

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

May 2017

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## What's on in May

### **Monday 1 Bank Holiday**

Key Stage Three exam week Sarum Academy (years 7-9)

**Wednesday 3** 19.00 Parents Forum meeting, Bemerton St John's School

**Thursday 4 Monthly charity quiz at The White Horse: food from 18.30, quiz 20.15**

**Friday 5** Chiropractic speaker at St John's Place 10.45 - see below

**Monday 8 - Friday 12:** SATS tests for Year six pupils

**Wednesday 10:** Bemerton Film Society: Brooklyn, St John's Place, door open 19.15

**Friday 12 Rock and Roll bingo at The White Horse: special menu from 18.30**

**Saturday 13: Jumble Sale Village Hall** see below

**Wednesday 17: monthly bike night The White Horse. Meal deal for bikers**

**Wednesday 17: Quidhampton Annual Parish Meeting 19.00 in the Village Hall**  
followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council see page 2

**Wednesday 24: White Horse Ryder Cup golf day** see page 2

**Thursday 25:** Bemerton History Society meeting 19.30 Hedley Davis Court, see page 6

**Friday 26:** Dress Down Day St John's school – take bottles for the tombola.

Non-uniform Sarum Academy

**Monday 29 Bank holiday** and school termly break all week, including St John's staff training day Monday 5 June. Sarum Academy pupils back 5 June.

### **Every Saturday at The White Horse: Steak Night**

Two steaks and a bottle of wine for £25.00. Rump or gammon. Booking advised. Served 18.30 – 20.30

### **Every Tuesday at the Village Hall**

2Quidy Social Club 13.00 – 14.30 £2

### **Every Friday at St John's Place 10.00 – 12.00**

Social coffee morning with activities, not just for over 50's! £5 First session free

Friday 5 May: chiropractic talk with tips and Q&A from Afon House Chiropractic Clinic

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## **JUMBLE SALE**

**Saturday 13 May 13.00 - 15.00**  
**in Quidhampton Village Hall**

Good quality jumble, books, bric a brac etc

Entry 30p

Coffee tea and biscuits available.

**Friday 12 May 16.00 Setting up** - please bring your donations along at that time.  
*If you would like to have your donations collected ring Viv Thomas on 556890*

## **The White Horse beer festival**

**Fri 2 – Sun 4 June**

Live music from

The Lost Keys Band on Friday night  
Mustang Sally on Saturday afternoon  
and evening

The 524 Band on the Sunday  
afternoon

12 guest ales, guest ciders, The  
Wonky Donkey Gin Bar, BBQ, hog  
roasts etc.

## **Parish Council Elections, from Clare Churchill, parish clerk**

### **Two meetings on Wednesday 17 May**

On Wednesday 17 May (please note change of date for legal reasons) there will be the two statutory parish meetings in the village hall.

**The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) at 19.00.** This is not a parish council meeting but is organised by the parish council and is an opportunity for the parish to hear what has been happening in the past year and what is planned for the forthcoming year.

It usually lasts no longer than half an hour. If you are involved in a village group and would like to make a report please contact Clare Churchill.

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM)** will be held after the APM, and will start no earlier than **19.15**. (This is often referred to as an AGM.) The agenda will be on the village notice board and on the website.

### **Parish Council Vacancies**

At the Election on 4 May, six parishioners are standing for the parish council and will be elected unopposed. They are: Viv Bass, Paul Cripps, Sallie Davies, Zoe Hoare, Howard Rowley and Ken Taylor.

### **Co-options**

This means there are three vacancies on Quidhampton Parish Council which may be filled by co-option. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of May, July, September, November, January and March plus additional meetings if required (usually for planning). Please contact Clare Churchill if you are interested and would like to know more.

Recent achievements of the parish council include getting the 20mph limit through the village, ensuring the parish remained Quidhampton parish rather than being absorbed into Salisbury and making representation to St John's Primary school for changes to the admission policy to reflect more fairly the position of Quidhampton children.

### **White Horse 'Ryder Cup' Golf Day**

**All day event on Wednesday May  
24th at Wellow Golf Club.**

£50 for the whole day includes breakfast and lunch at the Golf Club and dinner at The White Horse.

Buggies can be hired at the club separately.

Spaces are limited, so it's a first come first served basis.

Details of the team golf competition are in the pub.

Organised by Howard Rowley

### **Jane Taylor of Alexandra Cottages writes:**

I am organising **a soup and bread lunch in the village hall on Saturday 24 June** in aid of people still suffering severe famine in parts of East Africa. Although the issue seems to have dropped from news bulletins the need is still there.

Please put the date in your diary and let me know if you can help - the more help we have the more we can do e.g. a few stalls, perhaps a raffle? Home-made cakes?

Thank you. Jane Taylor, 744534,  
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## Not again!

There have been fresh complaints about bags of dog poo being put into the wheelie bins of residents of Sovereign Close.

Jeremy Sainsbury said, "I would love to think it isn't villagers doing this to villagers but it must be. No-one else walks their dogs here. And it is such a shame when so many people do a lot to promote the community in this village" There is a public bin round the corner, by the telephone box in Lower Road, just a few steps away. Please use it.

## Wine and Cheese evening in aid of the NSPCC Saturday 10 June Wilton Community Centre

Audrey Potter of Wilton has a long association with Quidhampton through the W.I. and the Sovereign Set lunch group. She is involved with the organisation of this annual event to which Quidhampton residents are warmly invited. Tickets are £10 and include the first glass of wine. Ring Audrey if you are interested: 01722 744180

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## SAMARA'S AID APPEAL: more items wanted

### Deadline: end of May

Hannah Brown is still collecting items for baby packs and new knitted clothes and blankets but the appeal has widened to include **packs for families and dignity bags for women.**



If you were able to add one of the following to your shopping and take it along to Hannah you would be helping dispossessed people in great need:

Toothbrushes, and toothpaste, soap bars (no liquid) and plastic box for soap, roll on deodorant (no glass or aerosols), sanitary towels (no tampons), panty liners, packs of knickers, hairbrush, nail clippers/scissors, tubs of face/hand cream and vaseline, cotton wool, colouring books, felt pens.

**Can you sew?** The dignity bags for women are 34 x 44 cm drawstring bags and Hannah would love to receive some of those too.

**No time to do any of this?** How about donating toward the cost of transporting the items?

Contact Hannah at Meadow Glen on 743049 to arrange to hand over your donated items or cash by the end of the month.

**NB no second hand clothes this time.** (give them to the jumble sale?)

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## Hello from a new villager

Hello, my name is Philippa Coleman and I have recently moved from Landford to a bungalow in Quidhampton with my husband Richard and my son, also called Richard. We moved here because the local bus service and shops are more regular and convenient.

We have a small dog called Bruno that we adopted when my father died. Bruno enjoys the walks in and around the area but his housemate, a large female

tortoiseshell cat, is taking her time to settle in. I have nice friendly neighbours and enjoy the local community spirit. I will get to know more about the area and the local people as time passes.

*Phillippa goes regularly to the Tuesday 2Quidy Club which is a good way to meet other villagers.*

*If you are new to the village have you thought about writing a short piece for the newsletter? It's all about our local community and you are part of it!*

## Jim's Obituary

*Villagers were saddened by the sudden death of Jim Goddard of Edgam Place at the end of last year.*

*The crematorium was packed for his funeral and the tribute to him included much about his life that current villagers did not know. His cousins are happy for it to be printed in the newsletter with the addition of some information about his life in Quidhampton. Wendy Lawrence, a close friend for over thirty-five years, said, "Jim was definitely a very private person and there is a lot that many of us don't know about him - or perhaps each person knows a little but not the same bits as other people. One thing is for sure, he was very popular and the life and soul of any party – he had a wonderful sense of humour and always made people laugh, even his postcards were amusing - he seemed to know just the fun thing to write and always brought a smile".*



Wilfred James Goddard, always known as Jim, was born in Salisbury, the only child of Alfred, who worked on the railways, and Elsie.

In 1935, when he was five, his family moved into 4 Edgam Place where, apart from national service and some time in South Africa, he lived for the rest of his life.

Jim went to Wilton secondary school and left at fifteen. The system then meant many youngsters left with no formal qualifications but Jim had a special aptitude for maths and English.

## Employment

Jim worked first as an apprentice at The International Tea Company's Stores in Wilton. At nineteen he did his National Service in the Royal Artillery and served as a Regimental clerk in the UK and in Germany.

After that he spent a year as an assistant at Salisbury jewellers, Saqui and Lawrence, before joining E V Naish Felt Mills in Wilton, for fifteen years, working his way up to maintenance foreman.

In 1963 Jim married Margaret Hockey from Stapleford but the marriage lasted only a couple of years. In 1967 he moved to South Africa for three years working first for Maroc Carpets and Textiles, then for Associated Fire Services who made fire protection equipment. Perhaps his interest in maintaining the fire engine at Naish's led him into fire protection.

Jim returned from South Africa to look after his terminally ill father who died 1974 and he later cared for his mother who died in 1986. Jim worked for Chubb Fire for 10 years and on being made redundant set up Nationwide Fire Protection with two colleagues. Their firm closed after twenty years when one of the partners died. Not wanting to retire completely Jim carried on servicing fire extinguishers for a few customers up until his death.

## Jim's interests

When younger Jim was a keen gardener and a very keen racing cyclist, winning cups and medals. He rode for Salisbury Road Club, competing in time trials over distances up to 100 miles and in 12 hour events which included riding on tarmac tracks and cross country time trials using fixed wheel for brakes (there were no off road mountain bikes then!). Jim was toastmaster at the annual club dinners, a role requiring a good sense of humour and

quite a few jokes. He was very good at it. When older he took up Petanque (boules) joining the Pitton club where he was a team captain until last year.

Jim's real love, however, was jazz and in 1979 he and Wendy Lawrence founded the Salisbury Jazz club in the Greyhound pub, Wilton, a club they have both attended ever since. It now meets at the Stockman's Lounge at the cattle market and it was there that Jim had his last dance before going on holiday in December.



Jim's love of jazz took him all over the country. Wendy said, "He always ensured his visits to customers coincided with a jazz date somewhere and consequently he had friends all over the south of England. There are still ladies who ask after him at festivals I attend!" Later his interest in jazz led him to travel to other European countries and to the US. His family has said that he even, for a time, acted as a roadie for a jazz band.

Yet Jim also found time to play a part in village life and after the VE Day celebrations in 1995 he was an active member of the Village Entertainments committee. Among other duties he was, of course, in charge of the fire safety at all events. He took part in all the village entertainments: many still remember his monologue as a cowboy in Oklahampton. And those who saw it say they will never forget the sight of him walking down the village street to a Titanic themed supper evening in the village hall. While his companion, Deen, was in stylish evening dress Jim wore pyjamas, dressing gown, slippers and a shower cap.



He attended village events regularly and particularly enjoyed Burns Night. He was a newsletter deliverer until his death and had been a 100 Club collector until the end of 2015.

Always the adventurer, for his last birthday Jim had a flight in a light aircraft from Compton Abbas Airfield and greatly enjoyed taking over the controls for a time.

Jim's passion for jazz fuelled his love of travelling even further and in the last twenty years he and Deen went on many holidays to exotic places including New Orleans,

India (many times) and Tunisia. It is somehow fitting that Jim and Deen were on holiday in Tenerife when he died, aged 86, on 31 December 2016, four days before they were due to return.

Several nationally known figures from the jazz world attended Jim's funeral and the internationally known trombonist, Ian Bateman, played a piece for him during the service: 'Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans?' The exit music was Duke Ellington's recording of 'Take the A Train,' a choice affectionately combining Jim's love of jazz and travel.

## **Great news about our local school**

Bemerton St John Primary School is proud to announce they have been graded as OUTSTANDING after a recent SIAMS report. (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.) Jonathan Young, chair of governors, says the inspectors were particularly impressed with the way the core values of perseverance, thankfulness, thoughtfulness, fairness, and respect strongly underpin all aspects of the school's work. The November newsletter reported how these words are displayed on colourful value boards in the playground.

The report also said, "Behaviour is exemplary, with politeness and respect clearly evident, both inside and outside of the classrooms."

Well done to everyone at the school for such a successful report.

The results of the recent OFSTED inspection will be known soon.

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## **What's On in Bemerton**

**Sunday Brunch:** a chance to get to know more neighbours  
Monthly Sunday brunch at St John's Place 10.00 – 12.00 starting 14 May.  
Newspapers, coffee, bacon sarnies and conversation, with games for the children.

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**Bemerton History Society: date change to Thursday 25 May**  
**Hedley Davis Court, Cherry Orchard Lane, 19.30, admission free, all welcome.**

The result of the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for "Bridging Generations" will not be known until mid-May so the later date means it will be a more informed session. The project aims to bring young and old together to look at past and present life in the villages. If the bid is unsuccessful there will be short reports from people doing research and plenty of discussion!

## **Milestone Marriages**

This must have been one of the most successful and happiest events ever held in the village hall! What is it about weddings that attracts so much interest and nostalgia and good humour? All were there in abundance on Saturday 8 April.

Visitors were greeted by the 1930 Austin 7 'Chummy' that Christopher and Clare Herring used for their honeymoon, complete with flowery decorations and a honeymoon photo of the car and the Eiffel Tower.

Inside the hall were tempting canapés, including pineapple and cheese on sticks from the sixties, a glass of bubbly presented by the elegantly attired Alex Smith, and a Heeley quiz about about royal weddings, but the main attraction was undoubtedly the display of dresses and photos.

The most fascinating dress was the one worn by Joy Wagstaff's mother at her wartime wedding - it was made of parachute silk. But the different styles and fabrics were all interesting ranging from 1950's sweeping full or ballerina length with long sleeves to the figure hugging low cut dresses of today. As expected the photos drew many exclamations of astonishment as people's younger selves were revealed.

Much admiration was expressed for the brides who could still get into their dresses and did so, including Maria Young and Alison Watts.

When people eventually left they could take a piece of wedding cake in a napkin home with them. For the editor this brought back memories of putting pieces of cake into little square decorated boxes that were then posted to family and friends who couldn't come to the wedding. How times change, and how pleasant it is to think about these special occasions in our lives and share them again.





Thank you to everyone who helped with this occasion especially Elizabeth and Graham Heeley, the main organisers and the golden wedding couple, assisted by Viv Bass, Maureen Goff and Joy Wagstaff.

Sponsors generously covered the total cost of the event. Donations on the day amounted to £186 which goes to the village hall.

*This brilliant idea may well spread to other areas. At least one visitor said she was going to suggest it to her village.*





## WWI project: can you help? Do you remember the Curtis and Enticott families?

The next serviceman to be killed in the First World War was **William Curtis** and his biography will appear next month. He was from a local family with roots in Quidhampton and Bemerton.

William had 13 siblings: 12 sisters, 1 brother. We have local details of the following and would love to hear from anyone who could help us contact them

**Lilian Curtis**, sister of William, married **William Enticott**, a train driver. They lived at Brierley Lower Road Bemerton (anyone know where that was?).

William Enticott died in 1948 and Lilian in 1983 when she was living at 61 Lower Road.

They had one child: **David Charles Enticott** who lived at 16 Downsway (on the Castle Rd estate) and was buried at St John's in July 2007.

David Enticott had two daughters: Linda who married Richard Cornish in 1995, and Wendy Ann who married Andrew Young in 1994.

David Enticott also reported the death of his aunt, the youngest of the 13 siblings: **Dorothy Gladys Curtis** who died at 61 Lower Rd in December 1996 aged 89.

She presumably went on living there or moved in after her sister Lilian died. She never married.

*Please contact the newsletter editor if you know anything about this family. It is only by contacting descendants that we can get photos of the men who died. The families are generally delighted to know of the way their ancestors are being remembered.*

This month's newsletter has been paid for by two villagers who wish to remain anonymous

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## **Waste and recycling dates**

### **May**

Household waste Mon 1, 15 and 29

Recycling Mon 8 and 22

Paid for garden waste Fri 12 and 26

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