

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

November 2015

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## What's on in November 2015 Quidhampton events in bold

**Monday 2** Term begins for Sarum Academy students

**Tuesday 3** Term begins for St John's Primary School pupils

**Thursday 5** monthly charity quiz **The White Horse 20.00**

**Saturday 7** Christmas Fair St Michael's Community Centre 13.00 – 15.30

**Saturday 7** Quidhampton Firework Spectacular

**Wednesday 11** Short service of remembrance at the Lych Gate St John's church 10.45 followed by tea and coffee in the school



**Wednesday 18** Sliding Doors Bemerton Film Society St John's School doors open 19.00 £5

**Thursday 19** Bemerton Local History Society Quiz Hedley Davis Court Cherry Orchard Lane 19.00

**Friday 20** Live music at The White Horse with Mustang Sally

**Saturday 21 November: White Horse closed until 17.00 (private booking)**

**Sunday 22** Bereavement memorial service to remember those dear to us who have passed on St Andrews 14.00

**Tuesday 24** Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19.30

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### Advance notice:

**Wednesday 2 and 9 December**, Late night shopping, Wilton Town Centre

**Saturday 5 December** Bus Pass party pm Village Hall

**Wednesday 9 December** Sovereign Set lunch 12.30 The White Horse

Confirm attendance and choice of menu before 2 December with Joyce Harvey 742309. Newcomers welcome – it's a good way to meet other villagers

**Saturday 19 December: Christmas Sparkle concert with carols** Village Hall pm

**Monday 28 December: sloe gin competition** The White Horse

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## **Quidhampton Fireworks Spectacular with children's entertainer** **Saturday 7 November**

**Tickets from The White Horse: Low price before 5 November :**

Family £8 Adult £3 Child (3-15 years) £2 (under 3's free)

(Family ticket : 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children)

**Tickets from 5 November** and on the night: £10, £4 and £3

**Outdoor barbecue**, hot drinks stand, children's snacks and drinks in the marquee.

**Gates open 16.45 Fireworks 18.30**

**Pub open all day**, evening food available from about 19.30 **Booking essential**

***Free sparklers for children wearing gloves***

**Volunteers:** if you can help on the day or clear up for an hour from 10.00 on Sunday contact Jonathan Young 744066

**NB: Pub car park closed. Please park responsibly in Lower Road**



**Invitation to the 2015 Bus Pass Party**  
**Saturday 5 December Quidhampton Village Hall 15.00**  
Proud owners of a bus pass are invited to join us to begin the Christmas celebrations.  
There is a prize for the best snowflake to be hung in the hall.  
Contact Maureen on 743587  
or Joy on 743080 to confirm your place  
We look forward to seeing you.

**The Jumble Sale** in aid of the Village Hall was very successful and brought more people into the hall than had been there for a long time. Villagers, friends and families were so generous in giving clothes, shoes, bric a brac, toys, books and even a bicycle that the organisers wondered where they would put it all. Somehow it did all fit in, the doors opened to the queue outside and the afternoon flew by.



No, you will not get in without buying a raffle ticket

**The amount raised was £412 and could be more – see below**

Viv Bass and the rest of the committee would like to give hearty and sincere thanks to everyone who helped: receiving and sorting the donations, making tea and cakes, giving raffle prizes, being there on the day and clearing up. Viv feels overwhelmed by such generosity and the splendid result.



Helpers browse bric a brac

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### **More money for the Village Hall**

**Jackie Peters is offering well rotted or fresh horse manure in exchange for a donation to the village hall.**

**Email – [jackie.peters@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jackie.peters@tiscali.co.uk)** – her family works shifts so phone calls can disturb. Collection time by arrangement.

Bring boots, strong bags, gloves, a garden fork and means to take it away. Cars can be driven onto the ground.

Collection of manure is at your own risk: strong backs are required and the ground is 'off road' variety.

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**Another event in the Village Hall?** Towards the end of the jumble sale villagers were dropping in for a cup of tea and a chat. There is talk of a coffee morning in the hall in the New Year, to be combined with the Quidhampton Bake Off.

**Next month's newsletter** will be in A4 format and include news and what's on. Please send anything for the newsletter to the editor before 15 November. After that all correspondence must be with Sam Thake, Orchard House, tel: 742482 email sam.thake@btinternet.com  
The emailed version may not be out until the second week of December.

## **From the Horse's mouth:**

### **Music Quiz**

Enormous thanks to Rich Stokes, who kindly put together and hosted the music quiz. It was a huge success, with a good number of teams taking part. It was a close call, but the winners were 'The Bar Team' who can hold their heads high and enjoy the glory!

### **Don't forget Howard's Monthly Quiz Night Thursday 5 November**

Once again, Howard has put together puzzles for you to ponder and brainteasers to baffle! Anyone can win. 'Brian's Babes' had the October victory. It's always fun, light hearted and friendly. If you've never given it a go, why not come along? New teams and individuals are always welcome. Minimum of £1 per head to enter, with funds raised going to the charity chosen by the winning team.

### **Fundraising**

Nick and I chose Wiltshire Air Ambulance as our first nominated charity when we came to Quidhampton. With events like the 2014 Village Fete, our weekly Bonus Ball competition, our 'Swear Box' (which we occasionally have to enforce) and various other donations over the last 12 months we have raised over £1200 for them. When we moved into the pub, the first person to knock on the door and say 'welcome' was Jan Singleton. Jan quickly became a good friend, and is very much missed. In Jan's memory we nominated the Salisbury Hospice Charity as our charity for this year.

In two weeks, with just a couple of events under our belts, we have made our first donation of £450 to them. Sometimes 'thank you' doesn't seem a big enough word, but to everyone who has donated, thank you.

### **Friday 20 November: Live Music with Mustang Sally from 21.00**

They had everyone up and dancing at the Beer Festival, so we asked them back for a pre-Christmas shin-dig. 60's music through to modern day. Dig out your dancing shoes, come along and join in!

### **Christmas Raffle**

Remember last December – our Christmas Raffle was huge! We had over 150 prizes and we're doing the same again this year.

Prizes include: laptop computer, kindle, apple iPad, colour TV, Christmas turkey, household electricals, wines and spirits, beer and lager

**The raffle is now on sale. You've got to be in it to win it.....**

### **New Years Eve**

Tickets for New Years Eve are now available, £15 per head. This includes a fantastic disco, hot and cold buffet supper and a glass of fizz to toast 2016

Zoe Hoare



## Charles Henry Payne 1894 – 1915 Private 1st/4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

*This biography of the next villager to be killed exactly 100 years ago in the First World War concentrates on his military service because a published journal of his battalion's journey to India means more details are available than usual.*

Private Charles Payne, aged 21, died of wounds on 22 November 1915 in Mesopotamia, present day Iraq. He was the third man from Quidhampton to be killed in the war and is commemorated on the Basra memorial.

Charles Payne joined the Territorial Force in August 1914, sailing for India on 8 October with the 1/4th Wiltshire Battalion. The diaries of Sgt Fred Mundy, published by the Rifles Museum, give a vivid account of the journey to India, which must have been a strange and wondrous experience for most of the men who had probably not travelled far outside Wiltshire before.

Their two months training on Salisbury Plain consisted of long marches, unseasonably cold heavy rain and scant rations. Then came the excitement of leaving Southampton to the sound of cheers and bands playing, and sailing to Bombay on the Kenilworth Castle, one of eleven passenger liners in the convoy. The officers were in first and second class saloons and the rank and file slept in hammocks.

Physical drills, daily cleaning of rifles to avoid rust and ship's chores such as swabbing the decks did not fill the days and there were many hours of cards and games on deck once seasickness had subsided. At Gibraltar letters for home were collected and the escort ships turned back. The liners made their way alone across the Mediterranean to Malta but a violent storm and the mountainous North African coast were the most dramatic parts of that journey.

A French escort was provided from Malta. Hundreds of starfish could be seen just

under the surface of the calm sea, porpoises jumped out of the water and everyone enjoyed the warm weather.

After four days they saw the white minarets of Port Said where they spent a "jolly day", although only officers were allowed ashore. Small boats drew alongside and did a roaring trade in sweets and cigarettes, moving away when the Port Police appeared, returning as soon as they had gone. Others came out simply to cheer the troops and "black divers" dived for pennies dropped overboard. The Kenilworth Castle moved slowly into the Suez Canal in the late afternoon. The most interesting parts of the passage through it were spectacular sunsets and flying fish.

Once through the canal the ship anchored for three days; again only officers were allowed ashore. Some of the ship's boats were lowered so the men could "have a row" but otherwise they played games on deck: tug-of-war, bayonet fighting and obstacle races.

It got warmer every day as they sailed through the Red Sea and hot dry winds blew from the deserts. Khaki uniforms were worn and many soldiers developed prickly heat spots. Letters were again taken when they stopped outside Aden, before sailing across the Indian Ocean. The days were too hot for much exercise and awnings were put up to protect the troops from the sun.

The 1st/4th Wilts Battalion reached Bombay a month after they left Southampton and there received their first letters from home. The men had not walked on land for a month so were exhausted and soaked in sweat after unloading and



marching one and a half miles to the railway station. The first part of the three day train journey north was through "swampy land... plenty of rice and maize growing". The rest was "a sameness" of "rough uncultivated ground."

At Delhi two of the battalion's companies took over guard duties while the others went to Kingsway camp. Disappointed to be in tents, not barracks, they soon found it better than camping on Salisbury Plain, though very dusty. Electricity was provided and there were wash houses with running water, facilities not available in Quidhampton at the time. Everyone had a kit box and a rope bed with a hair stuffed mattress that was "very comfortable indeed".

In addition "we all thought ourselves very lucky to get native bearers to come and do all we wanted and very cheaply too." Barbers would even shave the men while they were still in bed. "The bearers did everything for us and all we had to do was to get on parade".

Training in earnest soon began, however, and the weather got hotter. In January 1915 the Kingsway Camp companies took over guard duties in Delhi, then returned to camp in February for more serious training. Severe rain flooded the tents, the heat continued to increase and the first malaria cases appeared. Riots elsewhere meant additional guard duties and life became more difficult.

In April half the battalion went to a hill station for the summer months as life under canvas was unbearable in the heat.

When the call came in May for volunteers to join the Dorset Regiment on active service in the Persian Gulf men who stayed in Delhi were chosen. Charles Payne must have remained in Delhi for he volunteered, perhaps to get away from the disease, heat and monotony, and arrived in Mesopotamia on 25 May.

The 2nd Battalion Dorset Regiment had been in Turkey and Mesopotamia since

November when war had been declared on the Ottoman Empire. Swamps and deserts surrounded the area of conflict and the Dorsets lost 25% of their fighting strength before Basra was occupied.

After some months orders came to advance to the strategically important town of Kut. A further advance to Baghdad failed and a retreat began on 24 November after the battle of Ctesiphon.

Medical care was scarce and Private Charles Payne died of wounds on 22 November. He is remembered on the Basra Memorial with more than 40,500 members of the Commonwealth forces who died there and have no known grave. In 1997, because of the sensitivity of the site (a naval dockyard) the memorial was moved. The CWGC is not able to maintain any memorials in Iraq at this time and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office should be consulted before planning to travel there.

### **Family background**

Charles came from a family of agricultural labourers. His grandfather moved to Quidhampton and lived in Nadder Lane.

Charles's father, James, became a dairyman and married Phoebe Lodge from a Salisbury shoemaking family. They had nine children, Charles being the oldest. Both his father's and his grandfather's families appeared on Lady Pembroke's Christmas charity list at this time.

Charles was first a cowman but joined the railways when he was 18 as an engine cleaner, soon promoted to third fireman. His employment record states he left in August 1914 'to join the colours.'

In 1910 Charles's sister, Winifred, slipped off a bridge in Quidhampton Folly (Boyes Wood) and drowned while picking snowdrops after school.

His brothers were too young to serve in the war and the family moved to Hampshire before the war ended. His father's siblings stayed here and some of their descendants probably still live locally.

**Prayers will be said for Charles Payne on Sunday 22 November at St Andrew's morning service**

## **Journey to Calais**

**Hannah Alison-Brown** recently asked for donations to help get a van load of supplies to the charity Secours Catholique which works to improve conditions in the migrant camps at Calais. She writes: Everything we gave was well received by the inspirational aid workers. The money and donations meant we were able to supply toiletries, jackets, hats, torches, candles and shoes as well as food, which we delivered directly to the camps. Contrary to the media it is not mayhem there. And neither is it filled with economic migrants wanting to sponge off

our benefits. There are a lot of young men escaping persecution or desperately seeking a safe country where they can work and live fairly. The camps are squalid though and no way to live. And more importantly it is just not sustainable for these young men or for the people of Calais.

A very sad situation with little chance of a quick solution.

We would like to thank everyone who donated; it allowed us to give a little bit of dignity to people wanting better circumstances.

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## **The Rich Stokes Charity Music Quiz Night**

Rich writes:

Just to let you know that the quiz was a great success with a good turnout and we raised £335! I would personally like to thank all those who gave so generously.

I ran the quiz for, and dedicated it to, the late Jan Singleton. All funds raised have gone to the Salisbury Hospice, where Jan was looked after so well. *Thank you, Rich, for running such a successful and popular event again.*

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## **Public debate on climate change :**

**Sunday 22 November**

**St Thomas's Church, Salisbury. 15.00 - 17.00 Free entry**

**14.45 welcome with mulled wine and juice**

Expert speakers include: Dr Shahrar Ali, Deputy Leader of the Green Party, Danielle Paffard, UK Divestment Campaigner, and Dr Alan Whitehead, Labour Frontbench spokesperson on climate change

Organised by a coalition of local church, humanitarian and environmental organisations Enquiries 07948 953647

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## **Harvest Auction**

Quidhampton's (unique?) harvest service and auction in The White Horse raised £210 for St Johns Place and the Salisbury Hospice

It is always good to see Bemerton and Quidhampton getting together and the new curate, Ali, showed she can be an auctioneer as well. Nick and Zoe's generous donations of three mystery

items went by silent auction this year.

Delighted winners were Bea Tilbrook (bottle of whisky) and John Cater (meal for two). Not so delighted was Zoe's dad who bid £30 by telephone for a bottle of rioja. Zoe says: Thanks to Bill West and Dan Nash for the donations of trout, and to everyone else who gave beautiful fresh produce, jam, chutney, tins and other items that were put into lots.

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## **Evensong at St Andrews is now at 16.00.**

Rev Simon Woodley writes: This half hour service is a valuable space in our busy lives to reflect on our own concerns about family, friends and the wider community in the company of friends and neighbours.

## The Pumpkin Party: a new event in the village hall

Joy Wagstaff writes:

The Pumpkin Party was a time to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Children and parents enjoyed the art and craft activities which included making Jo Weston's spiders' webs and decorating Marie Young's delicious cakes. Everyone really appreciated the party food made by Hannah Allison-Brown and her husband.

Lorna Bradford kept the party going with traditional games including 'pass the parcel' and it ended with children trying to eat giant marshmallows hung on a string and apple bobbing. The water helped to wash the marshmallows off sticky faces!

Special thanks to Jennifer Tyler for judging the pumpkin competitions, not an easy task.



We hope this will be the start of more activities for the village children - perhaps the older children would like to join in?

**We'd like to get a group of children together to entertain villagers at the 'Bus Pass Party'. They would enjoy it so much! Please contact Joy on 743080 if you are interested.**

**Hannah said :** The pumpkin party was great fun. Everyone made lots of effort with their costumes and some of the pumpkin designs were very creative. The children loved the different activities and it

was a great way to meet families in the village.

I may be biased but it was brilliantly organised by the committee! ;)

**Everyone said:** a huge thank you to the Village Entertainment fund for funding the party.

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## Further success for St John's: Anne Trevett reports

We are delighted that Bemerton Community has been awarded a substantial grant from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. As well as making a further contribution to the building conversion costs, the grant will help us develop activities for older people and also allow us to recruit a part time Manager and Caretaker for St John's Place.

Advertisements for these posts will appear shortly, hopefully in December's What's On and the Quidhampton Newsletter.

Many congratulations to Nigel Haynes for all his work in achieving this.

## Cycle Palestine

**Matthew Eyre**, son of Sandie Smith of Still Waters, successfully completed his gruelling cycle ride across the West Bank but it was tougher than he could have imagined. It was hotter than usual ( 35C, 95F, most days), and the political atmosphere was tense with killings but the biggest challenge was the sudden death from a heart attack of one of the cyclists on the first day.

His fiancée and family urged them to go on and they did in memory of him, raising over £100,000 between them. Medical Aid for Palestinians will use that amazing amount to work for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees.

Matthew thanks every reader of the newsletter who contributed. If you want to know more about his ride contact the editor.

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## Another fund raiser

Zoe Peters is doing another Help for Heroes bike ride in March, this time following the path of the Burma railway which is very special to Zoe because her grandfather worked there as a prisoner of war.

She would be very grateful for any donations.

There are collecting tins that people can use e.g. in their place of work or go to [www.justgiving.com/Zoe-Peters1](http://www.justgiving.com/Zoe-Peters1) or text ZBBC 75 to 700700 followed by the amount eg £3

Contact Zoe at Clovelly, Lower Rd, or email [zap\\_zoe\\_2001@hotmail.com](mailto:zap_zoe_2001@hotmail.com)  
More details of her fund raising events and her grandfather's story in another newsletter.

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**Community Emergency Volunteer:**

John Cater 744079

**Floodwarden:**

Ken Taylor 742456

## Waste and recycling dates (November)

Mondays 2 Household waste

9 Recycling

16 Household waste

23 Recycling

30 Household waste

The paid for garden waste collections are on Thursday 12 & 26

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