

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

April 2017

What's on in April

Tuesday 4 Zumba Gold exercise Village Hall 19.00 – 20.00 *book a place: see below*

Thursday 6 Charity Quiz night at The White Horse with quizmaster Howard Rowley.

Food available from 18.30 (booking advised), quiz from 20.00

Friday 7 Last day of school term

Saturday 8 Milestone Marriages Free Village Hall event 12.00 – 15.00

Wednesday 12: Bemerton Film Society at St Johns Place: The Grand Seduction

Thursday 13: Bemerton History Society: AGM and talk about the lost church of St Clements, Mill Road. 19.30 Hedley Davis Court

Thursday 13 Maundy Thursday service 19.30 St Michael's

with 'watch and pray' til midnight

Friday 14 Good Friday: ecumenical walk with stations of the cross from St Michael's 10.00 to the Methodists for hot cross buns about 11.00

Good Friday: The White Horse is open all day. Rock & Roll bingo from 20.00

Sunday 16: Easter Day 08.00 St Andrews and 10.00 St Michael's Communion services as usual

Wednesday 19 Sovereign Set lunch The White Horse a women's lunch group set up after the W.I. closed. 1 course £8.50, 2 courses £11.50. *Contact Joyce Harvey for menu and confirm by 9 April. 742309*

Monday 24 Start of new school term

Tuesday 25 *extra exercise session to be confirmed: ring 742843*

Every Tuesday at The White Horse

STEAK NIGHT IS BACK: 2 STEAKS & A BOTTLE OF WINE FOR £25!

Rump steak with all the trimmings or gammon steak, topped with egg, pineapple or both.

Limited availability so booking advised, served 18.30 – 20.30.

Every Tuesday at the Village Hall except 11 and 18 April

2Quidy Social Club 13.00 – 14.30 £2

Every Friday at St John's Place except Good Friday 14 April

Coffee morning with activities and specialists. £5. Your first session is free!

All ages welcome

Tuesday 4 April 19.00 – 20.00 pm

FUN and FITNESS at Quidhampton Village Hall

Back by popular demand! Zumba Gold with Kirstie Pugh

Perfect for mature adults, beginners, anyone looking for low impact exercise

"As long as you're moving you're doing it right"

Spaces are limited. Entry: £6 includes donation to the village hall.

Contact Sabine Dawson to book your space: 01722 742843 sabine-dance@btinternet.com

Join us for another fun filled dance fitness session.

YOU KNOW IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

(To be confirmed: Tues 25 April : an extra exercise evening will be arranged if there is enough interest from village residents)

More road works: closure of the A3094

The resurfacing of the entire length of the A3094 Netherhampton Road to Harnham will be completed from **13 – 21 April**. There will again be daytime closure of the A3094 which means no access to the A36 from the A3094 or vice versa except for access from Lower Road to Coronation Square properties before the Park Wall Junction.

Arrangements for buses will be the same as before: the only daytime village bus stop will be a temporary stop at The Alders, at the bottom of Footshill

BUT it could be different in the Wilton direction this time because it was difficult for some buses to go up Footshill. There will be notices on the bus stops.

As before buses to Salisbury at 08.08 and 10.17 will not be able to call at

Quidhampton because a bigger bus, which cannot use Footshill, is used on those days.

MILESTONE MARRIAGES

Saturday 8 April 12.00 – 15.00 in the Village Hall

A display of wedding dresses old and new

“Guess the year of the wedding photograph”

Enjoy a glass of Buck's Fizz, a canape and piece of wedding cake

Pop in to see how weddings have changed over the years and guess who is in the photos

There is no charge but donations for the hall are welcome

For details contact : *Maureen Goff (743587) Elizabeth Heeley (743571)*

Viv Bass (742483) Joy Wagstaff (7843080)

Advance notices: May / June

Jumble sale 13 May Village Hall

Lunch for East Africa in the village hall – watch out for date, contact Jane Taylor 744534 if you would like to help

White Horse annual beer festival: 2 – 4 June

Bemerton Film Society 12th April St John's Place

Doors open 19.15 Film starts 19.45 ends about 21.40 entrance £5

The Grand Seduction (Canadian 2014):

This sparkling comedy is set in a pretty but recession hit Newfoundland harbour town where fishermen are out of work and morale is low. Then they hear a petro chemical company will build a plant there with hundreds of jobs if the town is a proper community with a resident doctor. Somehow the mayor blackmails a plastic surgeon to come for a month to fool the oil

executives, and then the townspeople devise ever more complex and eccentric schemes to seduce him into staying.

One film critic said, “The plot doesn't make a whole lot of sense if you think about it for longer than five seconds.

But it's graceful and sweet and wise where it counts, and often brilliantly acted, and it made me laugh.”



2Quiddy Club: every Tuesday Village Hall 13.00 – 14.30

This new weekly social club for residents of Quidhampton is going from strength to strength. It is so pleasant to have somewhere to go for a cake, coffee or tea, catch up with people and have a chat. And to get on with knitting, swap books, look at crafts, etc. Or just drop in for half an hour to say hello.

Hannah Brown and Hannah Kinnell are really pleased with the way their idea has taken off. Hannah Brown said "I'm so happy about it and was thrilled with all the different people turning up last time. It's so lovely seeing a community come together and I really hope it continues...I think everyone had a great natter with at least one person!!"



Hannah Kinnell (on the left) and Hannah Brown, whose hard work and cheerfulness have made the 2Quiddy Club a success.

Nothing “From the Horse’s Mouth” this month. Zoe and Nick are still recovering from serving a record 81 meals in two sittings on Mothering Sunday. Zoe said 60 people wanted places after they were fully booked. So you’d better book early if you want Easter lunch there!

A story with a warning Zoe and Nick had another adventure this month. Robin Dominy and family from Salisbury have Sunday lunch at The White Horse every week. After their lunch on 5 March Robin decided to walk down Lock’s Lane and back up through the woods to look at the snowdrops while the rest of his family went straight home. Lovely idea, the snowdrops would be fading a week later. But it was that Sunday when, between sunny spells, there were extremely violent rainstorms, and Robin is in his eighties. Later that afternoon the family rang to see if he had gone back to the White Horse because he hadn’t turned up at home. Nick and Zoe, who could so easily have said, “No, he’s not here,” and left them to sort it out, felt very uneasy and asked Pete and Danni Rennie of Coronation Square to help look for him. Very soon it

was getting dark and the rain was more constant.

It took almost two hours but they did find him, finally alerted by Pete’s dog. Robin, who had no waterproofs and was already wet through, had stepped on a log and slipped into the boggy stream.

He managed to get to the bank but could not get up it because of the shock and the weight of his wet clothing so he was just sitting there, using his green umbrella to cover himself. It also camouflaged him. When they reached him he was barely conscious and his core temperature was very low but he was extremely lucky and went home from hospital the next day. Lots to learn from that: take waterproofs, don’t walk alone if you are vulnerable (and that includes being elderly, however much you might want to deny it), take a phone, watch the weather, etc. These are things we should already know. But did you know quite what heroes we have running our pub? And how great their friends are? It was a lucky day for Quidhampton when Zoe and Nick decided they wanted to take on The White Horse.

Great British Spring Clean Weekend

There was a great turnout for this and though it was hard work everyone seemed to enjoy themselves - see photo. Also present were Clive Goff, Chris Edge and Eve Warton.

Part of the enjoyment was using the village hall for a meeting place and going back afterwards

for hot drinks and bacon baps as well as cake.

What a brilliant idea!

Thanks to Howard Rowley and Chris Edge for organising



it on behalf of the Parish Council. And to Denese Rowley for the cooking.

Message from Chris Edge, chair of the Parish Council: thanks to everyone for turning out and doing such a good job. Unfortunately litter is an on-going issue. If you're out walking in the village could you think about taking a bag and picking up what you can? It all helps.

Jumble sale in aid of village hall funds: Saturday 13 May

Please collect/sort out jumble, bric a brac and books for this. Viv Thomas can collect: ring 556890

Samara's Aid: Hannah Brown is again organising a collection that will go to refugee camps in **May**. This time she is collecting only items for baby packs and knitted items for any age, including blankets and baby blankets. Call 743049 for details. A pattern for knitting a baby blanket from odd balls of wool is available at 2Quidy Club.

Quidhampton Art Show 23 September

Ken Taylor writes: At least four artists from the village are going to put on an exhibition on Saturday 23 September in the Village Hall: Ken Taylor, Helen Kirby, Audrey Catford and Jane Taylor. Joining the painters will be Sandie Smith and Jennifer Tyler with hand made cards and tapestry work. It's the idea that exhibitors should live in the village, but that can be flexible depending on interest and numbers.

If you are interested, contact me on 742456 right away,

or email kentaylor47is@gmail.com

A meeting will be organized in late April to discuss the event.

Quidhampton buses: the Salisbury Journal reported that Wiltshire Council is cutting some bus services. It is good to know that Quidhampton is unaffected.

Village Hall Public Meeting 15 February 2017

Twenty people attended the meeting about the possibility of the village hall lease not being renewed in 2019. Counting the village hall committee and apologies thirty villagers responded.

It is fair to say that the members of the committee were surprised when most of the people who spoke said they were against renewing the lease. They cited the few village events, lack of help, falling attendance at even the bus pass party, lack of interest from younger people and the contrast with the days of the gardening club, the W.I., and village entertainments. The doubters felt times had changed, the hall wasn't modern enough to be an attractive venue and it was time to 'let it go'.

Is there a brighter view?

Certainly. Not all these points could be made at the meeting so they must be read as the editor's opinion

'Where are the other villagers, especially younger people?'

The large majority of attendees were retired but it is harder for working parents to come to an evening meeting, and some were away because it was half term. Some sent apologies e.g. Dave Roberts, ex-chair of the Parish Council, and Zoe Hoare, of The White Horse, both very supportive and offering practical help.

'Where are the young people to join the committee to organise events?'

New events are already being organised, some by younger people: fitness classes, 2Quidy Club, fundraising events

(Milestone Marriages, jumble sale and others), and an art display. The bus pass party and the Christmas concert are always run independently.

The committee organises the business side of things: bookings, caretaking, finance etc. Does it need an events organiser?

What should happen next?

There are already more events going on than in the last few years, and people are supporting them. (*see the rest of the newsletter!*)

Dave Roberts wrote: "The key to the hall's success is understanding what it can do well - what is its niche? And then try and make things happen - 'cos if we don't try we will never know."

Whatever your political views most people agree we are living in difficult times and often feel powerless. But we can influence what happens in our little part of the world and try to make it better. The hall is the only place for the village to come together as a community. We have an excellent pub - it's difficult to imagine a better one - but it is not suitable for all events nor is everyone comfortable in a pub or can afford to go there regularly. If it were to close again what would we be without the village hall? A suburb?

Yes, the hall is small and parking is difficult - but it is local and cheap.

Activities may grow enough to secure a renewal of the lease or they may not.

I do not want to be part of the generation that let the hall go without trying.

Red kites: a pair of red kites has been seen flying over the village. These once endangered and still protected birds of prey were reintroduced into Buckinghamshire (and other areas) in the early 1990s. They are not welcomed by everyone but they are a magnificent sight, reddish brown with pale wing patches, and easy to identify by their forked tail and wing span of 1.5 to 1.7 metres (5 to 5 and a half feet.)



First World War project

The Parish Council initiated this project whereby the biographies of the First World War servicemen named on the Lych Gate war memorial at St John's are published in the newsletter in the month that marks the 100th anniversary of their death. Prayers are said for them and their families at the morning service at St Andrews nearest to the date.

15 men were killed in 1917, by far the greatest number. The villages of Quidhampton and Bemerton must have been badly affected by this. Only two of their men were killed in 1915 and four in 1916.

Wendy Lawrence of Pewsey and Bea Tilbrook do the research and writing and are becoming more and more interested in the social history of the time as revealed in the lives of these ordinary men.



William Henry Hayter 1893 – 1917 **Private 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment**

Private William Hayter, aged 23, was killed on 9th April 1917 on the first day of the attack on the Hindenburg line. He was buried in Bucquoy Road Cemetery near Ficheux but later rearrangements, including bringing in burials from surrounding battlefields, meant not all the graves could be identified. William Hayter's name is one of 23 on a special memorial for those known to be buried in an unidentified grave.

Family Background

As with many of the servicemen who are being remembered, William's family came from outside the parish.

Both his mother and father's families were originally labourers from Tisbury. His paternal great grandfather moved to Swallowcliffe and in 1871 was described as "inspector of works for the Earl of Pembroke".

His maternal grandfather also moved there for a time when he was landlord of the Royal Oak and ran the twice-weekly carrier service to Salisbury.

The ties to Tisbury must have been very strong however because "native of Tisbury" is on William's military record and he was baptised there although he never lived there.

William's father, William J Hayter, was born in Swallowcliffe in 1861 and became a blacksmith's apprentice. His father was at various times a farm labourer, panel maker, woodman, and a pond maker. William's brothers included a master baker, another blacksmith, a railway worker and a well sinker.

The brothers had to leave the village to find work as blacksmiths and William went to

Semington, returning in 1892 to marry Lucy Furnell, of Tisbury, who had worked as a servant and later helped run The Crown Inn at Wardour.

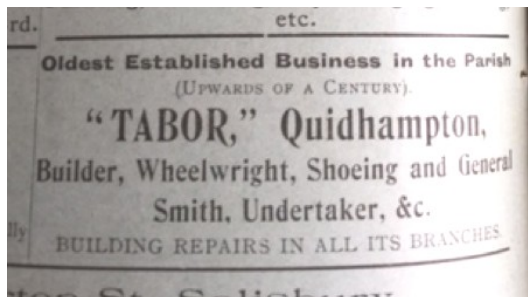
They moved to West Knoyle where their son William Henry (known as Willie) was born and then to Fovant where daughter Cecilia Nellie was born in 1895. We cannot know why William changed jobs but the Fovant blacksmith had several sons to work in his business so yet another move was not surprising and in 1901 William was in Quidhampton, working as a



Rookery Cottage Swallowcliffe (since extended) where the Hayter family lived for several generations. *Drawing by Mike Corfield, husband of Pam, daughter of one of William H Hayter's cousins.*

“wheelwright’s smith”.

With no blacksmith or wheelwright in Bemerton it is most likely he worked in Quidhampton for Tabor – see advertisement from the parish magazine.



James Tabor’s yard was between the Old School House and Bell House. When the school closed in 1880 (after extensions and improvements to Bemerton school) the Tabor family bought the building and used it as a carpenter’s workshop. In 1903 they acquired a steam-powered engine. In 1901 the Hayters lived at 2 Tinkerpit Hill, one of the pair of cottages next to Wilton Road, but they soon moved into Bemerton and settled in Elm Cottage on the south side of Lower Road (on the bend next to the then newly built three redbrick cottages before Bridge House).

William Henry Hayter

Willie lived in at least five houses and four villages before he was fourteen and presumably went to school in Fovant and Bemerton (admission registers rarely survive). In 1911, when he was 17, he was a ‘domestic under-gardener’ so he could have worked for the rector, or at any of the large houses in the village or beyond.

Military service

Willie was 20 when war began and his medal records show he was not part of the first campaign in France. There is no way of knowing whether he volunteered later or whether he was conscripted.

The 2nd Battalion, a regular battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment, spent the entire war in France and Flanders, fighting from trenches. Twice their losses were so severe they became part of a composite battalion. At the end of 1916 they were south of Arras,

which was to be part of the next big combined action, a diversionary offensive to draw German troops away from a French attack. The 2nd Wiltshires were part of the attack on the Hindenburg Line on 9 April. They captured two villages but suffered heavy casualties on open land in front of the Line. “The ranks of the attackers were considerably depleted” by the time they got to the wire which, despite intense artillery bombardment the previous day, was not sufficiently damaged to allow them to enter the trenches. The few remaining officers collected the 90 unwounded men and consolidated a position in a sunken road until they were relieved. Total casualties were 16 officers and 353 other ranks. The next day a volunteer party went back and picked up ten men who had been wounded, but Willie Hayter was not among them.

Thinking he would have a known grave his mother, Lucy, chose the words “Our own loved Willie” for his headstone.

The battle of Arras was eventually counted as a British success but casualties were very high.

Subsequent family history

Willie’s father died of stomach cancer in February 1919 and his mother died in 1929. Both are buried at St John’s. Lucy was living at 1 The Cote which has been identified as part of Afon Cottage when it was two homes. Willie’s sister Cecilia married Arthur Kilford of Amesbury in 1927 and they settled in Douglas Haig Road, Salisbury. They had three daughters but contact has not been made with any descendants.

Bea and Wendy would be pleased to receive any information about the following : Children of Cecilia and Arthur Kilford: Audrey Kilford who married Peter Urion; Tryphena J Kilford (known as Joyce) who married Reginald Nicholson and Beryl Kilford who married Edgar Cook.

Willie Hayter will be remembered in the morning service at St Andrews on Sunday 9 April

The printing of this biography has been paid for by Eve Warton of Quidhampton, our oldest surviving WWII servicewoman



Harold Alfred Stone 1894 - 1917 Private 7th Battalion Wiltshire regiment

Private Harold Stone, age 22, was killed on 25 April 1917 while fighting in Greece, close to the Macedonian border. His body was never found and he is commemorated on the memorial in Doiran military cemetery, near the shore of Lake Doiran.

Family Background

Harold Stone's parents, Albert Stone and Selina Deacon, married in 1882. They each had ten brothers and sisters who survived to adulthood, and nine children themselves.

The lives of this large family give an interesting glimpse of social mobility and changing patterns of employment at the time.

Selina Deacon's family came from the Fordingbridge area where her father was a gardener. Like most of her seven sisters she became a domestic servant and probably met Albert when she was working for the Presbyterian Minister in Holdenhurst and he was a grocer's assistant in Boscombe.

Albert Stone was brought up in Milton on the edge of the New Forest where his father was an agricultural labourer. Although seven of his eight brothers were agricultural labourers at one time (three were ploughboys before they were thirteen) all but one left farm work and found more steady employment for the rest of their lives. Two were railway inspectors and one an engine driver, three were gardeners in large houses and one worked in a brewery. Unlike Albert most moved no further than south Hampshire or east Dorset in their search for work.

Albert and Selina moved to Salisbury and in 1891 were living in Gigant Street with five children. Albert had his own business: Albert Stone and Co., Grocers, at 25 Trinity Street.

The family attended St Martin's church and in 1894 Albert Stone was appointed joint overseer of the parish. Historically this position was 'overseer of the poor' and included collecting the poor rate but by 1894 local government changes meant responsibility for this had generally passed from the church. It indicates, however, that Albert Stone had some standing in the parish.

By 1901 things had changed: Albert was an insurance agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, and the family, now with eight children, lived in Helena Terrace, College Street. Being an insurance agent was something many tried at the time but Albert presumably found it unsuccessful: by 1910 he was again a grocer's assistant, working at the Co-operative Society and living at 5 Bright's Villas, Bemerton.

Harold Alfred Stone

Harold was the seventh of the nine children, and went to St Martin's school, although his two younger brothers went to Bemerton St John's where the youngest won a prize for 'best kept garden plot' in 1916.

By the time they moved to Bemerton Harold was an apprentice bootmaker, a good position but, like so many others, his apprenticeship would never be completed.

Military service

1914 and 1915 Harold volunteered in 1914, aged 20, and was allocated to the 7th Wiltshire battalion, one of three formed from the new recruits. A long period of training followed: there were stories of an initial lack of equipment and uniforms.

Finally, on 22 September 1915, the battalion sailed for France. It was a very different war to the one envisaged when the men volunteered but it was to be nearly a year before they took part in front line combat. First the battalion was held in reserve at the battle of Loos. 'Instruction in the trenches' began for officers on 28 October but just as they were about to take over the front line they were posted to Greece. Bulgaria had joined the war on 11 October.

29 officers and 905 other ranks boarded HMS Hannibal at Marseilles on 13 November. The weather changed from 'cold and wet' to 'fine and hot' and there must have been some pleasure in sailing across the Mediterranean. Arriving in Greece on 21 November they camped on hills outside Salonika to construct defences against expected attacks.

1916 The work on defences continued. In April brigade exercises were introduced but

otherwise the men dug trenches until the middle of June with one five day break for road making. On 21 June a month's training began after which the battalion, with a machine gun section, moved to the front line at Kalinova. Their first four deaths in action came on 22 August when an isolated attack by the Bulgarians was defeated.

In October the battalion moved to the front line facing the town of Doiran where they improved the trenches and dugouts and were often shelled though with few losses.

1917 In January battalion baths were opened where 60 men could bathe at one time. The Bulgarians became more active and there were regular casualties, about one death a week. In early April the battalion was withdrawn for training for their long-awaited attack preceded by days of heavy bombardment and wire cutting.

The assault on the Bulgarian front line began on the evening of 24th April. The battalion was met with devastating fire, from trenches packed with troops. In places the barbed wire remained uncut. The war diary records: "The company was forced to lie down in shell holes in front of the wire. A few got into the enemy trenches but were not seen again. By this time all the officers had become casualties." They were ordered to withdraw. The next day was quiet after dawn and the enemy "did not interfere" when stretcher parties brought the wounded in.

Harold Stone was one of 116 from the battalion who lost their lives that night, a night of great violence and loss that brought to an end the battalion's 'lucky run' of war service.

Subsequent family history

Three of Harold's brothers served in the war; their stories will be told later. Three sisters and one brother moved away from the area.

Harold's oldest brother Albert, a bricklayer, married after the war and lived in Devizes Road and Canadian Avenue. He died in 1946 and his wife Martha in 1982. Their daughter Patricia married Raymond Shergold.

Harold's youngest brother, Cyril Joseph, was a locomotive foreman and lived at 48 St Andrews Road with his wife Mildred until at least the 1940s. They moved to Basingstoke



be near one of their sons.

Herbert Roland, a brother who also worked on the railways, moved to Sandleheath in the 1930s with his wife Louise and daughter Gwendoline. He died in 1939 but in 1948 Louise married Arthur Waters of Bemerton and they lived at 6 St Andrews Road where Louise died in 1974. Both are buried at St John's. Gwendoline married Ivor Waters (Arthur's son) and had three children, Clive, Marisa and Brenda, who live locally. We thank Clive for the photograph of his mother with her parents, Louise (known as Elsie) and Herbert Stone, Harold's older brother. Clive believes it was taken in 1925, in the garden of a house in St Andrews Road and that the older woman is Selina, mother of Harold.

Harold's parents are buried in Devizes Road cemetery. Selina died in 1926 and Albert in 1945, both living in St Andrews Road, probably with their youngest child, Cyril.

Research and writing by Wendy Lawrence and Bea Tilbrook

Harold Stone will be remembered in the morning service at St Andrews on Sunday 30 April.

The printing of this biography has been paid for by Mike Moody of St Andrews Road Bemerton

A good problem to have: a request from Rev Simon Woodley

On Christmas Eve, at 18.00 there is a traditional carol service in St Andrews that used to attract 20 to 30 people, but the last 2 years it has been full to bursting. Over-full in fact.

Given that there is only one door (which opens inwards), much wooden and flammable material, and some elderly people and infants attending, we decided to institute a maximum number. This has caused some distress to those who did not manage to get in, and to those who think the church should never turn people away.

So with 8 months till we face it again, I wanted to ask for your opinion and suggestions. Should we issue tickets? Should we have 2 services? Should we move it to St Johns Place and lose the atmosphere? Do we simply warn people that it's first come, first seated?

It's a good problem to have, but it is a problem.

Let me know what you think. revwoodley@yahoo.co.uk, or snail mail to St Michael's Rectory, St Michael's Rd, SP2 9LE



**Friends of
Bemerton
School.**

Jo Weston
reports:

The March March to raise money for a defibrillator was a huge success. It was a wonderful walk and fortunately the weather was kind.

The expected 10 miles turned into 12.5 but everyone was in great spirits. Thanks to kind donations from local business

and personal donations we exceeded our target of £2500. The final total will be known later. *Well done to the committee. Especially the Quidhampton members: Jo Weston and Marie Young*



Does your son or daughter want to learn or improve their Spanish?

A request from Sarah Eagle, daughter of Clare Eagle of Bemerton

My now adult son had a very successful Spanish Language exchange with a lovely family who live in Malaga, and they still visit one another. Their younger son, who is thirteen in September would be interested in an exchange with someone of a similar age and disposition. The Spanish family will be visiting us in Bristol and Salisbury in early April so there's an opportunity to meet them. Pablo is very musical and the family thinks it would be good if he could be with another child (boy or girl) who plays an instrument.

Contact Sarah Eagle on 07880 644594 or saraheag@gmail.com

Other Parish Council Matters

The Parish Council met on **28 March** with Howard Rowley in the chair.

Present: Councillors Viv Bass, Paul Cripps, Zoe Hoare, Dave Roberts and Ken Taylor.

Apologies accepted from Chris Edge.

Also present: Parish Clerk Clare Churchill, Wiltshire Councillor Peter Edge, and three members of the public for parts of the meeting.

20mph limit 20 mph stickers for wheelie bins: a pack of 100 will be ordered initially and they will be available to residents on request in The White Horse and at 2Quidy Club.

Only bins put out on Lower Road will qualify.

The clerk will write to the bus company and taxi companies about keeping to the 20 mph limit, and to any other company observed to be breaking it regularly.

A metrocount is taken six months after the limit is officially implemented which was 1 January in Quidhampton. Once the results of this are known a Community Speed Watch scheme in Lower Road can be considered.

Other traffic matters

Now the A3094 has been resurfaced at the junction with Lower Road it is possible to have a metrocount in the best position: across the road from the triangular island to avoid recording vehicles slowing down to turn into or out of Lower Road. Lesa Drewett of Quidhampton Mill has requested this and was at the meeting to ask for the support of the Parish Council. The Council agreed to support it and to ask to see the 'raw data', and for the raw data from an earlier metrocount done nearer the traffic lights in 2014. Paul Cripps explained that a mean or average figure can be meaningless: there may be a lot of traffic going slowly and the same amount of traffic going well above the limit. That poses more danger than if all the traffic were doing the average speed.

Inconsiderate parking: this is still a problem, especially in the western end of the village, despite notices being issued by traffic wardens. The clerk will ask for more enforcement.

The Parish Council would be interested to hear from any residents who have ideas for improving the parking situation.

Village Noticeboard

Various ideas were discussed. It was noted that the existing posts could not be used as the concrete was broken but it was hoped the same holes could be used with new posts. It was decided that designs and quotations for a new noticeboard should be obtained, the board to be longer than the present one, with doors on the side facing the pavement. Zoe Hoare and the Parish Clerk would do this.

The idea of having a map of the village on the other side of the noticeboard, with postcodes as well as the list of house names, was agreed. Paul Cripps would work on this.

Recreation Ground

There has been no response to a request for details of the playground equipment required.

Mowing of footpaths and recreation ground and storage of the mower: the parish council accepted Pete Dawson's offer and charges to do this work. A previous volunteer for the mowing was not able to provide storage.

Village Signs Some of the village signs e.g. Egdam Place are looking the worse for wear. Wiltshire Council no longer repair or renew these. Is there a volunteer who would be willing to paint one or two? All materials will be supplied by the Parish Council.

Dementia Champion The Area Board has resolved to ask each parish to nominate a dementia champion. The natural and qualified choice was Viv Bass who agreed to take this on. She will arrange a Dementia Friends session in the village hall.

Date of next meeting: 17 May.

All agenda items to be sent to the clerk by 09.00 on Friday 5 May

Have you thought of hiring the village hall for a family party?

Very reasonable rates: £10 an hour winter (includes heating); £6 summer

New number for bookings: 556890 (not Sundays)

Or email Sabine Dawson at: sabinedance@btinternet.com

Bookings are not confirmed until the booking form is returned

Newspaper delivery

Thanks to Carl and Emma Romano for their efficient, friendly, reliable and early newspaper delivery service during the last four years. Everyone who has used them will be very sorry that they have had to close their successful business. Newspapers will now be delivered by Martin McColls of 34 Blue Boar Row SP1 1AD 01722 326313 – but the Quidhampton deliverer will initially be Carl .

100 Club winners

January

1st Alan Dufield

2nd Sam Thake

3rd Orson Hogarth

February

1st Bonzo

2nd Jennifer Tyler

3rd T Chappell

Editor's note: *I would like to thank the many people who offered to take over the newsletter delivery rounds of Jim Goddard and Ted Thornton. It is lovely to know the newsletter is so valued and that there is such community spirit in the village. Ann and Dave Barnes of Wylve Close will be doing both rounds, and everyone else has been put on the list of relief deliverers.*

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