

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

October 2015

What's on in October 2015 Quidhampton events in bold

- Thursday 1 Monthly quiz The White Horse 20.00**
- **Friday 2** staff training day Bemerton St John school and Sarum Academy. Both schools closed to pupils
- **Tuesday 6 Harvest Festival auction The White Horse, Sausage and mash supper £8 a head from 18.00, auction starts 19.30**
- **Saturday 10 Jumble sale in aid of the Village Hall 14.00 – 16.00, Includes books, raffle and teas**
- **Saturday 10** Harvest Barn Dance, St Michael's 18.00 £7 with supper Tickets from parish office 328031
- **Wednesday 14** My Afternoons with Margueritte, Bemerton Film Society St John's school 19.30
- **Thursday 15 The Rich Stokes charity music quiz The White Horse**
- **Thursday 15** Bemerton Local History Society: the definitive story of the Bemerton Plane Crash by Chris Usher. Hedley Davis Court 19.00
- **Saturday 17 Pumpkin Party: for children from 0 – 9. Village Hall 14.00 – 16.30**
- **Wednesday 21** last day of Term 1 Bemerton St John school and Sarum Academy Term 2 begins for Sarum Academy students on Monday 2 November and for St John's pupils on Tuesday 3 November

Advance notice:

- Saturday 7 November: Firework Spectacular** (See page 2 and flyer)
- Friday 20 November: live music at The White Horse with Mustang Sally**
- Saturday 5 December: Bus Pass party**
- Saturday 19 December: Christmas Sparkle concert in Village Hall**
- Monday 28 December: sloe gin competition**

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL :
come to the jumble sale on
Saturday 10 October.
See flyer for more details

The Sovereign Set (Quidhampton Women's group)

Sixteen members enjoyed lunch at The White Horse in September.

The next meeting will be Christmas lunch on **9 December**.

Newcomers are very welcome, especially women new to the village. It's a nice way to get to know people. Ring Joyce Harvey 742309 to confirm a place.

Pub in bloom

We know our pub is blooming – in more ways than one. Their floral displays earned The White Horse first place in a regional "Pubs in Bloom" competition – and now it has won the divisional round too. Congratulations, Nick and Zoe, and thanks for providing such a cheery and colourful display in the centre of the village.

100 Club Winners September

1st	31	Adrian Richardson
2nd	140	G Evans
3rd	3	M and L van Vogt

Saturday 17 October Quidhampton Village Hall

14.00 – 16.30

Pumpkin Party for children 0 to 9

Plans are well in hand for our first children's Pumpkin Party.

We hope you will join us for an afternoon tea party with activities and games with a seasonal theme

There will be competitions for:

1. Best carved/decorated pumpkin
2. Biggest own grown pumpkin
3. Prettiest pumpkin



Fancy dress – we would love you to come in those wonderful costumes you wear on Halloween night.

So that we know numbers please contact:

Marie Young 744066 or Hannah Brown 743049 or Joy Wagstaff 743080

Offers of help from others gratefully accepted.

**We would like to thank the Village Entertainment Fund
for sponsoring this free event.**

Quidhampton Fireworks Event 2015

With financial support from Royal Party Fireworks and Quidhampton Parish Council, we are pleased to confirm there will be a fireworks display on **Saturday 7 November** at The White Horse. All profits go to the Village Entertainment Fund.

Food and children's entertainment from 16.45, fireworks display to commence at 18.30.

Tickets on sale from **1 October**: for prices see enclosed form. They can be bought from The White Horse or ordered by completing and returning the form. Tickets will also be available on the night.

Request for volunteers

The event cannot run without volunteer support. Please consider whether you or any of your family or friends can help with the following:

- As many people as possible from **10.00 on Saturday 7th November** to set up
- Two people to stand at the entrance to collect and sell tickets from 16.30 until 18.30
- Two people to be stewards for the car park, garden and marquee from 16.30 until 18.30
- Two people to supervise the children's sparkler area from 17.45pm until 18.30pm
- Two people to be on standby from 18.15pm until 19.00, and if smoke begins to affect the A36, go out to the A36 to warn drivers;
and
- As many people as possible from 10.00 on Sunday 8 November to clear up any debris.

News from The White Horse

HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION NIGHT: TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

If you came last year you'll remember it was a real hoot, with some very excitable bidding and Nick & Zoe (unwittingly) bidding against each other for the smoked trout that Bill West kindly donated!

This year's lots will include vegetables, chutney, homemade cakes, tins and store cupboard items, smoked trout, the famous Harvest Loaf and of course the three mystery lots donated by the White Horse.

Donated 'lots' are very much appreciated. Please drop them into the pub before 15.00 on the day.

2014 saw the most money raised during the Harvest Auction ever, so I wonder what we can achieve this year... The total will be split between the Salisbury Hospice (the pub's charity for this year) and St Johns Place.

Sausage & Mash Supper from 18.00, £8.00 per head, auction from 19.30

THE RICH STOKES MUSIC QUIZ : THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

Rich has kindly offered to host another Music Quiz for us on 15 October. The one we held earlier packed out the pub and we had some very competitive teams! Brilliant, varied and perplexing questions are expected but there will be a lot of laughs along the way too.

Join us for a meal beforehand from 18.00; quiz to start at about 19.30.

Have you made your sloe gin? It will take at least 8 weeks so if you want to enter this year's **ANNUAL SLOE GIN COMPETITION**, you'll need to be fairly quick. The rules are simple:

1. Pick Sloes
2. Make gin
3. Bring it to the pub before the deadline
4. Join us to sample, taste, enjoy and judge from 15.00 on 28 DECEMBER.
5. Have fun doing all of the above!

Visit whitehorsequidhampton.co.uk for more details of everything listed here and more future dates.

Zoe and Nick

Prima Care dual control electric Recliner Chair:

as shown in picture, blue in colour

in good condition and perfect working order

free to anyone who can arrange collection

Graham & Elizabeth Heeley, Albion House, Quidhampton

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Brave Faces, Eve Warton's book about her life in the Second World War continues to sell well. Eve has appeared on South Today and British Forces Radio as well as in the Salisbury Journal and at book signings at Waterston's and the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

Another Quidhampton author

Eve is not the only successful author in Quidhampton. Rob Allison of Meadow Glenn has published two cookery books and has plans for more. He talked to the editor about his work.

Rob, his wife, Hannah, and their two young children moved to Quidhampton to be closer to Hannah's family. Hannah, a primary



school teacher, now stays at home to look after the children, Theo and Tallulah, while Ron pursues his career in the world of celebrity cooking programmes and publishing.

In July Rob's second book "Homemade Takeaways" was published with great reviews: "an inspired collection", "better for you and will save you money" "a genuinely brilliant idea for a book" (Nigella Lawson). Subtitled "How to make your favourite Takeaway but better" it enables people to experience the joy of cooking and produce a tastier and healthier version of their favourite takeaway.

Rob believes there is a lot of social snobbery and obsession around food in Britain today. "Food is important to me," he said, "but I don't presume it's as important to other people." He thinks what is most important is that families eat together round a table at least once a day and it doesn't matter if

some of that meal comes from the microwave.

Rob loves cooking for people and not just because it is a way of caring for family and friends. He's honest enough to admit he loves the praise that comes with it, praise that encourages him to do it again, and he'd love other people to know that pleasure too. His love of cooking was partly inspired by his mother who is Korean and left her homeland when she met his father. Making Korean food for her family was a way of keeping her culture alive, and showed Rob possibilities beyond the usual British dishes.

Rob's day job is being a home economist, the person who gets everything ready for the TV chef to demonstrate and who cooks the dishes shown in the final shots. He has worked on Ready, Steady Cook and with most of the famous chefs you can name: Nigella, Delia, Heston Blumenthal, Gok Wan, Jamie Oliver and more.

He also became involved in the writing of some of their books. TV schedules are so demanding that it's normally not possible to write a book at the same time without help. Eventually a publisher asked Rob to write his own cookery book for students. It starts with basic skills such as how to poach an egg, and has advice on eating healthily and cheaply as well as recipes for all sorts of occasions (eg hot dates, brain food, comfort food). It's popular with non-students too. He was able to choose his own topic for his second book.

Rob studied hotel and catering management at university but was not happy being an administrator and after various other experiences (including cooking in a pub for a year) he found the job he loves. He says his success is due to some lucky breaks, working very hard and never saying no to offers, no matter how busy he has been.

Rob is a fascinating and inspiring person to talk to and either of his books would make great Christmas presents. **The Ultimate Student Cookbook: Cheap, Fun, Easy, Tasty Food** is published by Studentbeans and **Homemade Takeaways** is published by Orion. Both are available from the usual booksellers (High Street and online).

A thank you from Sharon Mullett of Edgam Place who writes:

Please put a huge thank you in the newsletter to all the villagers who sponsored me back in July, when in a moment of madness I agreed to run 'The Race for Life Pretty Muddy Obstacles' in Southampton along with 13 other ladies for Aspire Martial Arts. This is a 5k run with lots of mud and obstacles. As I hadn't run for over 30 years I started training 3 times a week and the support and encouragement I received from family, friends and villagers was overwhelming. I finished the race with the first half of my fellow runners and raised £219.00 (as a group we raised over £1700.00) for cancer research. I enjoyed the training so much I now run 5k 3 times a week!

Well done Sharon (second from the right in the photo)! If you are planning a sponsored event don't be shy, put it in the newsletter beforehand and you may get more sponsors



New photo of old Quidhampton and Margaret King

The Salisbury Journal recently featured the 100th birthday of Dorothy Humphries, born Dorothy Stokes. She spent most of her life in Quidhampton and is the sister of William Stokes who was killed in the First World War. Her daughters recently visited the editor and gave her a photocopy of a photograph of the village taken in about 1914. It shows Alexandra Cottages looking very smart with tall brick pillars and iron railings outside every house. It also

shows Oak House opposite, since demolished for Roger's Close.

Some enhancements need to be done before the photo can be published in the newsletter. It seems to be copied from a book of photos of Wiltshire Villages (page number 63 is clearly visible) and a caption says it was contributed by "Margaret King, Quidhampton W1"

Does anyone have contact details for Margaret King? It would be great to see the original photograph and make a better copy for the village archives.

Could you be a school governor?

Bemerton St John Voluntary Aided Primary School is seeking a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese of Salisbury to support and maintain the Christian Foundation and Voluntary Status of the school and support the principles underlying the school's Trust Deed by ensuring the school is distinctively Christian, and that Christian values, principles and beliefs are central to its ethos, curriculum, relationships and work.

You don't need specialist educational knowledge or formal qualifications to become a Foundation governor. What we are looking for is interest, enthusiasm and a commitment to help pupils achieve their full potential.

Support is provided to help you get started and training is available to help you develop your role. If you are interested please contact Carina Sawyer, Clerk to the Governors

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Experiences in Kabul part two

In May the newsletter had a piece written by Hugh Baker of Blenheim House about his experiences in Kabul with NATO's International Security Assistance Force. (ISAF) Part two of his article is printed this month. In it he describes more developments and how important the idea of home is to Army personnel when they are serving abroad.

There are still a number of issues which the Afghan National Army and the Afghan government must address, but there have been some positive developments and advances since my tour of Helmand Province in 2010-11.

While Al Qua'eda/Taliban were still a major threat, the situation seemed less kinetic (less fighting and shooting) than it had during my last tour. ISAF was no longer leading the fighting but providing training, advice and assistance. Unlike my previous tour, the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) were



Hugh with his US Drive Team and their vehicles.

coordinated and conducted a number of successful major security operations for national level events. For any Security Force, to provide security for two rounds of national elections successfully in the face of a determined insurgency is a significant achievement, and the young Afghan soldiers and police who lost their lives protecting their people while they were exercising their right to vote deserve significant recognition.

A really encouraging dimension was the way the majority of the Afghan people were developing a positive perception of the ANA – which they were now calling “their Army” - and the sacrifices they were making to defeat the Taliban and keep the population safe.

Home is, not surprisingly, incredibly important for personnel in the Armed Forces when they are deployed on operations overseas. A US Navy SEAL once described home as the “shoreline” to which you are always trying to get back from out at sea. The

author George MacDonald Fraser, serving as a young soldier in the XIVth Army in Burma in 1944, describes the thought of



The Queen's Palace, Kabul (destroyed by the Taliban).

leading on the planning and execution of all security operations, and they

General Bill Slim as being like “home and safety”. The two concepts are interlinked. For me home represents somewhere I feel secure and where I can relax without constantly having to consider security and threats, and without having continuous responsibility for men under my command out on the ground in a hostile environment. Home is like a lighthouse, shining a light in the darkness to guide me back to its security, safety, and warmth.

Returning from being overseas and glimpsing the spire of Salisbury Cathedral, I can almost physically feel the tension reduce and my body relax.

Contact with family at home provides an incredible boost to morale and I have seen significant advances in the provision of welfare communications for deployed forces by the military over the 25 years I have been serving with the Army. Any letter, call or e-mail from home that just

confirms that everything is OK and normal life is going on is read and re-read. That contact with normality, often when you are in some very difficult and very different part of the world, dealing with potential life and death situations on a daily basis, is so important. I would happily read shopping lists or till receipts because they remind me of home.

You will be pleased to know that my wife Liz always tries to send me out this newsletter so I can keep track of what is going on back in Quidhampton and keep that link to home. It is amazingly meaningful, particularly when you are so separated from it.

I am now serving a 2 year tour in Nigeria, advising and training the Nigerian Armed Forces in Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorist operations in their fight against Boko Haram.

“Ho! The weary waitin’ when on Khyber ‘ills we lay,
But the time-expired’s waitin’ of ‘is orders ‘ome to-day.”

(Troopin’ by Rudyard Kipling.)

Café Scientifique

Becky Poole of Temperance Cottages helps to organise Café Scientifique, Salisbury and says:

This is a world wide organisation where, for the price of a cup of coffee (or pint of beer), you can discover what is new in science and technology. The Salisbury branch meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Salisbury Rugby Club, 19.00 for a 19.30 start. It is free, though we rely on donations to cover hall and speaker’s expenses.

Our events cover all aspects of science and technology and suggestions are always welcome. We often have a large and diverse audience, so the question time is always fun! You can find out about our events on our website <http://cafescientifiquesalisbury.org.uk/> and sign up to our mailing list to get updates of future speakers.

Tuesday 6 October: an exploration of light and how it is used to bring us the internet. Speaker from the Optoelectronics Research Centre, Southampton

**Bemerton Film Society
My Afternoons with Marguerite
certificate 15 subtitles
Wednesday 14 October St John’s
school, Lower Bemerton
Doors open 19.00**

This film tells the story of a practically illiterate handyman (Gerard Depardieu) and an articulate, frail old lady who meet in the park of their small French town and begin an unlikely friendship. It has been described as a “touching feel-good crowd-pleaser” which sounds a real treat as the evenings become darker.

Parish Council matters

The meeting on 22 September was attended by several members of the public.

Police report: PC Jung reported that enquiries into the vehicle damage in August when 20 cars were damaged across the area in one night are still ongoing. He urged all members of the public to report any unusual activity.

Fireworks event: the Parish Council agreed to insure the event and to support it financially.

Christmas concert in the village hall: the Parish Council agreed to support the event financially and two councillors volunteered to do a reading.

20 mph limit, the next step: metrocount data will be discussed by the Community Area Transport Group.

The Queen's ninetieth birthday: the Parish Council agreed to support a village event to celebrate this next year

Quidhampton Bake Off: a competition for the cup donated by the Parish Council will take place in February 2016

Village Hall: it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide up to £350 a year for two years to meet any shortfall in the budget. The Village Hall treasurer was asked to provide more details of income and expenditure for the next meeting. Several councillors remarked how important the hall is to the village and it was felt a survey of opinion in the village would be valuable before further plans were made. The Village Hall committee will organise this and there were several offers of help.

Recreation Ground: the old football nets will be put back up and the use of them will be monitored.

School admissions: a meeting has been arranged between the governors and the chair of the Parish Council

Date of next meeting: 24 November.
Agenda items to the clerk by 12 November

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Problems with HGVs: contact PC
Jung or leave a note in the black box.

Village Hall bookings: Sabine
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Community Emergency Volunteer:

John Cater 744079

Floodwarden:

Ken Taylor 742456

Waste and recycling dates (October)

Mondays 5 Household waste

12 Recycling

19 Household waste

26 Recycling

November 2 Household waste

**The paid for garden waste
collections are on Thursday
October 1st, 15 & 29**

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