

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

November 2014

What's On in November

Sunday 2: Stephen Crockett and Thomas Trubridge, First World War soldiers, will be remembered at the morning service at St Andrews 08.00

Thursday 6 and every Thursday: Wilton and District Thursday Club Quidhampton included See flyer: 10.00 – 15.00 Wilton Community Centre

Thursday 6: Pie and Quiz Night at The White Horse.

Pies from 18.30, Quiz at 20.00

Saturday 8: village party and fireworks display – see below, and flyer

Sunday 9: repeat of whisky tasting at the White Horse, booking essential

Tuesday 11: service of remembrance with Bemerton St John school: lych gate, St John's church 10.45

Wednesday 12 : Bemerton Film Society: Oh What A Lovely War. St John's School.

Doors open 19.00

*** A very timely opportunity to see this classic star studded film ***

Sunday 16: Private function: no lunches available at The White Horse. Bar open for drinks

Thursday 20: Bemerton Local History Society: 19.00 Hedley Davis Court

Sunday 23: annual service for the bereaved. A chance for those who have lost loved ones to come to a quiet service and light a candle before the busy-ness of Christmas takes over. St Andrews church 14.30

Tuesday 25: Praying for St John's Place. Part of the work to make the plans a success. All welcome. 19.30 St Andrews

Tuesday 25: Quidhampton Parish Council meeting: 19.30 Village Hall

All agenda items should be with the clerk by 09.30 on 13 November

Prayers at St Andrews Church for this month's soldiers: Sunday 16th .(Alfred Knight) and Sunday 24th (Leslie Brown)

Dates for December:

Saturday 6 Bus Pass Party 15.00

Sunday 14 Christmas Concert St John's 18.00

Tuesday 16 Carol service in The White Horse

Saturday 20 Village Hall Christmas Carols and Concert 15.00

Sunday 28 Sloe gin competition 16.00

Fireworks display: Saturday 8 November

Food: From 16.00 – 18.00 there will be a barbecue and an outside bar serving real ale, traditional cider, mulled wine and hot chocolate. The pub menu is served from 19.00 - 21.00: booking advised.

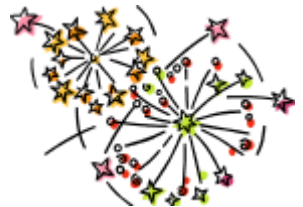
No parking at the pub.

Residents please take cars off Lower Road if you can.

Entrance to display from Lower Road only

Tickets at the reduced price will be available at the Quiz on 6 November.

See flyer for more details



View from The White Horse

Monthly Quiz: Thursday 6 November Always very well supported. Booking is essential for our quiz night special beforehand. This month it's Pie Night : chicken and ham hock pie, homemade fish pie, mushroom, spinach and hazelnut pie or steak and kidney pudding.

£1 Christmas Raffle Squares now on sale. Minimum of 100 prizes – all with a bang! Ask at the bar for details. Draw: Monday 22 December from 20.00

New Year's Eve: Tickets now available £12.50 on or before 30 November, £15.00 in December. Disco, Buffet, Glass of Midnight Fizz & New Year Fireworks. Join us to say 'Hello 2015'.

Takeaway Fish & Chips: Monday – Saturday evening.

This is proving very popular and thanks to all who have ordered it for their support. Due to feedback about the size of the cod, we have introduced a small size as well: £6.95 small, £8.95 large.

Revised Opening Hours: Monday to Friday : 12.00 -15.00 and 17.30 - 23.00
Saturday: 12.00 - 23.00 Sunday: 12.00 - 16.00

Zoe and Nick Hoare



Annual 'Bus Pass' Tea Party

You are invited to join friends and neighbours on
Saturday 6 December in Quidhampton Village Hall from 15.00

Prize for the most interesting Christmas button hole

There will also be a raffle to help fund the party
– prizes gratefully received.

To book a place contact Maureen on 743587 or Joy on 743080
before Monday 24th November.

Book the date!

On the Saturday before Christmas my village friends sent to me this invitation without a partridge in a pear tree!

Saturday 20 December: another opportunity to sing carols. Come and join families (with or without children), friends and neighbours in our Village Hall.

16.00 Mulled wine and mince pies. 16.30 to 17.30 Carols and more....?

If you or your children would like to perform a poem, musical piece or want more information call Clare on 743027 or Joy on 743080

The Parish Council and others are sponsoring the event to cover the cost of the hall, musician and first glass of mulled wine.



Seasonal jokes wanted for December newsletter. Send them to the editor please!

Desperately searching for a piper:

Ron Smith and others are planning a Burns Night celebration at The White Horse but cannot find a piper. If anyone knows someone who could pipe in the haggis and play a couple of tunes please let Ron know. It could be on 23 or 24 January, and there would be plenty of time for the piper to do a second event as well.

Phone 743006 Dairy Farm House

Goodbye and Hello

Alison and Derek Sewell of Alexandra Cottages have moved to Salisbury and want to say goodbye via the newsletter to their friends in the village. Alison was very active in campaigning against dog mess, including displaying posters from the council. She thinks things have improved.

And she asks the village to welcome the new occupant, Jane, who is a retired minister and a keen gardener and artist.

Village hall improvements

John Cater, chair of the Village Hall committee, is pleased to report that the kitchen is greatly improved by the purchase of a new range cooker, a stainless steel worktop, a new fridge and a water boiler, all possible because of a generous grant of £600 from South West Wiltshire Area Board. The matching funding required was provided by the Parish Council which also deserves our thanks.

The kitchen has been enhanced and made safe by these improvements. It should also be more attractive to hire. (Sabine Dawson is the booking secretary: 742843) The next project: replacing the old toilets. At the time of writing the women's toilet is out of order but will be fixed as soon as possible.



Harvest Service and Auction

This event in The White Horse was the most successful for many years.

Viv Bass wrote: a very convivial evening with support from the usual village faithful and a splendid group from Lower Bemerton. Over £300 was raised, divided between St Johns Place and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Zoe and her team produced an excellent bangers and mash supper. It would be gratifying to see more villagers supporting such occasions, especially now we have the pub open again.

Susan Drewett adds: Eleven of us from St Michael's enjoyed a delicious meal. The pub wasn't packed but we had a good number and everyone was so generous, making it a lot of fun, especially with the box of small marrows so I was able to put

one with nearly every lot!! A Pumpkin raised £8 and the smoked trout was bought by Nick. The landlords kindly put in four mystery brown envelopes which contained three good prizes - a bottle of whisky, a bottle of wine, a voucher for a meal - and one joker envelope. Nobody knew which was which and the highest four bids won the envelopes. This raised £100. The 4th envelope - a wooden spoon - was won by Chris Cochrane! It was a really good atmosphere: we all had a good harvest sing, Simon spoke well and the auction was great.

Editor's comment: It's a shame to hear there were not so many people from Quidhampton supporting the harvest auction. But it seems to have been such a good evening let's hope that many readers (like me) are resolving to be there next year.



Alfred James Marshall Knight 1894 – 1914 Private 1st Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment

Alfred Knight, age 20, was killed on 17 November 1914 at Hooze, a village near Ypres in the first of many battles fought over this important route to the front lines. His is one of 54,000 names on the Menin Gate, names of British and Commonwealth servicemen who died in the Ypres Salient and have no known grave.

Alfred's ancestors were farm workers in West Dorset but his grandfather, John, became a dairyman and moved to Bemerton in the 1870s. In 1911 he and his wife, Sarah, were in their seventies but he still described himself as a dairyman. Their five children had predeceased them.

George, Alfred's father, grew up in Bemerton becoming first a gardener and then a railway signalman. In 1893, aged 27, he married Sarah Jane Marshall, a cook in a London household but originally from Wiltshire. In December 1896 George died of TB at Salisbury Infirmary, leaving Sarah with two year old Alfred and a daughter, Winifred, only a few months old.

Sarah went back to work in London as a housemaid for a barrister, son of her previous employer. Alfred stayed in Bemerton with Sarah's sister, Ellen Noble, and her husband Frank, a coalman, and Winifred lived with her grandparents.

In 1910 Sarah married widower Harry Mountford, a 'domestic coachman' of 1 Church Cottages, Bemerton. One of his sons was a footman at The Rectory. The new family moved to 5 Lansdowne, Wilton Road with Winifred but by then Alfred had joined the army. In 1911 he was a private in the Wiltshire Regiment, stationed at Le Marchant Barracks, Devizes. He and some others are 17, officially too young to enlist. Perhaps there was a scheme allowing young recruits to train although no soldier could fight in battle until he was 19.



Winifred, Alfred's sister, pictured about 1918, with their mother Sarah and Winifred's first two children (*thanks to Nigel Keeping, Winifred's great grandson for use of the photo*)

Alfred's military records do not survive but 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment were in Flanders from the start. After the fighting at the end of October the battalion spent three or four days cleaning and repairing equipment and recovering strength. Reinforcements joined them to replace "wastage": men killed or injured. On 5 November they marched to Hooze where they remained in dug outs and trenches for 16 days, digging more as needed. This was the beginning of the kind of warfare usually associated with the First World War. Attacks were made but nothing was gained. It started to snow on 15 November and the trenches became very wet. On 17 November the Germans attacked and were driven back. This and heavy shelling left 11 dead, one of whom was a Major, and another Alfred Knight.

Alfred's family had moved to West End, Wilton by 1915 and his name is also on Wilton War memorial.

Harry Mountford died in 1929 and Sarah in 1941. Winifred married Joseph Wilson from Northallerton in 1915. They lived at 15 Riverside, North Street, Wilton and named their first son Alfred.



Leslie Yarham Brown 1896 – 1914 **Private 4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment**

Leslie Yarham Brown, aged 18, died on 24 November 1914 during training in Wiltshire with the 4th Battalion, part of the Territorial Force, which until the war began was a part-time voluntary force. He is the first of our servicemen to have a named grave.

Leslie's great grandparents, Edward and Ann Brown, are buried at St John's. Edward, a plasterer and then a baker, died in 1867, aged 60. His wife, Ann Napier, born in Quidhampton, had a family tree going back to a lawyer in the court of Henry VIII. For at least twenty years after Edward died she ran a shop selling general provisions in Gorrington Road. She died in 1901, aged 91, when Leslie was five.

Edward's son and Leslie's grandfather, Edwin Lewis Brown, worked for his father as a plasterer and rose to be a master builder employing 14 men and 2 boys in 1881 at his business in Fisherton Anger. He later became a builder's merchant and eventually retired to Stratford-sub-Castle, dying in 1905 when Leslie was nine. He had a sense of history: one son had the maiden name of his wife's mother (Yarham) and the youngest was called Walter Napier.

Leslie's father, Samuel Yarham Brown, was Edwin's second son, and like his older brother, William, worked in the family business. Sometime before 1905 he built The Croft, a family house in Bemerton, where his wife, Frances Callow, was born. In 1911 he was no longer an employer but a 'commercial traveller for builder's merchant'. His brother William was no longer working for the family business either: he was living in New Canal with his family and was a portrait painter. Another brother, Theodore, moved to London and became a journalist and inventor. Could it be that after Edwin died his children sold the business and followed their dreams?

Leslie was born in 1896, second in a family of four boys and identical twin girls. On 18 January 1905 Leslie, aged eight, and his older brother, Clement, enrolled at Bishops Wordsworth's school, after some private education at home. Leslie left in April 1912 to become a clerk at the builder's merchants. He may have joined the Territorial Force the next year when he was 17.

Leslie was only 18 when war was declared so he could not go overseas. His descendants believed he died of pneumonia caused by harsh training conditions but his death certificate gives the causes of death as: '1. goitre several years' and '2. acute laryngeal obstruction 2 hours' He died in Trowbridge with his father 'in attendance' suggesting there had been time to send for his parents. There are questions about his death, not least why he was accepted into the Territorial Force with a goitre. A tracheotomy was performed but did not save him.

A 21st century consultant says: goitres can start small and unnoticeable, and then grow more backwards than forwards. Obstruction is always a worry if they become large and this can happen suddenly if the patient bleeds into them. Severe coughing and infection cause additional swelling that may sometimes be fatal.

Leslie's grave in St John's has not yet been identified. His nephew, Tim Brown, remembers a large framed photograph of him in his grandparents' house: "a perfect young man...terribly smart in his cap and uniform.... Such a boy. My grandparents never forgot to love him."

That photo is lost but the photo here shows Leslie's parents with their twin daughters and youngest child, Antony.

Clement Brown emigrated to Canada and enlisted with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force. Younger brother Donald also enlisted but was too young to go to the front until the last months of the war. He emigrated to Australia in 1922. Mary Joan suffered bad health throughout her life and died in 1945. Her sister, Monica Mary, became a nurse and travelled to South Africa in the 1930's where she married, dying in Australia in her 90s.

Antony Brown, the youngest child, had no urge to travel.

He became director of music at Bishop's school and a good friend of William Golding before becoming director of music at Canford School. His four children were professional musicians, the eldest being Iona Brown, world famous violinist and conductor. Timothy was principal horn player in the BBC symphony orchestra, Ian is a pianist and Sally played the viola with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. It is to Sally and Tim, and particularly Sally's husband, Norman Hallam, that we owe many of the details of this biography.

Samuel and Frances stayed in The Croft for the rest of their married life. Sadly Frances developed dementia and was killed in 1950, crossing Churchfields Road in front of a lorry. She was buried near Leslie. Samuel, also a dementia sufferer, went to live with Sally and died two years later. The Croft became a school, and then a nursing home before being converted into flats.



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Police report

Dear All, thankfully things seemed to have calmed down in the village. I went to an accident at the Skew Rd junction on the A36 last week. A carer was driving her elderly lady along the road and thought it would be a good idea to overtake a Tesco delivery van turning right in to Quidhampton. Somehow she managed to put her car through the hedge between two metal posts having bounced off the van! Thankfully all were uninjured though understandably shocked.

So if your delivery was cancelled you now know why!

A reminder of the **national child rescue alert system** that you can sign up to at <http://www.childrescuealert.org.uk> This is for the most serious of cases of life or death situations and is locally administered.

Also remember it's really important to report every crime no matter how small – if we aren't aware then we can't target problems!
Regards, PC Pete

Church Community Centre news: volunteer and paid work opportunities

St.Michael's Community Centre Café: We urgently need soup makers to come and make a batch of soup once a month in our kitchen for us to sell in Coffee and Chat.

Handy Person needed: St.Mike's Community Centre needs someone who can do a day a week of odd jobs - gardening, painting, fixing and mending. We pay hourly rates.

For both positions contact Rev Simon Woodley, details on back page

St John's Place news

Just after publication of the last newsletter came two very good pieces of news about St John's Place.

Fundraising has reached £245,000, which is more than the target to be reached before building work can begin in April next year.

Planning permission: Wiltshire Council gave their approval at the beginning of October.

Fundraising will continue; watch out for the Christmas Concert – or volunteer to help with admin, publicity etc.

If you pledged money expect to have it called in next spring.

If you didn't make a pledge to give money and would like to now "it's going to happen!" (Simon Woodley, rector), contact Simon or N.Haynes@tiscali.co.uk

Swimming the channel: Rebecca Hudson has swum 18 miles so far (1156 lengths of Five Rivers pool) and raised over £500. To sponsor her go to www.justgiving.com and search on her name.

Interested in faster broadband?

Elton Pool reports that villagers can now get the BT Infinity broadband service which has improved his speed of 3 mbps to around 36 mbps. More details on the BT Infinity website.

Elton has offered to talk to people if they have queries: contact him via eltonpool@yahoo.com

Village phone box : report from the parish clerk

BT have identified the phone box in Lower Road as one with little use, in fact it was used 15 times in the last 12 months (data from Jan 2014).

BT intends to remove this phone box. If you have any objections to this removal or any questions contact Clare Churchill, the Parish Clerk with your reasons by Monday 17 November. It will be discussed at the next parish council meeting on 25 November 2014.

Full details available at <http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removals.pdf>

Contact details for Parish Clerk are on the back page

The Fugglestone phone box is also identified for removal so the nearest will be in the centre of Wilton or in Salisbury.

Editor's comment: these two items remind us how much life has changed. The Women's Institute was the driving force behind getting a phone box in every village and now they look set to become a part of our history. But the removal of our phone box would make sightlines better for cars driving out of Sovereign Close, so there is a positive aspect to it.

Whisky tasting session: this tutored session was much enjoyed by those of us smart enough to book it. It is being repeated on 9 November for those who were too late– ask Zoe or Nick if there are any places left. Part two follows in December.

100 Club winners : September

1st	9	J Corcoran
2nd	30	H Whitmore
3rd	186	Mrs Emm

Parish Council Meeting:

23 September 2014

Chris Edge took the chair in the absence of Dave Roberts.

Pete Jung talked about the thefts from vans parked in Coronation Square car park. The perpetrators had a gadget that enabled them to immobilise the van alarms. £20,000 worth of equipment was taken. CCTV will be installed.

A battery has also been stolen from a horse box.

The Parish Clerk talked about the data report she had received as a result of the metro count in Lower Road. It showed a fairly small percentage of cars over the speed limit. The clerk will ask for more detail; it is important to know the total number of cars involved, as it is the number of speeding cars, not the percentage, that affects people.

Fireworks event and Christmas carols in the Village Hall: the Parish Council agreed to support these financially and with insurance cover. The Parish Clerk went over a number of safety issues that had to be resolved before the insurers would cover a fireworks event.

Chris Edge undertook to see that the requirements would be met.

Planning: plans for change of use for Quidhampton Mill bed and breakfast were unanimously supported. The bed and breakfast accommodation will become self-catering accommodation.

Next meeting: Tuesday 25 November
Full minutes are published on the village noticeboard once they have been approved at the following meeting of the Council.

The costs of publishing this month's newsletter have been met by Stella, Adrian and Clare in memory of their mother, Marjorie Riegen, in the month of her birthday. Marjorie's birthday was on 9th November. Several readers will want to think about her then.

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or leave a note in the black box.

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Waste and recycling dates

Monday 3 November : garden & household waste.

Monday 10 : recycling

Monday 17 : garden & household waste.

Monday 24 : recycling

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