

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

March 2016

What's On in March

Quidhampton events in bold

- Wednesday 2** Mother's Day Crafts organised by Friends of Bemerton School 15.15-16.15
- Thursday 3** **monthly pub quiz at The White Horse 20.15 start**
- Saturday 5** Craft Fair St Michael's community centre 09.30 – 12.30
- Sunday 6** **Mothing Sunday: special lunch with present for mum at The White Horse, booking essential**
- Thursday 17** Bemerton History Society Eve Warton talks about Brave Faces Hedley Davis Court 19.00
- Saturday 19** **SPRING COFFEE MORNING with cake competition Village Hall 10.30 – 12.00 see flyer and posters in village**
- Monday 21 – Thursday 24** Parents evenings at Bemerton St John's school
- Monday 21** Wilton Carpet Factory a talk at Wilton Community Centre 19.20 Wilton Historical Society
- Tuesday 22** **Quidhampton Parish Council Village Hall 19.30**
- Tuesday 22** Bemerton Film Society Babette's Feast St John's School 19.30 £5
A unique film about a Parisian chef who seeks refuge in a frugal Danish community in the 1870's. After several years, good fortune enables her to treat them to a lavish meal, a masterpiece of French cuisine. This film really is worth seeing.
- Thursday 24** last day of Term 4
- Thursday 24 (Maundy Thursday)** Seder meal at St Michael's. Sign up for this in St Andrews.
- Friday 25** (Good Friday) Ecumenical walk from St Michael's 10.00 to Roman Road Methodists followed by hot cross buns. 14.00 Hour by the Cross St Andrew's
- Sunday 27** Easter Day 08.00 communion St Andrews. 10.30 sung communion St Michael's
- Easter Monday 28** **Limoncello competition The White Horse**
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Work on the gas pipeline is progressing faster than planned but villagers will not be surprised to hear that the workmen are alarmed at the speed of the traffic on Lower Road.

Andy Burnett, operations project manager, asked the newsletter to include a request for drivers to slow down for their safety of his workforce.

Three Amazing Bargains

Now that the Village Hall has been converted from gas to electricity **THREE** bargains have been revealed!

First is the splendid and scarcely used

double-sized cooker in the kitchen.

Second and third are the magnificent and **highly versatile cages** that for years have protected the two gas fires in the main room.

Before these excellent bargains are offered to the general public and to local commercial outlets they are offered for sale within the village.

Anyone interested in inspecting these items should phone John Cater on 744 079

Bemerton History Society's meeting on Thursday 17 March has a

Quidhampton speaker: Eve Warton who is talking about her popular book 'Brave Faces', an entertaining and thought provoking account of her life as a WREN in the Second World War. If you haven't heard Eve talk about her book this would be a good chance to do so. It's a friendly and informal group and there is no charge. Tea and coffee provided. Hedley Davis Court, Cherry Orchard Road, 19.00

Don't forget to fill in the bus consultation questionnaire.

Copies are available at The White Horse, in Salisbury library, at council offices and online. Search for 'Wiltshire bus review'. Closing date 4 April

Village People

The newsletter is very sorry to report the death of **Terry Jennings** of The Alders who passed away suddenly at home on Saturday morning. Terry was born in Quidhampton and lived here all his life. Our thoughts are with his wife Mandy, their family and friends.

Richard Gill 1948 - 2016

Richard Gill's funeral was a very special occasion.

The ceremony included all aspects of his life but this poem, written and read by his eldest daughter Trisha, summed up what made him the person he was: a painstaking craftsman, a passionate golfer, fisherman and dog lover, a generous neighbour and friend but above all a devoted family man.

Richard and Bridget moved to Quidhampton in 1983.

Dear Dad

Growing up we loved the tales of your childhood days
You, your brothers and your naughty ways
Your sisters, the sensible ones, older and calm
Protecting each other, so you'd come to no harm

At 17 you met Mum - together for the next 50 years
Years of love, laughter and occasional tears
Your family completed when Annie and I came along
With the extended family our bonds were strong

Family came first and if anyone should call
You'd be there to help and give it your all
"I love you" are words we didn't hear much
But our lives and homes changed because of your touch

You taught us to work hard, always on the go
If it was ever a bind, you never let it show
You loved fishing and golf and being outside
And above all to have your dog by your side

We learned from you about right and wrong
And no matter what comes, to keep being strong
You fought with Parkinsons for 20 years
Determined and brave and without any tears

You're the man who fixed your hand with superglue
Of course you did, hospital definitely wasn't for you
So when you had to go in we heard some very choice words
And you repeated them loudly to be sure we all heard



Despite what you faced you had mischief in your eyes
You kept us on our toes, each day a surprise
You needed to keep busy, to while away each day
Until it was time to come home to stay

Those days were precious, funny stories to hear
Content your family, especially Mum, was near
Even at the end we could see it was you
Your sense of humour came shining through

Not one for a fuss you slipped quietly away
So I wonder what you'd think of us all here today
And now you're gone we'll try not to be sad
But instead just be proud to call you Dad

Jenny Johnson of 2 Haviland Cottages has moved to Willowcroft care home, Odstock Road. Visitors say she has a pleasant room with a nice outlook and would like to see people who knew her from the village.
Jenny was in her mid-nineties, and her departure means that **Gordon Mitchell** of Albion Bungalows is now the oldest resident. He was 93 on 31 October 2015 and was born and brought up in Elm Cottage. He and his wife, Anne, lived in Netherhampton from 1952 to 1998 when they returned to Quidhampton. Anne died in 2013

Olivia Churchill has had her hair cut. That's not normally a newsworthy item but this time she had 38 cms (15 inches) cut off to donate to the children's wig making charity The Little Princess Trust.

Her mother Clare said: 15 inches – that amazed all of us. Ben of Sweeney Hair, Fisherton Street, was kind enough to do it for free. 'Eeek!' was heard from another customer as he made the first cut. He divided her long locks into small sections before cutting each one off



and tying them into a large ponytail. The remaining hair was tidied up and styled.

Olivia would like to say a massive thank you to the White Horse and residents of Quidhampton who have been very kind and generous with their donations. She has raised £645 so far towards her target of £700. There have been many donors but Quidhampton is the biggest.

POST CARD FROM FRANCE

This is from an ex-village couple: Rick and Cilla Pickett who lived for many years at Melrose and played a very active part in village life. They left to live in France in 2011 (yes, doesn't time fly!) but get the newsletter by email and occasionally send a postcard about their life which seems very lovely.

Bonjour à tous

We are still enjoying life in France very much, but think about all our friends and lovely times in Quid often. We are very grateful to the newsletter which keeps us in touch with everything going on.

Spring is definitely on its way here. The cranes (grues) are flying over on their way to their summer breeding grounds in the north. We are in their main migration path and what a sight they are when they fly over! With a wing span of up to 2 metres and as many as 400 in formation, they mill around on a thermal to gain height, calling out to each other, then regrouping and flying onwards. The first sighting causes great excitement, with everyone contacting each other to say warm weather is on the way.

Winters can be as cold as in the UK but the hour difference and being further south mean we have an extra hour and a half of daylight in the evenings, which makes such a difference.

A bientôt Cilla et Rick

A new family is moving into Blenheim. Alexander is in and out getting it ready and will be joined by his family and dog in April. Please note: **from 22 March there will be a skip outside the garage** and then the family intend to use the garage for their car so the road should be left clear.

Good luck to Zoe Peters on her 217 mile Help for Heroes Burma Bike Ride this month. Zoe is doing it in memory of her grandfather Albert Horner who was a prisoner of war and worked on the infamous Burma Railway.

Bemerton St John school admission arrangements: Villagers will be pleased to know that the governors agreed the proposed changes which will give Quidhampton children some priority when the school is oversubscribed.

From the Horse's Mouth

How lovely to see the spring flowers!
Hopefully warmer days aren't too far away.
February was (as always) a little quieter though we still managed to pack in quite a bit. Our Valentine's menu was well received with some lovely comments and feedback, it was wonderful to welcome back 20 of the Sovereign Set for lunch, and we've have buffets, birthday lunches, skittles parties and the regular quiz.

The White Horse Cribbage Team find themselves drawing towards the end of the season and it's been really fantastic having them back in the pub.

Coming up we've got Mother's Day, St Patrick's weekend, Easter and then St George's Day in April, interspersed with games from the 6 Nations Rugby in The Loft and the Limoncello Competition on Easter Monday.

Full details are on the enclosed flyer
Zoe Hoare

100 Club Winners: January 2016

1 st	Clare Stewart	£40
2 nd	K Adlam	£30
3 rd	Peter Edge	£15

St John's Place

Shelley Wood, manager, writes: St John's Place is excited to announce that building work is on schedule and due to be completed at the end of March. We are now taking bookings for community events, activities etc. You can hire SJP for special occasions such as birthday parties or even your entire wedding venue.

To receive our introductory rates please call Shelley Wood on 07814899151 or email manager@stjohnsplace.uk.

We also have a brand new website www.stjohnsplace.uk

Salisbury and South Wilts Sports

Club Don't forget the club runs a programme of social events including coffee mornings on second Friday of the month and quizzes on the first Sunday evening.

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Waste and recycling dates, March

Paid for garden waste Thurs 3,17 & 31

Household waste Mon 7 & 21

Recycling Mon 14 & 28

April

Household waste Mon 4 & 18

Recycling Mon 11 & 25

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