

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

July & August 2016

## **What's On in July and August** *Quidhampton events in bold*

**Saturday 2nd July** School Fete, St John's School 14.00 – 16.00 with the popular annual duck race and a fantastic raffle.

**Thursday 7** Sarum Academy closed for students – professional development day

**Thursday 7 Monthly quiz The White Horse 20.15 Food from 18.30**

**Tuesday 12** Blow Up, classic film from 1966, Bemerton Film Society St John's School 19.30

**Thursday 14** St John's School: Music concert at St John's Place 18.00 – 19.00

**Monday 18 Quidhampton Village Hall AGM 19.00**

**Tuesday 19** Rounders match and barbecue: Year six v staff and parents St John's School

**Wednesday 20 White Horse Golf day: fully booked**

**Wednesday 20 Monthly Bike Night The White Horse 18.30: a ride out from the pub.**

**Pasty and chips available on return.**

**Thursday 21** Last day of term St John's school; non uniform day Sarum Academy

**Friday 22** Last day of term Sarum Academy

**Tuesday 26 Quidhampton Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19.30**

**Saturday 30: Charity Fundraiser Day The White Horse: details later.**

## **August**

**Thursday 4 Monthly quiz The White Horse 20.15**

**Wednesday 17 Monthly Bike Night The White Horse**

**Bank Holiday weekend:**

**Friday 26 August : fruit de mer night at the White Horse. Pre-orders and deposits required. Menu and booking form released early July**

**Monday 29 Bank Holiday BBQ at The White Horse from 12 noon. Live music in the garden from 14.00 in including Mustang Sally with a fiddle**

## **Village Hall AGM Monday July 18 at 19.00**

**If you want the village hall to stay open come to the AGM or send your apologies.**

*The hall reserves will last for two or perhaps three years if there are no problems. In 3 years time the lease is due to be renewed and issues such as major roof repairs will have to be faced. The present small committee is not prepared or equipped to take this on.*

*There could be a real danger of closure. Come to this meeting and show your support or send apologies (to John Cater 744079 or via newsletter editor)*

## **Peter Helyer, past headteacher of Bemerton St John school**

Many readers will be sad to hear that Peter Helyer died recently. He was a well respected and well liked headteacher of Bemerton St John's school and will have taught many villagers and their children. He was a valued colleague of Joy Wagstaff and Bea Tilbrook. Joy said, "He was a great man, one of the real gentleman heads."

**A service of celebration for his life is to be held at Salisbury United Reformed Church, Fisherton Street, on Saturday 2 July at 14.00.** Donations if desired to Salisbury Hospice or Pembroke Unit.

The newsletter is also sad to announce the death in May of **Roger Prince** of Coronation Square. Our thoughts are with his wife, Sheila.

## Parish Council Meeting 24 May

Parish clerk, Clare Churchill, reports

**Elections:** As this was the annual parish council meeting the first business was to elect a chairman. Chris Edge (previously Vice Chairman) was elected and Howard Rowley elected Vice Chairman.

Caroline Hampson resigned from the parish council and, after advertising the vacancy, Sallie Davies from Sovereign Close was co-opted. Quidhampton PC would like to thank Caroline for her contributions while on the parish council particularly in relation to changes to school admissions at St John's.

**Litter pick:** Thank you to the parishioners who helped tidy up the village at the litter pick. The parish council has a few long handled litter pickers. If you would like to borrow one (temporarily or permanently) contact the Clerk.

**The tree in the recreation ground** was felled for safety reasons. The wood is available for parishioners so please pop along with a wheelbarrow and take some for your woodpile.

**The 20mph speed limit** is currently subject to consultation. Parishioners are welcome to contact a parish councillor or the Clerk if they have any questions. The notices are displayed along Lower Rd.

**Highways.** Following the ending of the contract with Balfour Beatty the Parish Steward will return. He can do minor highway works but they must be requested by the parish council. Let Chris Edge or the Clerk know of items requiring attention and they will be added to the list. He visits once a month except in May and August. It is not a guar-

antee that it will be done but a better chance than before. Should you notice highway defects that are more serious report them using the MyWiltshire app either online or via a smart phone.

**Next meeting : Tuesday 26th July at 19.30** in the village hall. Members of the public are most welcome and there is a short period of time at the start of the meeting for parishioners to ask questions or make statements concerning the village.

**First Aid.** It is hoped to run a course in September; contact the Clerk if you are interested.

## Annual Parish Meeting:

**Mr John Cater reported on the village hall.** (see previous newsletter for report )

**Car parking:** Complaints were raised regarding cars parking on the double yellow lines along Lower Rd, particularly in the area by the western end pinch point. Please do not park on the yellow lines; it causes an obstruction and on one occasion blocked an ambulance on an emergency call to a village property. Parishioners know the yellow lines are faded but they are there and were put there to allow the flow of traffic including buses.

And while talking about parking could we remind parishioners that the solid white line painted on the southern side of Lower Rd between Skew Rd and the White Horse signifies a pavement and should not be obstructed by anything especially parked cars. ***Editor's note:** Dave Roberts who has been chair of the Parish Council for some time did not wish to stand again this year but is remaining on the Council.*

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## Letter from PC Pete Jung

Dear All Just a small, polite but firm request. I have received several complaints regarding inconsiderate parking where people's driveways are being obstructed. A real nuisance and it sometimes means that the car cannot get on the drive which means even more precious space on the road taken up unnecessarily!

In October this year there will be a re-organisation within the Police and I will

be working more on the response side of the role. Yes, it does mean late shifts and nights which I am really looking forward to! PCSO Nicola Clark, based in Wilton, will become the first point of contact and will liaise with allocated officers should there be any issues. She is an excellent officer and will be an asset to the area.

I will hand over nearer the time once we have formal confirmation hopefully the September PC meeting. Until then you are still lumbered with me! **Regards, PC Pete.**

### **Another success for Camilla**

Camilla Burgess of The Coolins has had another triumph as a director at The Studio Theatre. Her recent production of Salad Days was hugely successful and every performance sold out. Reviewers said: it was “splendidly revived”, “delightfully cheerful,” with superb costumes and a cast who were clearly enjoying themselves tremendously. Camilla says it was a wonderful play to put on. She directed it in a straightforward way, letting the innocence, charm and sense of old fashioned fun come through. The songs are particularly delightful and nostalgic.

**Praise for the village hall:** Camilla hired the village hall for three rehearsals with her cast of seventeen. She said everyone enjoyed it there, indeed preferred it to rehearsing in the theatre. It was such an easy and pleasant place to rehearse, and the mirrors were a bonus because some actors like to see their own performance. The new kitchen is “delightful. Just the right things are there”. The cast were so taken with the good atmosphere of the hall that they are keen to go back there and Camilla is thinking of organising a performance of the songs from Salad Days.

She will be recommending the hall as a rehearsal space to everyone involved in producing plays at The Studio Theatre.

*Thanks, Camilla. The hall needs all the help it can get. Don't forget to go to the AGM on 18 July or send apologies.*

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### **Viv Bass wins Carers Award**

Viv Bass of Nadder Lane was delighted to win the Marsh Award for Carers last month in recognition of the voluntary work she does supporting and advising carers.

Viv told the newsletter that carer support is essential but can be overlooked. It is so easy for carers become isolated, stressed, exhausted and less effective.

Viv knows what she is talking about. She was the sole carer for her husband Brian when he developed Alzheimer's disease and she tackled it in a very open way.

“There was no point in trying to be coy about what was happening,” she said, “so I told people including John (then landlord of The White Horse). I wanted him to understand why Brian might behave strangely towards him and other customers, so there would be no awkwardness, and he was very understanding and supportive.”

She also sought support from Carers Support Wiltshire and began attending one of their regular coffee mornings. Six years ago she became a volunteer at the carers' café in the Red Lion and when Brian had to go into a care home she was able to do more. In the past year she has supported carers who feel isolated with regular phone calls. She also attends Salisbury District Hospital Carer Café to welcome and give advice to carers identified by the hospital.

Viv hopes her win will inspire others to give volunteering a try.

*There are over 47,000 unpaid carers in Wiltshire and three in five of us will be unpaid carers at some point in our lives. As well as the social contact of the cafe Carer Support Wiltshire offers emotional support, one-to-one advice and help with accessing the information and services relevant to each carer.*

*Carer Support Wiltshire can be contacted via their website: [carersinwiltshire.co.uk](http://carersinwiltshire.co.uk) or by phone : 0800 181 4118*

*This is service is not just for those who care for older people, but for all carers.*



**From the Horse's Mouth. Zoe writes:**

**Our Beer Festival** was a huge success with 12 guest ales and 4 guest ciders, live music, BBQ etc. Thanks to everyone for their support and special thanks Bonzo Robbins for giving up his time to help with marshalling cars into the field for parking. We appreciate this very much.

**June's Bike Night** was rained off. Fingers crossed for 20th July.

**Village Fun Day: The 2016 Village Photograph** was amazing! Thank you to all who turned up despite the drizzle. Copies of the photograph are available from the pub, £2.00 for an A4 copy, £5.00 for a framed A4 copy. Full report elsewhere in the newsletter. It was lovely to see so many Dad's being treated on **Father's Day**. A proper 'family' day. **See coming events on the front page: quiz night, charity fundraising day, fruit de mer night, rock & roll bingo and bank holiday bbq, hog roast and live music.** Keep an eye on our website for more details.

## *Queen Elizabeth II and Quidhampton Essence*



Elizabeth's table decoration

with friends and neighbours and feeling glad to live somewhere with real community spirit.

The afternoon finished with a tug of war won by Bill West's team from the eastern end. It was a

real contest and very exciting to

watch. Big thanks to Rich Stokes and Bill for organising their teams. There have been lots of requests for the same event next year and even for a women's contest!

The day wouldn't have happened without Zoe and Nick and they say it wouldn't have happened without everyone who made and donated cakes and worked so hard on the refreshments. So it's thanks all round.

The sweets in a jar and coconut shy raised £55 towards the pub's charity

That's how Zoe cleverly described it and her words capture the event on Saturday 11 June perfectly. The village came together for a commemorative photo followed by tea and cake, a couple of competitions, hog roast, jugs of Pimms etc but more important was passing the time



"Tea ladies"



Coconuts – Marie Young and son Archie aged 14



Village oldest and youngest Audrey aged 93 and Primrose 3 months

of the year: Salisbury Hospice. Donations totalling £90 for teas were given to the Village Hall.

A 'sincere and heartfelt' thank you came from Bridie Chapman of Eveque Court, another one of Quidhampton's ninety plus year olds. She thanks everyone involved with the party, especially the people who helped her enjoy it.

She is beginning to get about again after a period of ill health and says individuals may not think they did much but it's surprising how much little things do help. Bridie loved the gluten free cake, especially being able to take some home. Thank you, Kate Cater.



Teams 'East' and 'West' (of the White Horse) competing

**Fiona West** returned safely from her Three Peaks Challenge and has written an account of it for the newsletter. Part Two will be published in September.

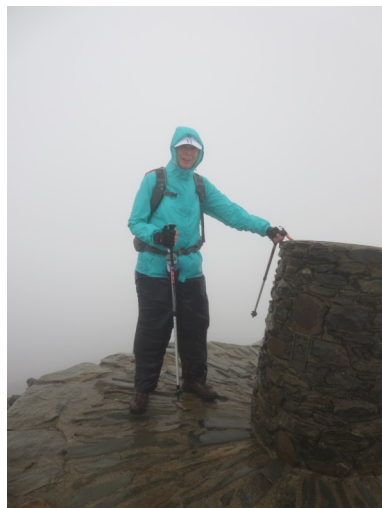
#### **Part One: Snowdon and Scafell Pike**

The weekend surpassed all my expectations, both physically and emotionally. It was all superbly organised. What stood out was the camaraderie that quickly developed in the group and the safety team, and the stories of people who had lost loved ones to meningitis e.g. Mandi, who was scattering her husband's ashes (he had died aged 30 from bacterial meningitis) on all three peaks in honour of his love of the mountains. We left Bristol at 05.00 on Friday morning, arrived at Snowdon at 09.30 and started climbing. It was raining so we were in full wet weather gear. At 13.30 I reached the summit having gone through torrential rain, sleet, and hailstones. The safety team said they had never seen weather like it on Snowdon in June, and that it was more like November.

We returned to the base with time for a quick change of clothes before we were back on the bus with wet gear hanging on any space available to try to get dry and departed for Keswick and Scafell Pike about 17.00. The plan was to start climbing at 21.30 but the traffic was bad which delayed our arrival so the time allotted for this climb had to be shortened.

22.45 we started climbing. The weather was dry and calm. Two groups set off, a fast group ahead, and slower group behind. I was in the second group with two of the safety team. One of the walkers got injured and had to go back so that left eleven of us with one safety leader. The pace of some of the group was slower and when we got to the half way point it was clear we did not have time to make it to the top, and as some already wanted to turn back the decision was made that we would all return to the coach.

It was a beautiful evening, the moon was out, the sky was clear so looking at the stars and watching the satellites go by, and later watching the sun rise, we descended. Stunning.



Fiona on the summit of Snowdon



Part two will describe the final challenge of Ben Nevis. Fiona wants to thank everyone who sponsored her and supported her along the way. She has raised over £900 online, with at least £450 more pledged.

**You can still donate at The White Horse or online: [search for Fiona West on Virgin Money Giving.](#)**

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### **St John's Centre : official opening and launch**

There were smiling faces everywhere you looked at the official opening of St John's Place by John Glenn MP on Saturday 25 June. "It's a dream come true" said Rev Simon Woodley, "and now the secret of the church can come out. Why should churches be locked away?"

The building can surely never have looked so beautiful ... well, maybe when full of villagers and flowers on a long ago Easter Sunday with the sun shining through the windows. But now, in the 21st century, clever lighting brings the intricate wooden roof into view in a way probably not seen since it was built. And the walls glow so much people kept asking whether they had been cleaned (no they haven't).

A kitchen and a small 'breakout' room are built into the north side of the nave but the arches are left free and visible and there is no doubt it is still a church as well as a stunning community space - a space that happily accommodated a well used bouncy castle and dance and keep fit demonstrations.

In the evening it was transformed for a thank you reception for donors and workers who have done so much over the past seven years. Nigel Haynes of the Core Group said the community had raised £192,000, astonishing for such a small population (Quidhampton and Bemerton). The rest of the money came from grants and special donors eg diocesan board of education. He reminded us that St John's Place must be treated as a business and urged everyone to spread the word about how good it is.



Every event needs a 'tea team'. These two served teas at the church for over 30 years. Zena Carbonito of Devizes Road on the right used to be the cook at St John's school. Lynda Macey on the left now lives near her daughter in Barnstaple but came back specially to do the teas with Zena at the launch. They can't get over no longer needing to fill buckets from the tap in the graveyard!

Behind Lynda and Zena is the new caretaker of St John's Place. And on the wall a carved saint seldom noticed before.

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**Wendy Lawrence of Pewsey** works with Bea Tilbrook to produce the biographies of the local servicemen who died in the First World War. She can often be seen in The White Horse with her husband or friends and colleagues. The editor asked her to write something about herself for the newsletter.

Born in 1946 to parents Ernest and Frances Catlin at our Marlborough Road home in Salisbury I was joined four years later by a brother, Peter. Ours was an extremely happy childhood in a home where visitors were always welcome. We also had an older half-sister Sheila.

Having passed the Eleven Plus exam at St Mark's Infant & Junior School I travelled to Gillingham Grammar School in Dorset each day by train. Here I enjoyed art, history, maths and tennis without excelling in any of them and now regret throwing my beret out of the train window on my last day! In my mid-teens I had few hobbies but enjoyed music, especially rock 'n' roll, and went to dances at the Palais in Wilton Road (above Fisherton Men's Working Club). Passing the Cathedral Hotel one evening with a friend we heard our first live jazz and were immediately hooked. Many years later I met fellow jazz fan Jim Goddard who became a dear friend and still lives in Quidhampton. He and I started a jazz club at the Greyhound Inn in Wilton in 1979. The monthly club sessions have been held at various venues since then, and now at the Livestock Market in Netherhampton Road where the club is still going strong after 37 years.



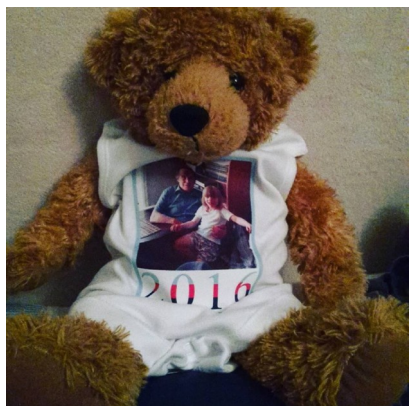
Wendy Lawrence

At the age of sixteen I joined the Salisbury Corporation and continued to work for the council until retiring from Environmental Health Services in 2006. In the meantime I married twice: James Heuston in 1969, by whom I have a wonderful daughter Lisa; and John Lawrence of Pewsey in July 2000.

Meeting a few colleagues for dinner at the White Horse four years ago I picked up a copy of the Quidhampton Village Newsletter with a flyer for a photo competition. I decided to enter the village resident category and, as instructed, sent my photos to the Editor. I only knew two people in the village, both through jazz. One was Jim, the other Geoff Crawford. And my photo of Geoff sitting in his garden won first prize.

This was my first contact with Bea Tilbrook and a few months later she kindly published a piece I wrote about the Hammett family. Realising my keen interest in family history Bea asked if I would like to help with a project to identify the forty-one men commemorated on the WWI memorial at St John's, Bemerton.

Since then I have had enormous pleasure, as well as a few headaches, tracing the family histories of these soldiers and sailors. I am proud that their full names are now read out on Remembrance Day and that Bea and I can tell their stories through the biographies that regularly appear in this newsletter. There are many more to follow.



**Well travelled bear** This teddy bear has been to Vietnam and Myanmar (Burma) with Zoe Peters on her bike rides for Help for Heroes. Here he is wearing a special tee shirt with the photo of Zoe and her grandfather, in whose honour Zoe did the second ride.

**Christian Aid Week** Jennifer Tyler would like to thank Jane Taylor for her help with the house to house collection for Christian Aid. £319.21 was raised in the village, £45 more than last year. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**Friends of Bemerton School: report by Joanna Weston:** The Quiz Night at Bemerton School was fantastic with 70 people turning up. Thank you all for coming. We raised an amazing £498 and are going to make it an annual event. **Don't forget our fete on 2 July – see front page.**

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**Do you need a reliable and caring cleaner?**

My name is Inga and I live in the village. Contact me on 744230 / mob: 07564226397 I am DBS (CRB) approved, and can provide written recommendations. Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

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**Quidhampton Quarry:** following the article in the last issue Matthews and Son, the surveyors working for Walsh, and Imerys would like to clarify the following: **The nine metre drop** remaining at the top of the slope after infill and restoration has been carefully planned for conservation reasons. It will encourage a wider variety of birds and wildlife and preserve the particular geological features found there. Crossrail was mentioned as an example of the kind of construction waste Walsh deals with and does not imply that they will work on this contract.

**Access to the site:** Gary Staddon of Imerys has been exploring alternative uses for the site since 2009. This includes the question of access from directions other than the A36 which has not been ruled out. It will need to be considered further for future use.

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**Waste and recycling dates**

Recycling: Mondays 4, 18 July and 1,  
15, 29 August

Household waste: Mondays 11, 25  
July and 8, 22 August

Paid for garden waste: Fridays 8, 22  
July and 5, 19 August

**Paid for garden waste: please note  
the change of day from Thursday  
to Friday**