

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

July & August 2017

What's on in July

Building work means The White Horse will be closed at weekday lunchtimes until 11 July. Evenings and weekends: normal opening. Entry to the car park is restricted.

Thursday 6: monthly charity pub quiz at The White Horse: food from 18.30, quiz from 20.15 Prizes of wine, chocolate and a £25 White Horse Gift Voucher.

Sunday 8: Bemerton brunch in St John's Place 10.00 – 12.00

Wednesday 12: The diving bell and the butterfly Bemerton Film Society 19.45 St John's Place Entrance £6

Friday 14 Rock 'n' roll bingo at The White Horse 20.00, no R&R bingo in August

Tuesday 18: Wildlife on the Nadder a talk at St John's Place 19.30

Wednesday 19: bike night at The White Horse from 18.00 weather permitting. Ride out from the pub and bikers supper laid on

Friday 21: end of term St John's Primary and Sarum Academy

Tuesday 25: Parish Council Meeting Quidhampton Village Hall 19.30. Villagers are welcome to attend and express their views about matters concerning the village at the beginning of the meeting but they cannot contribute to discussion once the meeting has started. Items for the agenda should be with the clerk (details on back page) as soon as possible. The agenda is displayed on the village notice board.

Friday 28: Seafood and steak night at the White Horse: shellfish, seafood and steaks. Booking essential, deposit required by 21 July. Full menu available online or from the pub.

St Michael's Café on Bemerton Heath will be closed from 31 July to 29 August

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Wednesday 9 August: I, Daniel Blake Bemerton Film Society 19.45 St John's Place

Saturday 12: the White Horse closed in the evening: private booking

Sunday 13: Bemerton brunch St John's Place 10.00 – 12.00

Wednesday 16: Bike night at The White Horse – as July

23 August: Wednesday 23 Sovereign Set lunch at The White Horse. Contact Joyce Harvey before August 16th for details and menu: 742309

Tuesday 5 September: first day of term St John's Primary school.

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT IS STEAK NIGHT at The WHITE HORSE

2 steaks & a bottle of wine for £25!
18.30 – 20.30

Choose a rump steak with all the trimmings or a gammon steak, topped with egg or pineapple or both.

Limited availability so booking advised

Tuesdays at the Village Hall:

2Quidy club continues: a friendly get together with tea, coffee and homemade cake 13.00 – 14.30

Last meeting 18 July.

Closed in August.

Open again 5 September.

Every Friday morning at St John's Place (except 4 and 25 August)

social coffee morning with activities for everyone. Gentle exercise classes, short mat bowls, dance demonstrations, happy songs, Digital Champion and guest speakers.

Sample programme:

Friday 14 July: 10.15 Chiropractic tips and advice with chiropractors from Afon House Clinic
10.45 Coffee break and question and answer session with guest speaker
11.15 gentle yoga

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From the Horse's mouth. Zoe Hoare writes:

Despite the on-going building work, we are trying to maintain a sense of normality here at the pub. We are hoping that we will be able to re-open for lunches from Tuesday 11 July. Access to the car park remains restricted so please be careful if you are driving up the driveway. In the meantime, we apologise for the lack of lunchtime service, the noise and the dust. All other usual events are taking place.

Our ever-popular steak deal continues on Saturday evenings (2 steaks and a bottle of wine for £25) and there's a traditional roast every Sunday lunchtime. Booking is advised for both.

We have a Seafood and Steak Night on Friday 28 July, so if you're a lover of seafood, shellfish or steaks take a look on the website and you'll find the menu.

Lunch for East Africa

Jane Taylor is delighted to report that the 'simple soup and bread lunch' in the village hall raised £330, plus some gift aid. She wants to thank Jennifer Tyler who organised the raffle, helped her prepare the room and provided a display about the work done by the Tyler family in Kenya. Clare from Bemerton was amazed to see it involved the teacher she had when she was at school there. If you didn't attend the event or just gave cash or a prize for the raffle you missed a friendly and interesting occasion – and the soup. Jane made three varieties, and they were delicious.

Jane says: Thanks to everyone who donated in any way and supported the event on the day.

She has also given an update about Bonzo: *Bonzo is at Bemerton Lodge, Christie Miller Road for the foreseeable future. I called there yesterday afternoon and took him some sweet-peas from my garden but he was out with his daughter, Mandy, so he phoned to thank me. He seems contented and really appreciates seeing visitors.*

What's on next at the Village Hall?

Village Art exhibition 23 September
Pumpkin Day Saturday 14 October
Christmas concert get-together
18 December
2Quid club every Tuesday

Children's party coming up? Have you thought about holding your next children's party in the village hall? It costs only £6 an hour in summer and could save a lot of wear and tear on your home!

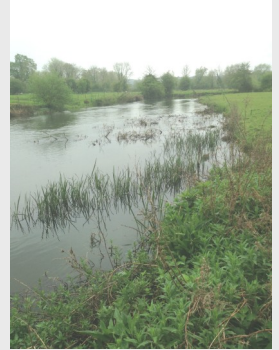


“Wildlife on the Nadder” : Wiltshire Wildlife Trust St John’s Place Tuesday 18 July 19.30 FREE

Come and hear about the prize winning major project to restore the river Nadder to a more natural state for the benefit of wildlife and people.

Work has already been done on the river in Quidhampton and as far as Bemerton recreation ground where volunteers and specialist contractors are restoring natural flows and improving conditions for birds, fish, invertebrates and freshwater mammals.

The river Avon and its tributaries are a unique and fragile habitat protected by a string of international designations. All the rivers and streams in its area are SSSI: sites of special scientific interest.



Watch out: goings on in Quidhampton

Villagers who do not get the Quidhampton Community emails may not be aware of this: **Offers of gardening work:** several villagers expressed some distrust of two men with a white van who knocked on doors in early June offering to do gardening work or asking to borrow a ladder for work they were doing. Others reported that they said they were doing some work for a neighbour (which turned out not to be true) and could fit you in. One villager paid them to do some gardening but they wanted more money to finish it and more to take away the cuttings etc.

Remember, honest workmen will not expect full payment up front. If you do employ a casual workman make sure you make it clear what is included in the price, and be cautious e.g. don't leave doors open or valuables lying around in full view while strangers work in your garden.

Valerie O'Keefe, who is now the area board health and well being champion, found a trusted gardener for a Quidhampton member of the Thursday Club for older people. But it's not just elderly people who

can be taken in. Remember what PC Pete used to say: don't be ashamed of being taken in by a 'con person' - they are very good at what they do. Just be cautious and alert.

Opportunistic theft? In the early evening of Monday 26 June there was a theft of chainsaws from a van on Lower Road while the owner, who always takes his equipment out of the van for safe overnight storage, was unloading it. He was away from the van for about a minute.

This is a sad but necessary reminder not to leave any doors or windows unsecured for even the shortest of times.

Nicola Clarke PCSO reports that tool thefts are still occurring in our area. Don't be complacent; always lock sheds and vehicles.

Reporting crime: do not use Nicola's email for anything that needs a speedy response. For that you should use 999 if life is in danger or a crime is in progress. In a non-emergency call 101.

If you want to be on the Quidhampton community email list send your email address to the newsletter editor.

The work of Bea Tilbrook and Wendy Lawrence goes on, reflecting the progress of the First World War as the numbers killed from this parish increased. Three men were killed in July and August 1917, each from a different branch of the armed forces. Their stories follow in the next 6 pages.



Walter Inkpen 1886 – 1917

Private Walter Inkpen of the Army Service Corps, aged thirty, died of wounds in France on **27 July 1917** and was buried in the Menin Road South Military Cemetery. He will be remembered in St Andrews Church at morning service on Sunday 30 July.



Menin Road South cemetery in Ypres

Road where they had three children, all baptised at St John's.

Walter, meanwhile, was a grocer's clerk and assistant in Fordingbridge until 1909 when he left "to improve his position"* and opened a small grocer's shop in St Andrews Road.

By 1912 their parents were also living in Bemerton. Walter snr, by then 56, also

opened a grocery shop. This was at 223 Wilton Road, and was known as The Stores, Skew Bridge. Walter's grandfather had died in 1909 and Walter snr had inherited an amount worth £11000 today in two instalments. Perhaps this enabled them to move out of farming and into Bemerton.

Family History

Walter Inkpen's family were from Dorset where his great grandfather was a thatcher. His grandfather William became a farm bailiff and later had his own farm at Chettle.

Walter's father (also called Walter) was first a carter and groom but he too became a farm bailiff and then a farmer. He and his wife Annie, daughter of a Scottish miner, had nine children, two of whom died in infancy. Walter was their sixth child, and the only one born in Stratford-sub-Castle. By 1892 they had settled in the Fordingbridge area which was where Walter jnr went to school and started work.

Moving to Bemerton

Walter's oldest brother, William, was in the Army Pay Corps and in 1906 he was posted to Salisbury. With his wife, Annie, he moved to 2 Southside, St Andrews

Life in the army

In February 1915 Walter volunteered for the army. He was five feet six and a quarter inches tall, had a chest measurement of 35 inches, blue eyes, brown hair and weighed 154 lbs. He described himself as a clerk and joined the Army Supply Corps (ASC). At its peak the ASC numbered 10,500 officers and 315,000 men. They were trained to fight as infantry but records of their movements were not kept.

Fortunately some of Walter's service record survives. He sailed to France in September 1915 and so was awarded the 15 star for those who saw active service before 1916. He was allocated to ASC supply which meant the provision of food, petrol and lubricants, fuel and light, hospital supplies and disinfectants. Other sections were transport (mechanical and horse), labouring (e.g. railways and docks) and

base depots (running the main stores, and organisation and administration). Apart from 12 days home leave in November 1916 Walter was on active service throughout with no recorded period of sickness. In June 1917 he was transferred to the 3rd Army Australian Division whose numbers were reduced because of sickness. They were preparing to take part in the 3rd battle of Ypres due to begin on 31 July but on 27 July the 96th Field Ambulance reported that Walter Inkpen had died of wounds received in action.

Field ambulances were not vehicles but mobile front line medical units, staffed by the Royal Army Medical Corps. At full strength a field ambulance would have 10 officers and 224 men, including some from the ASC.

Walter's body lies in the Menin Road South Military Cemetery in Belgium. His mother chose "Peace, perfect peace" to be inscribed on his headstone.

Albert Robinson, the husband of Walter's oldest sister, was killed in Flanders six weeks before Walter's death.

Later family history

After a posting to Sierra Leone, Walter's brother William, the first of the family to move to Bemerton, was posted to Aldershot, and later settled in Basingstoke. A younger brother, James, left their father's farm in 1911, emigrated and enlisted with the Australian army. He too survived the war.

No contact has been made with family members but older readers may remember the shop Walter's parents ran near Skew Bridge. It is mentioned by Stan Cousins in his book about Quidhampton: "Boys would often run errands to ...Skew Bridge where there was a small shop. A Mrs Inkpen sold all sorts of things, including hot faggots and peas on certain days." Jessie Huggins, Walter's youngest surviving sister, took over when her parents retired. Her husband, Harold from Quidhampton,

was a motor driver. They had no children and were buried in St John's, as were her parents. Memories of either couple or the shop would be welcomed. It was still trading in the 1960's, run by a Mrs Fox.

Dennis Bannister, the grandson of Sidney Cousins, has paid for the printing of Walter Inkpen's story. Sidney's nephews and nieces would certainly have visited the Inkpen's shop on Skew Bridge.

*quote from the reference written by W King, Fordingbridge grocer, when Walter joined the army. He worked for him for seven years and had completed three years of an apprenticeship.



John Foster 1869 – 1917

John Foster served as a private in the Royal Marine Light Infantry for 21 years, then joined the reserves. In August 1914 he was drafted to the transport staff at Le Havre, France where he died from disease on **3 August 1917** and was buried in Etaples Military cemetery. At 48 he was the oldest of the parish servicemen to die in the war. He will be remembered at St Andrews Church on Sunday 6 August.

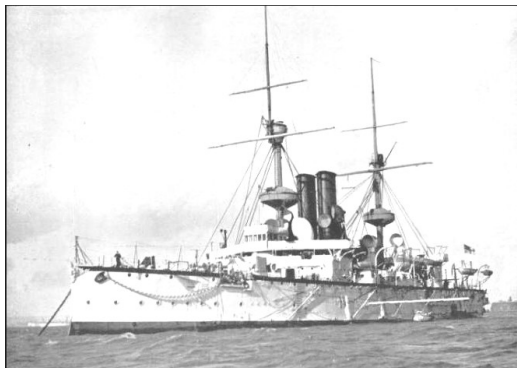
Family background

John Foster was born in Dinton where his family had lived for at least three generations. They were farm labourers and all four of his grandparents 'made their mark' when they married in the 1820's i.e. they could not write their name. (*note: this was common at this time when education was not free or accessible for ordinary people. Copies of Wiltshire marriage registers are now online so signatures can be seen*)

Until John's father's generation sons would usually follow their fathers into farm work and daughters become domestic servants. John's father, William, however, became a railway platelayer after his marriage in 1867, and none of his sons were lifelong farm labourers.

William and his wife Elizabeth, also of Dinton, had nine children. John was the second child and first son. In 1881, when he was twelve, he lived next door to his parents with his widowed grandmother, Ann. Probably they thought he could be of help to her and her seamstress daughter whose only other income was that of a lodger. It made room for William and Elizabeth to have a lodger too. Their children were still too young to work. In 1888 Ann Foster died and William and Elizabeth moved to Nadder Lane, Quidhampton, known to be a cheap place to live and nearer the railway. Their four youngest children went to Bemerton school (two were caught at work while they were underage) and three eventually worked at Wilton carpet factory. From 1897 Elizabeth's name appeared every four years on Lady Pembroke's Christmas charity list for a blanket, but she managed to make a small contribution in 1900 to the collection for the cost of the new graveyard.

Their youngest son Charles died of TB in an Isle of Wight hospital in February 1900. He was 21 and had worked at Wilton carpets for seven years. His father died seven months later and was buried in St John's. The widowed Elizabeth, two of her daughters and two



HMS Centurion, new in 1894 for long distance patrolling of the empire

illegitimate grandchildren moved to 7 Temperance Cottages.

John had not moved to Quidhampton with his parents, however. Instead he had joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry, probably inspired by his uncle John who had enlisted before he was born.

The Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMLI)

The RMLI was formed to ensure the security of officers and to keep discipline on ships and to fight the enemy either through firing from the ship or face to face. The Royal Marines Artillery was formed in 1802 and the Light Infantry took the role of being the first men off the ship, acting as 'skirmishers' in conflicts.

Uncle John spent nine years on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert as well as time in Africa. His nephew finally met him in 1887 when he returned to Dinton after 21 years service. The younger John enlisted eighteen months later and his service was as long and varied as his uncle's. He first had to take his school certificate exam, in which he did well, and later a swimming test. He was in Bombay in 1893 and returned on an old ship called Crocodile whose



Foster family photo, 1895: William and Elizabeth in Quidhampton with 6 of their 9 children

boiler exploded when they reached Aden. Other ships brought the crew back to England. In 1894 he sailed on Centurion, a brand new battleship designed for long distance patrolling of the empire. It was based in Singapore and Hong Kong and John didn't return for three years. Later he embarked for South Africa and was awarded the Kings South Africa medal for the Second Boer war in 1902 and the Africa General Service medal in 1903. Like his uncle he was awarded the long service and good conduct medal that came with what must have been a very welcome gratuity. He was finally discharged as a pensioner in 1910 and re-enlisted in the Royal Fleet Reserve, attending a week's training every year.

Back in Bemerton

John's widowed mother now found herself with a son who had a naval pension and a job: he was an attendant at Fisherton Lunatic Asylum. They moved into 1 Sidney Cottages, Bemerton and in the 1911 census she is described as having 'private means'. She was still looking after her grandson James, by then a gardener, and the first child of her youngest daughter who had moved to Hampshire with her husband.

First World War Service

When war was declared John was forty five, too old for conscription when it came, but because he was in the Royal Fleet Reserve he was mobilised to Portsmouth on 2 August 1914 and five days later drafted to the Transport Staff at the port of Le Havre in France. The Transport Staff were key personnel in the movement of men and supplies through the French ports and on to the front. He qualified for the 1914 Star, given to those who served in France or Belgium before 23 November 1914.

It must have seemed a safe place to be but on 3 August 1917 John Foster died of disease.

No other details are known of his service there or his death.

Further Family History

John's mother, Elizabeth, lived in Sidney Cottages until she died in 1923. Her oldest daughter died of TB in 1913, and her grandson, James, who lived with her all his life, died of enteric fever in 1914.

Elizabeth's second son, Tom, survived the war, dying unmarried in Bemerton in 1933. Ida, her second daughter, married widower Edwin Bryant, a neighbour from Nadder Lane.

Fanny, the next daughter, married William Burden whose parents lived at The Cote, Bemerton. Contact has been made with their grandchildren, who kindly sent the family photo.

Elizabeth, the youngest child, married Alfred James Adams of the Royal Army Medical Corps, later a machinist. They moved to Southampton but returned to Sidney Cottages in later life and were buried in St John's as were Fanny and William Burden.

It has not been possible to trace her other children.

The publication of this account has been paid for by Barb Bentham of Canada in memory of her great grandmother Clara Price and her family who lived next door to the Fosters in Nadder Lane



John Thomas Cook 1877 – 1917

Private John Thomas Cook of the 1st battalion Wiltshire regiment, a married man with three children, was killed in action on **11 August 1917** during the battle of Passchendaele. He was 39. His name is one of more than 50,000 on the Menin Gate at Ypres, names of men from the British Commonwealth killed in this area of Flanders and whose bodies were not found or identified. Another 30,000 are on the Tyne Cot memorial and two more memorials commemorate the New Zealand dead.

John Thomas Cook will be remembered at morning prayer at St Andrews on 13 August.



The Menin Gate stands astride one of the main roads out of Ypres. Every evening the road is closed at 20.00 and buglers sound the last post.

Family Background

John T Cook's father, also called John, moved to the Salisbury area in the late nineteenth century. He was a shoemaker from St Mary Bourne, Hampshire and Salisbury was a centre for that trade. In 1871 he lived in Salt Lane with his wife Mary and her nephew but they moved house several times. Their only child, John Thomas, was born in Netherhampton, and they were in Quidhampton in 1881.

Mary Cook, John Thomas's mother, died a year later after a miscarriage when John was three and his father married Eliza Eva Powell of Harnham the same year. She must have been fond of her stepson and arranged for his name to be on St Martin's Church war memorial.

In 1888 Eliza and John were living in Penny Farthing Street and she was pregnant with their fourth child when John died of TB. He had a Salvation Army funeral at St Edmunds and she was left a widow with five children, the oldest of whom was eleven.

In 1891 the family was in Meadow Cottages, The Friary. Eliza took in washing and thirteen year old John Thomas worked as a farm labourer. Ten years later they lived in Waterloo Gardens. Eliza was still a laundress working from home but she had a boarder to help her and her son was a brewer's labourer. Her oldest daughter was away, probably in

service, and the youngest two were at school.

Her stepson had left and was a porter at Covent Garden Market in London. His uncle, Thomas Cook, had lived there for over twenty years and worked as a fruit packer. In 1904 John Thomas married Edith Mary Dennis, the daughter of a London cabman. After having two sons, they moved to Salisbury settling in Bath Terrace, Wilton Road. A third son was baptised at St John's in 1909. John found work as a drayman and probably felt settled with his family.

He was 36 when war was declared.

Army Service

John Cook did not receive the 1914 or 1915 stars for war service so it is likely he was conscripted and did not volunteer. Married men were included in conscription from June 1916.

He was assigned to the 1st battalion Wiltshire regiment and was the seventh man from the parish to be killed while serving with them.

After the death of William Curtis in the battle of Messines Ridge on 11 June 1917 they had some time behind the front line in relative safety although they had to provide working parties each night during which several men were killed and more wounded.

From 27 June to 5 July they were further back for training and relaxation, including a football tournament. They beat the 76th Field Ambulance team and the team from 75th Brigade HQ. Reinforcements of 72 men arrived.

On 6 July the move to Ypres began, first in buses and lorries, then marching. From 10 – 14 July they were at the rear, and the working parties duties included burying dead animals. The war diary writer, in charge while the battalion major was on leave, clearly resented having to use his men for this work, and having them under the command of the Royal Engineers.

The working parties were suffering casualties largely due to a new mustard gas, which “destroyed the sense of smell and..... was very difficult to detect but for its first symptom: continuous sneezing..... Several hours later vomiting and affectation of the eye ensued.”

150 reinforcements arrived.

On 14 July they relieved the 10th Cheshires in the front line, four men being killed in the process. Intense artillery and shellfire destroyed new work on the trenches and gas shells dropped regularly at night. On the 19th they were relieved by the Cheshires and remained in support until 24th though working parties still went out and 5 men were killed on 23rd.

From 24 – 30 July they were back in a camp and “the men were able to get a considerable amount of rest”. They won the semi final of the football tournament and drew in the final with the Cheshire Regiment. On the 31st they set out again for Ypres, knowing the major battle was about to begin.

Again there were casualties as they took over the front line and on 2 August heavy rain made it difficult to move – the beginning of the weather conditions that were to have such an impact on this battle. There were complaints that their own artillery were shooting short, gas and phosphorus shells were used, and casualties rose.

6-8 August was a period of rest though they had to be ready to move with 30 minutes notice. Baths and clean clothes were available and everyone got a new box respirator, the old ones having been used for the 40 hour maximum. There were cinema and Pierot performances to boost morale.

On 9 August they moved to the ramparts to relieve the 11th Cheshires.

Contradictory orders came in. “In the meantime”, the diary records, “almost the entire battalion was out carrying rations to the battalions in the line.”

On 11 August they moved to the front line

in companies (240 men) but some found they were not required and had to go elsewhere. Eight men were killed that day, one of them being John Thomas Cook.

Further Family History

Edith Cook, like her husband's stepmother, was now a widow with young children. She would have received an army pension roughly equivalent to a low average pre-war wage but prices doubled during the war and her pension was reduced when each child reached sixteen. Her oldest son joined the navy in 1920 when he was fifteen and signed on for 12 years when he was 18. By 1939, however, her two younger sons were married with children and living in Barry in Wales, as was Edith. Her mother was Welsh so perhaps she eventually went to her mother's family for support.

Eliza Cook, John's stepmother, spent the last years of her life as an incapacitated patient in the Public Assistance Institution in Coombe Road Salisbury and died of dementia in the County Mental Hospital in Devizes. Her oldest daughter married a neighbour and emigrated to Canada. Her son never married and lived in the family home until his death in 1958.

Emily, the second daughter, married George Alsford, a Salisbury shoemaker who enlisted in 1915 and was later transferred from an infantry regiment to be a shoemaker with the Royal Engineers. (Newspapers often carried advertisements asking specific craftsmen to enlist.) They lived for many years in St Paul's Road and had no children.

Bessie, born after her father's death, married William Bailey a gardener and moved to London.

No contact has yet been made with any family member.

Charles Frank of Quidhampton has paid for the printing of the story of John Cook who lived in at least eight different houses in this area.

Quidhampton Villager meets Princess Anne.

Eve Warton writes:

On May 5th I was invited to join in the WRNS 100th celebration meeting at the Swordfish Centre, Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton. Princess Anne was to be there during the afternoon and had asked to meet any ex Wrens who had served during the Second World War.

I had been stationed there in 1943 as a Night Vision tester and it was where I met my husband so it was a joy to be invited and to have a chat with the Princess Royal about my time as a Wren and about my book *Brave Faces*. Sadly only one other ex Wren was fit enough to attend. This was Anne Glyn-Jones who served as a Coding Wren at Bletchley Park. She too has written a book; hers is called *Morse Code Wrens at Station X*. Unfortunately for ex Wren Anne she is very deaf so she talked to the Princess for only a few minutes. This allowed me to have her all to myself for the rest of the time allotted which was such a joy as the Princess is so easy to talk to. After five minutes I was chatting to her as if I had known her for years. I quite forgot to feel nervous and enjoyed talking about the work I did as a Wren and then about writing books and the problems of editing one in order to be sure there were no mistakes, and which publisher to use.

She wanted to know what had made me write it so late in life so I told her one of my grandchildren had asked me what I had done in the war and she said I had lived through history, our finest hour, a lovely thought. As usual I talked far too much but then so did she, as the Queen Bee Wren had to remind her that her car was waiting or she would be late for her next appointment!

It was a really happy day and once the Princess Royal had left I sold 14 copies of my book which was a lovely bonus.

The museum at the Swordfish centre is



well worth a visit and only an hour's drive away.

Editor's note: The WRNS was founded in 1917. Princess Anne is now Chief Commandant for Women in the Royal Navy and was Chief Commandant for the WRNS from 1974 until they were disbanded in the 1990s once women were able to go to sea as full members of the Royal Navy.

The Swordfish Centre is part of the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton. Volunteers at the museum have been extremely helpful in my research of parishioners who served in the navy in WWI. It is much more difficult to find naval records than army ones.

Award for St John's Place

The trustees of Bemerton Community have been awarded the Prince's Trust Award for community engagement in recognition of the way in which the community was involved in the enormous task of the successful conversion of St John's. Margaret Willmot and Anne Trevett accepted the award at the Bath and West Show. They received a crystal vase, an official certificate and a cheque for £1000. The judges described St John's Place as a "stunning multifunctional community space."

Valley News: did you see it? On page 41 of the May edition there is a 1950's photograph of workers from Naish Felt Mills, Wilton and a request for identification. Wendy Lawrence spotted that the man in the back row was Jim Goddard.

Editor's note: after one of his trips to India Jim asked me to include some special words in the newsletter, two of the saying of the Dalai Lama about 21st century life. In all the national and international troubles of this year these words are even more relevant than they were in 2013:

We've been all the way to the moon and back but we have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour.

We have more conveniences but less time.

100 Club Winners

Prizes: £40 first prize, £30 second and £15 third

March	1st	Alison Witt
	2nd	Mrs Thompson
	3rd	Ron Smith
April	1st	Chris Edge
	2nd	Fiona West
	3rd	Zoe Hoare
May	1st	Sabine Dawson
	2nd	Ian Lovett
	3rd	John Wilcox.

Bemerton Film Society

12 July: The Diving Bell and the Butterfly English subtitles

This award winning film tells the story of Jean-Dominique Bauby who, after a stroke, was unable to speak or to move any part of his body except one eyelid. A speech therapist manages to establish communication through the flutters of the eyelid and with the help of a transcriber a book describing his condition was published. The film is described as amusing and uplifting as well as sweet, sad and an amazing insight into the world of someone with his mind intact but almost complete bodily paralysis.

9 August: I, Daniel Blake

This is the recent film about the failures of the welfare system as one man who has a heart attack finds he has to stand up and fight for his dignity.

Bemerton Open Gardens

The wonderful weather made it another idyllic afternoon and £1200 was raised for St John's Place. The money will be put towards the cost of the south aisle screen which will create a separate meeting place within the church.

Bemerton St John Primary School: news

Miss Williamson will be leaving the school at the end of this term, after two years. She is moving to Dilton Marsh Primary School.

Miss Innes will be joining the school, from at a large primary school in Bristol.

Children will be able to meet their new class teachers on 5 July, the 'move up' day.

School reports will be issued on 7 July.

Sports day is on Wednesday 12 and a music concert on Thursday 13 at 18.00.

The year 6 prom with the cluster schools is on Friday 14 at Great Wishford school.

And finally the leavers assembly is on Friday 21 at 13.30. What a lot teachers do for their pupils these days. Let's hope they

show their appreciation!

At a recent parents forum the headteacher reminded parents that the right to use the path **through the cricket ground** remains only as long as no one walks on the cricket pitch and no dogs are brought along it. It is very important to the school and the community as it reduces the number of cars on Lower Road.

Sadly there are still some parents who park on the zig zag and single yellow lines outside school, blocking the road for buses and putting children's lives at risk. It has been reported to the parking ambassadors (traffic wardens).

School fundraising: Friends of

Bemerton School Joanna Weston, chair of FOBs says: Huge thanks to everyone who supported our FoBS Annual Quiz. A great evening was had by all. We were really lucky with the weather for our Summer Fete. A fabulous turnout on such a hot day. Thanks to everyone's support we raised £2580.96.

Fly-tipping and littering

This is timely advice from Wiltshire Council via councillor Bridget Wayman

If you are having rubbish or garden waste cleared from your property always check that it is removed by Authorised Waste Carriers. If it is dumped and traced back to your address you could be prosecuted or fined for breaking the law.

Always ask to see your contractor's Waste Carrier Licence; if they don't have one, don't use them.

You can report the contractor to the Environment Agency on 03708 506506. You can also ring that number to check whether the people you are using have a valid licence.

Fly-tipping is an offence with a maximum penalty fine of £50,000. Small scale tipping can result in a fixed penalty notice of £75 plus costs and compensation. Householders can get a van permit from Wiltshire Council that will allow you to take a larger load to the recycling centres. You are allowed 12 of these permits a year.

Free 20 mph adhesive stickers: there are still some at the pub and there will be a fresh supply at 2Quidy Club. Stick them on your refuse and recycling bins to remind motorists of the 20 mph limit. Only applies to bins put out in Lower Road.

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Waste and recycling dates

July

Recycling	Mon 3, 17 and 31
Paid for garden waste	Fri 7 and 21
Household waste	Mon 10 and 24

August

Recycling	Mon 14 and 28
Paid for garden waste	Fri 4 and 18
Household waste	Mon 7 and 21