

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

January 2016

What's on in January 2016 Quidhampton events in bold

Monday 4 Term begins at Sarum Academy and Bemerton St John Primary school

Thursday 7 Howard's Big 2015 Quiz 20.00 Food from 18.00

How much do you remember about 2015? Test your knowledge with our village quiz master.

Tuesday 12 Quidhampton Parish Council Village Hall 19.30 Note change of date

Friday 22 Burn's Night Supper 19.00 details below

Tuesday 26 Bemerton Film Society: The 100-year-old man who climbed out the window. St John's School 19.30 Note change of day

Thursday 28 Meeting at Hedley Davis Court, Orchard Rd, about activities for older people in the new St John's Place. 10.30 – 12.30

Advance notice

Tuesday 2 - Friday 5 February : The White Horse will be closed for 4 days for works to be carried out. Nick and Zoe apologise for any inconvenience it may cause.

Wednesday 24 February: Sovereign Set lunch at The White Horse. Book your place by 10 February: Joyce Harvey 742309

Friday 22 January Burns Night Supper The White Horse 19.00

Haggis, neeps and tatties, a wee dram o' whisky, Burns readings (if 2015 is anything to go by, these will be very entertaining), a true Scottish piper, kilts and plenty of Scottish dancing! Tickets £10 each to include all of the above.

50 tickets only due to space restrictions. Buy early to avoid disappointment.

Quidhampton Parish Council Tuesday 12 January Village Hall 19.30

This is a changed date; no meeting on Tuesday 26 January

The date was changed so more councillors could agree the budget and request the precept.

Also on the agenda will be the consultation on changes to the admissions policy of Bemerton St John's School. There is a link to the consultation documents on the school's website: <http://www.bemerton.com/home> Changes were proposed after four Quidhampton children failed to get a place at the school for September 2015 and, if agreed, will take effect from September 2017.

It is hoped the Parish Council will also hear a report from the village hall committee, following a health and safety survey of the hall.

The full agenda will be on the village noticeboard.

100 Club Winners: November

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| 1. £40 | R and E Brown |
| 2. £30 | L Smith |
| 3. £15 | C Herring |

Camilla Burgess of The Coolins is directing Salad Days at the Studio Theatre.

Auditions are on 5 and 7 January.

Contact Camilla for details 743750

From the Horse's mouth...

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope it brings you everything you hope for.

Christmas Raffle: What a night we had! 150 prizes drawn in an hour and a half – a prize every 36 seconds! Congratulations to Rich Stokes, Pat Ham-Hookey, Bill West, Jackie Dufield, Gervase Clifton-Moore and Bonzo Robbins, who won some of the star prizes including Apple iPads, laptop computer, Ken-



wood food processor, colour TV and an enormous turkey breast. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the raffle. We'll do it again next year!

Christmas Cards: the cards on sale in the pub raised £30.00 for Salisbury Hospice.

Skittles for a Turkey: the gigantic 5.5kg Turkey crown was won by Mavis Overton and we raised a further £60 for Salisbury Hospice.

The Sloe Gin competition was again well attended and full of friendly conflict. Some gins were better received than others, some had unusual 'secret ingredients' and some were entirely traditional. Congratulations to the winner Pat Ham-Hookey. 2nd and 3rd places went to Rich Stokes and Ron Smith respectively, both previous winners, so there was stern competition.

The White Horse Limoncello Competition - a new challenge for 2016.

It takes a month to make limoncello (some recipes may suggest less) and the first competition will be held on Easter Monday, 27 March

Just like the sloe gin, those who enter are those who judge, as long as they are 18 or older. See posters in the pub or website for more details.

Details of events are always on the website and our Facebook pages.

Zoe Hoare

Village News

Ron Strange, who died in December, moved into The Coolins with his wife, Barbara, in 1994. Before retirement he was an aeronautical engineer and he used his skills in retirement to build and repair bicycles which he advertised for sale at their front gate, along with the runner beans he grew. Ron was the only person in the village to have a power assisted wheelbarrow which he used when collecting firewood after strong winds, something he did well into his eighties.

Barbara died earlier this year. Ron was a true village character who will be much missed.

Congratulations to **Henry Emmett** of Wylde House, aged 17, who has been selected for the Under 19's Great Britain College Hockey Squad as one of 3 goalkeepers. He first played hockey at Broadchalke Primary school and joined Salisbury Hockey Club for three years. He then transferred to Reading and is now hoping to join Havant. His mother always drives him to training and matches, 'a bit like Judy Murray'. (Well done, Katie!)

Starting at Brockenhurst College in September meant Henry could try for the GB College team. He aims to get into the England team one day. Henry is doing A levels in PE, psychology, and community and culture and wants to go to Loughborough University to study PE. He regrets having to give up tennis to concentrate on hockey

but there have to be sacrifices when you are so passionate about something. Well done, Henry.

Olivia Churchill, teenage daughter of our parish clerk, may have served your meal at The White Horse and you may have admired her long dark hair (easily rivalling that of the Duchess of Cambridge!). But it will soon be shorter: 20 cms (8 ins) will be cut off for The Little Princess Trust, a charity that makes wigs for children who suffer hair loss through cancer treatment. Olivia has been told her hair is so thick there may be enough for two wigs, each costing £350 to make. Olivia is hoping to raise £100 to pay for two, as well as donating her hair. If you want to support Olivia with a donation you can take it into the pub or to her house (1 Tower Farm Cottages on Skew Road) or give it to the editor at Meadow Barn, Fisherman's Reach.



Zoe Peters of Clovelly has raised over £2700 of the £3700 she needs for her Help for Heroes Big Burma Bike Ride in March. (approx 217 miles). It is described as tough with some 'challenging undulations'. That's big hills in plain language, but Zoe knows what she's in for: she did the Vietnam ride in March 2014. At the time she told the newsletter that that experience was so special she wouldn't do another one but this ride is even more special : Zoe's grandfather, Albert Horner, worked on the notorious Burma railway. She is dedicating the ride to him.

If you have news of a neighbour or family member that you'd like to see in the newsletter contact the editor.

The Bus Pass Party What can be said? Good company, excellent food (especially the meringues), great fun, lots of conversation, beautiful decorations (thank you, Elizabeth Heeley), lovely singing and entertainment – it's the same every year! Thanks also to the young singers: Jemima

Richardson, Daisy Young, Isabella Argyle, Imogen Primmer and Lucy Ayton, to Audrey Catford for her poem, and to the adults who gave an impromptu version of the 12 vegetable Days of Christmas. The Snowflake competition was won by Katie Emmet's mother, Susie.

Christmas Sparkle

The Christmas concert also went well as a hall full of villagers met on the Saturday before Christmas for mulled wine, mince pies, singing and informal performances. This year Quidhampton's own retired Methodist minister, Jane Taylor of Temperance Cottages, led prayers and blessed us all.

Thanks to everyone who took part, especially Oskar Valjak and the young singers Daisy Young, Jemima Richardson and Amelia Weston, everyone who attended this friendly event and to the Parish Council for sponsoring it. The collection raised £100 for the Village Hall.



Joy Wagstaff, chief organiser, taking a break

Police report: I am often asked about the changes happening in Wilts Police and the new model of Policing to be adopted.

In a nutshell the Neighbourhood Police Teams (ie Jenny, Nicky and me from Wilton) will be combined with existing Response Officers and PCSOs in a single team based at Salisbury working a fixed shift pattern and responding to work across the south of the County. . There will be a number (unknown as yet) of 'Community Co-ordinators' to do the role I perform now. As I understand it there will be a nominated officer on each team who will be given an area of priority when duties allow that officer to be there. It is an evolving project so I cannot be more specific, other than to say it will be in place before the end of 2016. As soon as I have more information I will let you know.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!
Thanks for all your support, **PC Pete.**

St John's Place Anyone going along Lower Road must have noticed the building work at St John's and perhaps wondered what the Victorians would have made of it all, especially the bright pink safety netting. But the big bold plan to save the church has succeeded and it is set to open in February! *(I try not to use exclamation marks but that does seem truly amazing: Ed)*

Shelley Wood has been appointed part-time manager. She used to run her own gymnastics business and has also run a community centre. She begins work in January and will be at the meeting on 28th to discuss activities older people would like to see in the new centre.

This month's newsletter is paid for by Bemerton Local History Society and a resident of Nadder Lane

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Waste and recycling dates

January

Recycling Tues 5 & Mon 18

Household waste Mon 11 & 25

Paid for garden waste Thurs 21

February

Recycling Mon 1, 15 & 29

Household waste Mon 8 & 22

Paid for garden waste Thurs 4 & 18

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