

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

December 2016

What's on in December Quidhampton events in bold underlined

For details of church services see the parish Christmas card delivered with the newsletter

Thursday 1 Monthly Quiz night. Food from 18.00, quiz from 20.15

Early Christmas dinner available, complete with crackers. Booking advised

Sunday 4: advent carols St Andrew's 16.00

Wednesday 7 Sovereign Set Christmas lunch: contact Joyce Harvey 742309

Friday 9: Christmas Bazaar St John's school 15.30

Saturday 10: Bus Pass Christmas Tea Party 15.00 Village Hall

Saturday 10: Christmas Fair at St John's Place 15.00 – 17.00 and Community Carol Concert at 18.00



Sunday 11: The BIG Christmas Raffle The White Horse 16.30

Traditional pub Christmas raffle. All the ticket money goes in prizes. *Last year there were 150 prizes which included 2 iPads, a laptop, colour TV, food mixer, coffee machine, remote control truck and more than a hundred others. This year will be as good and probably better. £1 per square, available at the bar NOW!*

Monday 12: Sarum Academy Carol Service at St Thomas's church 18.30

Tuesday 13: Christmas Carols and 'A Quidhampton Christmas'

The White Horse: mulled wine, mince pies, carols and Christmas jumpers.

Christmas cheer and a good old sing song

Thursday 15: St John's school Christingle service St John's Place 14.00

Friday 16: last day of term St John's school and Sarum Academy

Sunday 18: Skittles for a Turkey: The White Horse 16.00. £1 per go, enter as many times as you wish. *Winner takes the bird*

Tuesday 27: Sloe Gin competition: The White Horse 14.30 *Make sure your entry is at the pub in good time and allow a good few hours for this year's competition...*

Thursday 29: Rock & Roll bingo The White Horse 19.30

Friday 30: Karaoke The White Horse 20.30



Saturday 31 December: The White Horse New Year's Eve party:

See in the New Year at The White Horse! We'll be celebrating with a 60's, 70's and 80's Disco, so bring your dancing shoes! Doors open at 19.30 with special offers on Prosecco & Champagne, selected spirits & shots and draught deals too. There's a delicious hot and cold buffet from about 21.00 and you can welcome in the New Year and say 'Hello 2017' with midnight fireworks. All this for £15 a head! Tickets are limited and must be bought in advance.



White Horse Christmas opening hours – see inside

St John's Place: Friday morning activities for older people will not take place on 23 or 30 December.

Term begins at Sarum Academy on Tuesday 3 January and at St John's Primary on Wednesday 4 January

WHITE HORSE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

LUNCH 12 NOON - 1.45PM

12 NOON - 9.30PM

DINNER 6PM - 8PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (SUNDAY)

BAR ONLY: 12 NOON - 2PM

BOXING DAY (MONDAY)

BAR ONLY: 12 NOON - 4PM

TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER

12 NOON - 10.30PM

SLOE GIN COMPETITION 2.30PM - 5.30PM

DINNER 6.30PM - 8.45PM

WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER

12 NOON - 2.30PM & 6PM - 10.30PM

LUNCH 12 NOON - 1.45PM

DINNER 6.30PM - 8.45PM

THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER

12 NOON - 2.30PM & 6PM - 10.30PM

LUNCH 12 NOON - 1.45PM

DINNER 6.30PM - 8.45PM

FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER

12 NOON - 2.30PM & 6PM - 10.30PM

LUNCH 12 NOON - 1.45PM

DINNER 6.30PM - 8.45PM

SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER

12 NOON UNTIL 2.30PM

LUNCH 12 NOON - 1.45PM

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY FROM 7.30PM. TICKET ONLY EVENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY

BAR ONLY: 12 NOON - 2.00PM

MONDAY 2ND JANUARY

12 NOON - 2.30PM & 6PM - 10PM

LUNCH 12 NOON - 1.45PM

DINNER 6.30PM - 8.45PM

Village Hall Events 2017: advance notice

There will be four fundraising events next year to help with the upkeep of the Village Hall. The organisers hope it will also make more people aware of what a good venue it is to hire for family events, meetings, rehearsals etc.

Wine and wedding dresses Friday 7 April 19.00 – 21.00

A display of villagers wedding dresses and photographs with competitions: date the dress and name the bride and bridegroom (or at least one of them!)

Film night with cheese and wine: date to be arranged

Jumble sale Saturday in May to be arranged

Harvest Lunch Saturday 14 October 13.00 – 15.00

If you or your company feel able to offer sponsorship towards any of these events please contact Viv Bass. And if you can help with any of them contact Maureen Goff (743587), Viv (742483) or Joy Wagstaff (743080)

The village hall can be hired for £10 an hour in winter (with heating) or £6 an hour in summer – see back page

Samara's Aid

www.samarasaidappeal.org

This is the charity that Clare and Chris Herring worked so hard for last winter when they collected clothes and other items for people in the Middle East who have been displaced by violence and persecution.

We all know the situation is no better today and millions of people are homeless, in refugee camps, unable to work or to return home.

Can you donate good quality winter clothes for all ages or items for care packs for babies?

Samara's Aid has arranged for extra lorries to go out at the end of January and Hannah Brown will collect items in the village.

Hannah will up the baby care packs. Items that are needed:

Disposable nappies and nappy bags
Baby wipes
Nappy rash cream
Sponge
Muslin squares
Baby soap bars
Pacifiers
Baby nail scissors
Cotton wool
Vests
All in one sleep suits
Blankets (can be knitted – all colours)

SYRIA & IRAQ CRISIS APPEAL

NEARLY 23.5 MILLION NEED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE*

WE NEED:
IMMACULATE CLOTHES, SHOES, BEDDING, NAPPIES & SANITARY TOWELS, WHEELCHAIRS,
ZIMMERS, CRUTCHES, FIRST AID KITS, MOSES BASKETS
+ DONATIONS FOR SHIPPING COSTS

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AID APPEAL



*21.8 MILLION COMBINED: 13.5 MILLION IN SYRIA AND 8.3 MILLION IN IRAQ, UN HCR

Bibs
Baby towels
Washing powder
Small toy

Could you add one of these to your shopping each week?

Take everything to Hannah at Meadow Glen, next to the village hall, by 14 January.

Or call and ask her to collect: 743049
hannah.g.brown@googlemail.com

Bemerton St John Primary School: School news

Friends of Bemerton School: The recent Fashion Show raised £497.50 towards the new school library. The next FOBS event is a movie night with Santa on Thursday 1 December followed by the Christmas bazaar on Friday 9 December. Thanks to everyone who brought in bottles for tombola on the recent dress down day – the total was more than the school has ever received.

The Green Day raised £164 for the NSPCC.. The collection of Christmas boxes for the **Trussell Trust** to take to people in need in Bulgaria was also very successful. What a great response to this term's value of thoughtfulness. For other important school dates see What's On.

Quidhampton Fireworks event

What a night! Perfect weather, and perhaps more people than have ever been to a Quidhampton event before. The reputation of our fireworks display has spread all over Salisbury and even beyond.

The organisers sincerely apologise to villagers who could not get tickets in the last two days. Demand was greater than ever before and by 4th November 800 tickets had been sold. For safety reasons the decision had to be taken to sell no more. Next year there will be a scheme to give Quidhampton residents priority, and the organisers will consider the best maximum number of tickets to sell.



Photo by Oskar Valjak

Those who were there saw another wonderful display but the event is now much more than that with barbecue and drinks, novelties and sweets, and entertainment before and after to keep all ages happy. Most important of all, said organiser Howard Rowley, there were lots of local people from Quidhampton and Lower Bemerton out and about happily chatting with friends and neighbours.

Thanks go once again to the magnificent pyrotechnic team led by Denese and Howard Rowley, without whom none of this could happen. Together with Chris Edge, Elton Pool and Alan Dufield they made sure the show went off seamlessly and safely.

The event organisers, Jonathan Young, Zoe, Howard, and Chris Edge, also want to thank:

- the set-up and marshal team: Ron Smith, Clive Goff, Martin Drewett, Andrew Fuller, Rich Mullett, and Sam Thake. They were responsible for having people in the right place at the right time and keeping everyone safe
- Nick Hoare for always being around to see things get done, knowing what to do and doing it. And for lots of work put in before the weekend.
- the welcoming gate stewards: Joy Wagstaff, Chris Herring, Katie Emmett and Alex Smith who greeted everyone so warmly and ensured that they knew where to go



Chris, Joy and Alex on the gate

- Richard Mullett, Andrew Bennett and Martin Drewett for organising the sparklers
- Ty and Sophie for selling the glowing novelties

- St John Ambulance (represented by Glynn Reeve) for being there, just in case.

- the Wilton Estate, Mark Game and Jackie Peters who kindly allowed us to use their fields.

- those who helped with the clean up operation on Sunday: Clive and Maureen Goff, Ron and Sylvia Smith, Pete Rennie and Dani Fox from Edgam Place, Keith Singleton, Bill West, Pete Dawson and Alison Herrod with special help from a new resident who came along with her two young children who were very keen to lend a hand. Thank you all for good-heartedly helping with the least popular of the jobs.

That the event is such a success is also due to the hard work by the White Horse staff and their volunteers. Zoe and Nick want to give special thanks to their great team who served drinks and food non-stop to so many people. "Steve, Karen,

Sharyn, Liv S, Mikala, Charlie, Joe, Alex and Emily, you all did an amazing job on a very busy, long and cold night."

And to all the 'pub' volunteers: Sue, Karen, Paula, Bob P and Pete: "We really couldn't have done it without your help and support."

At least one visiting family said, "All the queuing was forgiven when we saw the fireworks. What a display!"

Apologies if any names have been left out. It is a real village event, with so many people deserving thanks. And as the indefatigable Zoe says: "Here's to next year!"

Jonathan Young would like to thank the Parish Council for their contribution, and is pleased to report that £1030 was raised for the Village Entertainment Fund which supports events in the village such as the bus pass party and last year's children's pumpkin party.

All village event organisers are encouraged to apply to the fund.

100 Club winners

September

1st F Walton
2nd A Bennett
3rd The Fullers

October

1st L Valjak
2nd S Thornton
3rd T Nash.

Bonzo has recovered good use of his hand and arm but is still in hospital. His left leg is proving stubborn but as the newsletter went to press he reported there was the first tiny sign of movement. He is in good spirits and is very grateful to everyone who visits him. He is in Fairleigh Ward.

A big thank you

Editor's note: I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone in thanking the newsletter deliverers once again for giving up their time to make sure people get their copy of the newsletter. The world isn't entirely digital and most Quidhampton residents seem to prefer the paper copy that drops through their letterbox at the beginning of the month.

So thanks to Ted Thornton, Viv Bass, Jim Gale, Graham and Elizabeth Heeley, Sam Thake and Chris and Clare Herring.

If you would like to get the newsletter by email as well as through your front door just email the editor and your name will go on the list.

Brian Overton of Coronation Square died in hospital on 3 November. The following is an edited version of the tribute that was read at his funeral.

Brian was born in 1943 in Salisbury, and spent his childhood in Windsor Street with his parents Dorothy and Edward and his brother and sister Allan and Jean. He also had an elder sister Margaret who lived away.

Brian started work at Moores shoe repairers in Salisbury and shortly after that met Phyllis Blake. They married in February 1965 and moved to

Waterditchampton where he started a new job as a forestry woodsman on the Wilton Estate. He was also a part-time fireman in Wilton. Brian and Phyllis had five children: Tracey, Tania, Samantha, Julie and Daniel.

In 1974 they moved to Quidhampton, and Brian began work as a telephone engineer with British Telecom (then the GPO). He was there for many years and made lifelong friends.

Brian always had a great love of the sea and anything maritime. His children remember stories he told them of Frances Drake, Nelson and the Titanic. It was a tradition of his to take them into Salisbury market on a Saturday morning where they would have to endure a plate of cockles (with lots of vinegar) from the cockle man Peter Johnson. Peter retired several years ago but came to Brian's funeral, another example of the lifelong friendships he made.

He was a keen sea fisherman and spent many weekends on the choppy seas with his work pals. His children remember how they loved to watch him behead and gut his catch at the kitchen sink with his special fishing knife. He had extensive knowledge of underwater species and shipwrecks, a favourite being Portland Bill. Brian's marriage to Phyllis ended in 1986 and four years later he married Mavis. They enjoyed holidays together in



Cornwall and Devon and also trips abroad to Tenerife and Corfu and a couple of cruises. He still enjoyed sea fishing but was also happy spending time in the garden with the grandchildren of his extended family and the seven grandchildren from his first marriage: Luke, Natalie, Megan, Zachary, Chloe, Grace and Jacob. He was affectionately known to them as Grumpy Grandad. After taking early retirement from British Telecom at 50, Brian worked first as a part time warehouseman then ended his working days as a member of the housekeeping team at Salisbury District Hospital.

He never lost his love of the sea and would often be found listening to the shipping forecast on his computer. *Brian was a real local and lived in the village for 42 years. That kind of life is rarer these days and perhaps communities are the poorer for it.*

Editor's note: *Brian thought a lot of his family and traced much of his family history, particularly his parents' and grandparents' generations. This was in the days before the internet so involved much energy and persistence travelling to different record offices and getting information by post. I always admired the effort he put into this. Researchers today have a much easier time of it.*

Parish Council Matters

At the meeting in November the following matters were discussed

- the problem of visibility on Wilton Road – traffic and pedestrians, especially people who wait at the bus stops on the north side which is likely to be the responsibility of Network Rail.
- the new football nets will be put up.
- the precept for 2017/18 was set at the same level as 2015/16. It had been increased for this year (2016/17) to cover the cost of the 20 mph limit on Lower Road which is to be expected to be in place by the end of March 2017.
- the problems caused by faded yellow and white lines on the roads were discussed. This has been reported and is 'on the list'. Villagers are again asked to be considerate in parking, and to bear in mind the need of the bus to come through, especially at the Coronation Square end of Lower Road.
- New village noticeboard: this will be on the agenda of the next meeting

Quidhampton playground: a group of parents is collecting ideas for new equipment and these will be discussed at the next meeting.

If you have ideas or are interested in the playground contact the parish clerk (see back page) or Abi 743129 Abi.kingston@talk21.com

A member of the public spoke about the state of the Lower Road footpath from Quidhampton as far as Bemerton Farm. It is overgrown, slippery with leaves etc. and very difficult for walkers and parents taking children to school.

This is not a full report of everything at the meeting. Minutes will be on the notice board in due course.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 January 2017

A memorial service for Roger Eagle of Bemerton will be held on **Monday 19 December at 14.00** at St John's Place. Everyone who knew Roger is welcome but a brief message to tell the family you are coming on 01722 322337 will help with catering.

The White Horse Christmas Menu: must be booked in advance. 2 courses £19, 3 courses £24, both with coffee. Bookings are well up on last year so be sure to book early.

Free to a good home:

Microwave oven in good condition and good working order
3 seater settee and reclining chair very good condition Phone 07743262237.
Will have to be collected

TWO BIKES FOR SALE **Racing Green Victoria Pendleton Ash-** **well ladies bicycle**

Brown leather saddle and handlebars
with front wicker basket
One year old

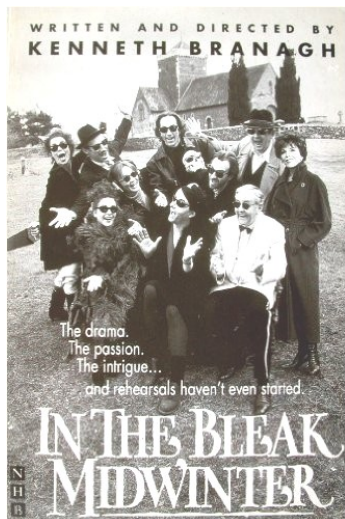
Hardly used: £175
Contact Johanna on 01722 742277
(evenings or answerphone)

Halford's
Indi Katapult
Juniors bike
Four years
old but only
used twice
£105

Ring Henry 07824098462



**Bemerton Film Society: In the Bleak
Midwinter 15 certificate**



**Tuesday 13
December**

**St John's
school :**

**doors open
19.00 start
19.30
Entrance £7
to include
mince pies
and mulled
wine**

This, the final film to be shown in St John's school, belies its title and is a romantic comedy drama written and directed by Kenneth Branagh. It tells the story of an out-of-work and disillusioned actor who puts on his own production of Hamlet in a village hall. The cast are a motley collection of oddballs, drunks and incompetents played by such real life actors as Joan Collins, Richard Briers, Nicholas Farrell and John Sessions.

One critic said, "The film offers ninety-eight minutes of pure fun".

Perhaps of more lasting importance is last month's news from the society: *"We now have planning permission and funding to install new top-quality projection equipment in St John's Place, thanks to the magnificent efforts of our architect and fundraisers. Hopefully we can start 2017 with our inaugural screening in SJP, with greatly improved sound, picture and comfort."*

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Ken Taylor 742456

Waste and recycling dates

December

Recycling Mon 5 & 19
Household waste Mon 12 & Tues 27
Paid for garden waste Fri 9 & 23

This month's newsletter is paid for by
Gervase Clifton-Moore of 8 Sovereign Close.
A very happy resident of Quidhampton since
March 2008.