1st Daisy Young 2nd Imogen Pool 3rd Ella Uphill **9-15 yrs:** 1st Rosa Herring 2nd Marcus Churchill

**Scarecrow:** 1st Miss Piggy, The Alders ; 2nd Soldier with flowers, Melrose ; 3rd Minion, Sovereign Close

**50/50 gamble:** Chris Anderson

**Dog show: Prettiest bitch:** Betty; **Handsomest male:** Marley;

**Best combination:** Sammy and owner from Harnham; **Waggiest tail:** Tarla with Leanne and Andy Fuller. Prizes presented by Dave Roberts, Chair of Parish Council.

Organisers Clare Churchill and John Cater want to thank everyone ('the usual few saintly folk') who helped before, during and after the fete. At the beginning of September it was cancelled because of a lack of volunteers but Nick and Zoe stepped in and offered to help with a smaller event in the pub garden. Clare and John did so much of the work, however, that they said they will think very hard about doing it again unless more help is guaranteed. Nevertheless it was a very happy and well attended afternoon. Two visitors from Bemerton were heard bemoaning the fact that they don't have the same 'village feel' as Quidhampton! The total raised was £510.50. In recognition of all they did to save the fete £100 was given to Zoe and Nick for Wiltshire Air Ambulance with the rest going to the village hall refurbishment.



The Star Baker



Rosa's garden



John

Clare



### **100 Club winners : August**

1st	30	H Whitmore
2nd	100	D Adlam
3rd	182	P Gill

### **Flooding in downpour**

The floodwarden went out in the recent very heavy rain, and saw there is still a run-off problem at the Wilton end of Lower Road. He explained:

"Water runs down the main road into Lower Road which then overloads the drains (often part blocked) in Lower Road which also take the water running down Egdam Place. And the new drain into the river outside Quidhampton Mill doesn't seem to have been enough to cope with that very severe downpour which meant the water backed up. The flood in Lower Road was a foot deep for a while.

I have made a request for the council area drainage engineer to come and have another look".

If anyone else saw problems, or can add anything to this, please email or call Ken Taylor 07740 530012 / email kentaylor47@hotmail.co.uk

### **St John's Place**

Good news: the Church of England, via its Church Closure and Re-use Committee, has said it is happy for the conversion plans to go ahead. That's one more planning hurdle overcome.

**September Quiz:** 70 participants helped raise £85 for a charity called Pilgrim's Bandits run by service veterans which helps servicemen and women who have had amputations.

This month's newsletter is paid for by two villagers who want to remain anonymous

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or leave a note in the black box.

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### **Waste and recycling dates**

**Monday 6 October:** garden and household waste;

**Monday 13:** recycling;

**Monday 20:** garden and household waste;

**Monday 27:** recycling

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