

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

October 2017

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## What's On in October

**Thursday 5: monthly charity quiz at The White Horse. Food from 18.00, quiz from 20.15.**

**Also:** New Alpha course, St John's Place, all welcome 19.00 – 21.00 includes meal. Contact 324880 for catering purposes

**Friday 6** St John's school and Sarum Academy closed: staff training

**Saturday 7: Bike Night (weather permitting) The White Horse from 17.00**

**Also** Harvest Barn Dance with Ploughman's and farewell to Rev Ali Bridewell, St Michael's Community Centre. Tickets: 01980 652751

**Wednesday 11: DVD of 1995 VE Day anniversary celebrations,**

**The White Horse loft** *time to be confirmed call Viv 742483*

**Also:** Spotlight, Bemerton Film Society, St John's Place, doors open 19.15

**Friday 13: Rock & Roll bingo. Food from 18.00, R & R bingo from about 20.15**

**Saturday 14 Harvest lunch with children's activities**

**Village Hall 12.00 – 14.00 booking required**

**Also:** Jumble sale St Michael's, Bemerton Heath 13.00

**Sunday 15: no Sunday lunch at The White Horse**

**Also** Bemerton Brunch St John's Place 10.00 – 12.00

**Tuesday 17: Harvest Festival Supper and Auction, The White Horse.**

**Food from 19.30 Donated lots gratefully received**

**Wednesday 18:** individual school photos St John's school; non-uniform day Sarum Academy. End of term one

**Thursday 19:** Talk by Wilson's solicitors, Bemerton History Society,

Hedley Davis Court 19.30

**Sunday 22: Zoe and Nick's last day: no Sunday lunch**

**Wednesday 25: Sovereign Set lunch contact Joyce Harvey 742309 by 15 October**

**Sunday 29 : Martin & Rachel's first Sunday roast, the White Horse**

**Monday 30:** all pupils back at school

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**Every Friday: coffee and activities morning at St John's Place 10.15**

Try a new activity, meet new friends and stay mobile!

**6 Oct.** 10.15 Seated Zumba + 11.30 Chair Based Yoga; **13 and 27 Oct.** 10.30

Gentle Yoga; **20 October** no meeting : installation of glass screen.

Age UK talk and Safe and Well visit by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue - dates to be announced

Cost: 1 class £3 / 2 classes £5 / refreshments included

Contact: Sabine sabinestjohns@gmail.com / 07593 555083

**Every Tuesday afternoon except half term (25 October): 2Quidy Club 13.00 –**

**14.30 Village Hall:** home made cakes, real coffee and tea, a social chat, bring your knitting or anything else you fancy, learn to crochet... all for 2 quid.

**The White Horse will be closed for lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays** until the new landlords arrive.

## **From The Horse's Mouth, last message from Zoe as our landlady**

As many of you now know, Sunday 22 October will be our last day, with Martin and Rachel taking over the pub on Monday 23 October. They are a great couple who have been in the trade previously and say they will keep The White Horse as a traditional village pub.

They look forward to meeting everyone and will be in touch via the newsletter next month.

We have work to carry out in the pub to prepare for the move and ensure that the décor, garden area and the interior of the pub meet standards for Enterprise's inspection, so until we leave we will not be opening for lunch on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. And there will be no Sunday lunch on 15 or 22 October.

We will be open as usual throughout the rest of the week. See the front page for our continuing events.

### **Finally...**

We wish Martin & Rachel every success in Quidhampton and we know that you will make them as welcome as you did us.

We would like to take this chance to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the pub, and us, over the last three and some years. Quidhampton is a wonderful community and we will miss the very many friends we have made here.

We look forward to coming to back and seeing you all soon, but with us standing on the 'right' side of the bar!

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**Keith and Mavis Singleton** would like to thank everyone who gathered at the pub to celebrate their marriage. Mavis writes: it was a complete surprise to many of you, but it was all of you who made the evening so memorable and enjoyable.

And a big thank you to Nick and Zoe who were the witnesses (and kept it quiet!) and who arranged the music and food for the evening.

Thank you too for the gifts and many cards we received on the night and afterwards.

*It was wonderful to have another village wedding to celebrate! We hope you have many happy years together. Thank you both for wanting to include so many people in your celebration.*



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### **Message from the Fireworks organising committee:**

We cannot commit to a fireworks event until after the changeover of publicans on 23 October. We rely on the pub for public liability insurance, mass catering, car park lighting etc. Until we meet the new publicans we cannot proceed beyond initial planning. If we go ahead we will have less than two weeks to set it up so it may be a smaller event with limited tickets. Decision to be announced asap after 23 October.



**Saturday 14 October**  
**Quidhampton Village Hall**  
**VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH:**  
**must be booked in advance**

**12.00 – 14.00**

Children's activities including a carved pumpkin competition

Bring your pumpkin on the day

Tickets £3 adult, £1 child for soup and ploughman's lunch and all activities

**Numbers needed by 6 October**

**Contact Viv (742483) or Joy (743080)**

*It's three in one: take part in a traditional village activity, strengthen the village community and support the village hall*



### Village Art Show

This was another happy and popular event in the Village Hall, attended even by some villagers who had not been inside the hall before. "I never knew there was such talent in the village!" was heard again and again. The splendour of Jennifer Tyler's tapestries, the striking presence of Ken Taylor's portraits and the sheer variety of the work of Jane Taylor, Sid Roberts and Audrey Catford amazed many visitors. The impact of Helen Kirby's modern art and the talent of teenagers Marcus Churchill and Rosa Herring were equally remarkable. And how pleasant it was to be greeted by Sandie Smith and her stylish and beautifully made cards as you walked in. There was a real buzz in the room. Jane Taylor, who has exhibited elsewhere, said that she has never know people so interested and keen to talk to the artists about their work. And Jane and Rosa were both delighted to sell a painting.

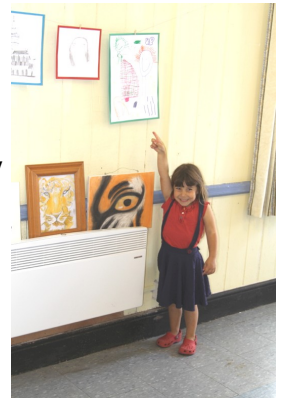
**Competition winners. Painting competition:** Freya, age nine, for 'The Cathedral'; **colouring in:** Oscar age ten for 'The Village Hall at Night'

57 people voted for their favourite piece in the exhibition.

Everyone got some votes and Rosa Herring and Audrey Catford got a total of 16 votes each for various paintings. Rosa's

Humming Bird, Dark Blue Deer, and Dancers got most votes for individual paintings. £180 was collected in donations for the hall.

*Memorable Marriages and The Art Show: two very successful events this year. Any ideas for a similar event in 2018?*



Youngest artist  
Rosanna (4) with "my mummy"

See photo spread soon,  
framed in the village  
hall

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**Congratulations are also due to Olivia Churchill** of St Edmund's and South Wilts who won a prize for her food technology A level. She is now at Newcastle University studying nutrition with food marketing. Many people will miss her cheerful and efficient service in The White Horse, and send her congratulations and good wishes. Her mum and dad can't be the only proud parents in the village. Why not tell the newsletter what your school leaver is doing so we can wish them well too?

*Three servicemen from the parish died in October 1917. One died of TB and the other two were the last of six men from Quidhampton and Bemerton to be killed in the prolonged third battle of Ypres, also known as Passchendaele.*

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**Arthur Tom Case 1895 – 1917**  
**Gunner Royal Field Artillery**

Arthur Case, 22, died of tuberculosis at home in Quidhampton on 8 October 1917, ten months after being discharged from the army. After several appeals it was decided that his war service aggravated the disease but St John's Church is the only place where his part in the war is commemorated.

**Family history: Case**

Arthur Case's father, Tom, was one of ten children from a long line of south Wiltshire agricultural workers. Unlike his ancestors, Tom's father, Jacob, moved around for work and Tom was born near Box. Six of Jacob's children found work other than farm work, including three daughters who became trained nurses.



Arthur Case as a young man.  
Photo from a locket worn by his mother

**Family history: Morris**

Arthur Case's mother was one of the Morris family from Wilton, the family that ran the butcher's shop in West Street within living memory. Arthur's great grandmother, Dorcas Ford, had an unusual history. Newly digitised parish records show that in 1829 she was left at the altar (or at least deserted after the banns were read) by James Bennett, a carpet weaver.

Eight months later she had a son she called James Bennett Ford and eleven months after that she married James Morris, a shoemaker. They had five children, the last being born in the workhouse, before James died of TB.

Dorcas had a tough life on her own with six children but in 1855, after 17 years as a widow, she finally married James Bennett, the father of her first child. He had joined the navy and settled in Gosport. The couple returned to Wilton where Dorcas died in 1862, aged 53. Meanwhile Herbert Morris, son of Dorcas and James Morris, married Maria Galton, also from the Southampton area. Herbert had been a groom but they opened a grocer's shop in South Street, probably financed by Maria's mother.

Twenty five years later Herbert was doing well as a general dealer with his oldest son, James, running the butcher's shop that was to stay in the family for three generations.

Herbert and Maria later ran the Swan Inn, East Harnham for more than ten years and in 1900 retired to Avon Terrace, Fisherton with their daughter Lily, who needed special care. Their short-lived retirement ended in 1903 when they moved to a six bedroomed



Believed to be Emily Case, nee Morris, mother of Arthur

house in Quidhampton, now Wyllye Cottage, to provide a home for their daughter Emily and her husband.

### **Arthur's parents Tom Case and Emily Morris**

Tom Case, 27, and Emily Morris, 29, married in Wilton in 1891. She was Herbert's fourth child and was a domestic cook in Southampton before working with her sister Fanny and her husband who ran the Wheatsheaf Inn in Wilton.

Tom was a policeman and after postings at Swindon and Devizes he became the village constable of Atworth, near Box, three miles from his birthplace.



Tom Case policeman

Atworth is a pleasant village with stone built houses, a school, a church and a clock tower built by public subscription for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. Tom, Emily and their three children probably felt settled there but by late 1902 Tom had developed TB and could no longer work.

The move to Quidhampton to live with Emily's parents meant adapting to sad circumstances in a much smaller village.

Maria Morris died in 1905, aged 77, and was buried in St Peter's Fugglestone, probably because of their long association with Wilton. In 1906 'Tom Case ex-policeman' was on Lady Pembroke's Christmas list. He died two months later, aged 43.

Herbert Morris lived in Wyllye Cottage until his death in 1920. He left the cottage to Emily who died there in 1930 aged 67. They were both buried at St Peter's as was Tom. Herbert's daughter Lily and his youngest child Charles were buried there too; both lived at Wyllye Cottage until the 1930's, along with Arthur's brother Herbert Case and his wife.

### **Arthur Case and his siblings**

Louisa, the oldest child, and Arthur went to school at Atworth and would have found Bemerton school similar in size. It was the first school Herbert, the youngest, went to. When they were 12 Arthur and Herbert went to Bishop's school as day scholars. It was still fee-paying and presumably grandfather Herbert Morris paid. Louisa would have been eligible for Bishop's (which then took girls) in 1905 but there is no record of her there. Instead she went to Bath to live with her father's sister, Lillian, who was married but had no children. Louisa trained to be a teacher and stayed in Bath for the rest of her life, eventually becoming a headteacher. She did not forget Quidhampton friends and remembered Evelyn Tabor in her will.

Arthur left school in December 1910 to be a carpenter and began an apprenticeship with James Tabor, village wheelwright and builder.

## War Service

Arthur volunteered as a wheelwright in the Army Service Corps in June 1915; there had been advertisements for army wheelwrights in the press. He was twenty and had worked for James Tabor for four years. James wrote a reference describing Arthur as very sober, honest and of good character. He was a "very promising improver," that being one of the stages of apprenticeship. Arthur was discharged six days later, however, having failed his trade test. "Not being likely to become an efficient soldier" was stamped on his records.

Arthur was not deterred and re-enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery in December 1915. On 11 August 1916 he was posted to France.

He was five feet eight  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches tall, weighed 9 stone 2 pounds (58 kilos) and his chest measured 35 inches fully expanded. He had a scar on his right leg and one on his neck and had had his childhood vaccinations.

Four months later he was discharged again: a medical board declared him permanently unfit for military service because of a TB infection that "originated in November 1915 in civil life" and was: "not (the) result of and not aggravated by service." That specific date could only have come from Arthur himself, and it is intriguing to wonder what it referred to. "Total Disablement" is stamped on his record.

The assertion that the TB had not been aggravated by his war service was challenged. At stake was a pension for Arthur and, after his death, for his mother described as his dependant. The case was referred to the National Health Insurance Commission who awarded a gratuity of £50. A medical report followed

in August 1917. A grim description of his advanced pulmonary tuberculosis is followed by the recommendation of sanatorium treatment. "His mother is looking after him.... Hospital treatment should be offered. It is dangerous to have such a case at home" but he was "not well enough to bear removal." The decision was the same: his condition had not been aggravated by war service.

Arthur died at home on 8 October 1917 from tuberculosis and exhaustion and was buried at St Peter's on 12 October.

The fight for recognition continued and in November the Royal Field Artillery were asked for details of any exposure Arthur suffered in France. Notes written in December report Arthur was under canvas from 8 August to the middle of September 1916 in normal weather conditions.

In early January 1918, however, it was decided to give the case 'the benefit of doubt' and a pension was calculated: 20 shillings (one pound) from date of discharge to 3 April 1917 and twenty seven shillings and sixpence from 4 April 1917 until his death. This was in lieu of the £50 gratuity so in practical terms was little more. The outcome of his mother's claim for a dependant's pension is not known.

Arthur's name is not in the war death records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission but he was included on the lych gate memorial in his home parish. Arthur's brother, Herbert, joined the Royal Medical Corps and returned to Quidhampton after the war. He married a nurse he met in France and his great grandchildren still live in Salisbury. We thank them for the family photographs.

*The publication of Arthur's story is paid for by Bea Tilbrook and Wendy Lawrence who have been fascinated by the history of the Case and Morris families. A longer version is available.*



*The next two soldiers are both commemorated on Tyne Cott memorial and the publication of their stories has been paid for by Dorothy Humphries, sister of William Stokes whose name also appears there.*



## **Albert Charles Vincent 1886 - 1917** **Private 27<sup>th</sup> Company Machine Gun Corps**

Private Albert Vincent, aged 30, was killed at the battle of Passchendaele on 11 October 1917. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial. Prayers will be said for him and his family at morning service in St Andrew's church on 8 October.

### **Family history**

The Vincent family has roots in Wilton from at least the end of the seventeenth century. Charles, Albert's father, and his father were general labourers most of their lives and moved house several times within Wilton, as did many other families.

Both had wives from elsewhere. Albert's grandmother was from Lyndhurst and his mother, Elizabeth, from Ramsbury, near Hungerford. She was orphaned at 10 and sent to an orphanage in Bristol with her younger sister. She worked as a cook so was probably a servant in Wilton when she met Charles Vincent.

Charles (1857-1927) began work at thirteen in the carpet factory but was a general labourer when he married and moved to Ditchampton. In 1901 he was the cemetery caretaker, living in Cemetery Lodge. Their oldest son, Herbert, was a railway engine cleaner and Albert was still at school. The previous year Charles had been one of four Wiltonians to exhibit in the "One and All" flower show at Crystal Palace, London. This was part of a two day festival run by the Cooperative Movement, and was for flowers "grown by working men in their own gardens".

In 1903, Charles resigned and returned to labouring. There were at least two more caretakers before 1911 so perhaps the job was not so much better than labouring as it might have appeared. Charles and



Machine gun being hauled into place by Australian troops. Photo by Frank Hurley taken the day before Albert Vincent was killed

Elizabeth moved to West Street and then to Albany Cottages. Several members of their extended family lived in Wilton but in 1910 they moved to Nadder Lane, Quidhampton.

### **Albert Vincent's life**

Albert Vincent went to school in Wilton, and clearly benefitted from his education. At least two of his grandparents could not write their names but Albert found work as a clerk. He was the person his great uncle Henry asked to fill in his 1911 census form. Albert was 24 when they moved to Quidhampton but he did not stay for long. Since he was sixteen he had been a clerk in the audit office of the London and South Western Railway Company. In March 1911 he was "removed to Loco Accounts Office, Eastleigh" on a salary of £85 a year. It must have been after that move that he met Daisy Collins, a dressmaker from Winchester. They married in St John's in 1913 and moved to Totton. Their life together was cut short, however, in 1916 when Albert was conscripted.

## War service

Albert was first allocated to the Royal Warwickshire regiment but in July was compulsorily transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.

*In 1914, all infantry battalions had a machine gun section of two guns, increased to four in February 1915. It was soon clear that machine guns required special tactics and organisation and should be used in larger units by specially trained men. The Machine Gun Corps was created in October 1915 from the battalion gun teams. Some grumbled that they took the best and cleverest men and recruits but it was acknowledged that the MGC was efficient and effective. 170,500 officers and men served in the MGC of whom 62,000 were casualties, including 12,498 killed. The MGC was disbanded in 1922.*

Albert Vincent attended a specialist training course and was posted overseas at the end of September 1917. He was with the No 27 Company for only a few days before he was killed on 11 October, the day before the first

battle of Passchendaele officially began. Gun teams tried to get into place on that day but the rain and mud made it very difficult. Communications were poor and a German bombardment meant the wounded could not be brought in.

Albert Vincent's body was not found or identified and he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial and also on Wilton memorial. Daisy worked at a sanatorium at Morn Hill near Winchester. This was one of the largest army camps in the UK and was taken over by the US in 1917. She remarried a soldier who had also been in the MGC and they stayed in Winchester.

Delivery of Albert's medals to their original address in Totton failed in 1922 so they were returned to the Royal Mint for destruction in 1923.

No family members have been traced. Albert and Daisy had no children and his brother's only child died at the age of ten. His parents eventually moved back to Wilton.



## Arthur Frederick Stone 1898 – 1917

**Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Naval Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry**

Private Arthur Stone, aged 19, went missing presumed killed at Passchendaele on 26 October 1917, six months after his brother was killed in Greece. Arthur's body was never found and he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial.

He will be remembered in the morning service at St Andrews on 29 October.

## Family Background

See April 2017 newsletter for the Stone family history. Arthur's parents, Albert and Selina, moved to Salisbury from the New Forest and they moved to Bemerton with their nine children in 1909. Albert worked for the Co-op grocery store for many years. Arthur completed his education at Bemerton school. His military record says he was a (wood) turner's assistant.

## Arthur's war service

Arthur Stone was conscripted into the army on 15 May 1917 aged 18 years and eleven months. After 11 days he was transferred to the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

*At the beginning of the war a Royal Naval division was formed from the Navy and Marine personnel not needed at sea. It fought at Antwerp and Gallipoli and in 1916 transferred to the British Army, though still called the Royal Naval Division. It fought on*



*the western front for the rest of the war and newly conscripted men were transferred from the army when needed.*

On 25 September, after four months training, Arthur was sent to the western front for the final phase of the third battle of Ypres. The ground had dried out in late August and the Germans were driven back to the top of Passchendaele Ridge, but the rains began again in late September. Again exhausted troops were fighting in a quagmire where slipping off a duckboard could mean drowning under the weight of equipment. It was so difficult to get to the front line that troops were brought to the support line three days before a battle to be as fresh as possible for the attack. It was nevertheless decided, against the advice of some generals, to press ahead with a final attempt to capture the village of Passchendaele.

Arthur Stone was one of 85 reinforcements who arrived as the battalion finished a stint in the front line and had a week of platoon training.

*A battalion was divided into four companies, each company consisting of four platoons of about 200 men although by this stage of the war numbers were lower.*

They then moved to the Naval Divisional Reserve Camp for three weeks training and preparation for the battle ahead.

On 22 October they were bussed as far as possible then marched to the camp nearest to the front line. Thigh deep in mud and water a soldier spotted them and yelled through the rain, "Blimey, that's torn it. We knew they'd have to send the navy in". The story goes that the navy gave a certain familiar signal in reply\*.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion war diary entries are unusually brief but there are copies of daily orders and an interesting list of what should be carried to the front line. As well as equipment for the battle and three days iron rations each man had to carry two sandbags.

On the afternoon of 25 October they were in their attack positions for the next day. Canadian troops had replaced the Australians who had been there since September and the Royal Naval Division was on one of their flanks.

The attack began at 05.40. The diary records "Battalion attacked enemy's position opposite its front....Objectives gained and consolidated. Casualties: 7 officers and 301 O.R's". One hundred of those casualties were killed or missing, one of whom was Arthur Stone, on his first day of direct combat.

### **1917 and the Stone family**

Arthur had five brothers, three of whom enlisted as volunteers. Few families went through what they did in 1917:

On 27 April Harold Stone was killed in Greece.

On 5 May William, who volunteered in 1915, was called up from the reserves.

On 15 May Arthur was conscripted.

On 25 September William and Arthur were sent to the western front and Arthur was killed a month later.

William survived the war as did the oldest brother, Albert, who also volunteered in 1915.

### **After the war**

Albert Stone, father of the family, was one of the leaders of the group of returned servicemen and others who campaigned for the creation of the children's playground that is still in use in Bemerton today.

He was elected to the Parish Council but did not stand again once their aim had been achieved: to have a memorial to the men who died and suffered in the war, a memorial that would be for the good of generations to come.

\* as told by Lynn Macdonald in "They Called it Passchendaele" published 1978

## The Village Hall meeting

Thirty five villagers attended the meeting on 26 September. Jennifer Tyler, chair of the village hall committee, introduced Rev Simon Woodley and reminded everyone that he is offering a 5 year lease on the hall when the old one runs out in 2019. The hall committee is planning to have a survey of the building done to better inform the decision of whether it would be a viable proposition to take it on if a longer lease is offered.



**Bemerton Parish:** Simon talked first about his plans for the parish and explained that within the Church of England parishes have a lot of freedom and there is no uniformity in size or resources. Bemerton Parish consists of 16,000 people in 6,000 homes with 1600 more to come from the St Peter's Place development (Fugglestone Red 2). St Paul's in Salisbury has 1000 parishioners.

The focus has been on the St John's conversion, and making it work, perhaps with services again, and now there is a new headteacher and renewed contact with Sarum Academy. St Michael's on Bemerton Heath needed new heating and other work. Small groups seem to be the way forward for the church which already has several, including one developed from the Alpha course. Eventually it would be lovely to have a group meeting in Quidhampton Village Hall.

**The hall:** Simon said emphatically that he believes the hall is important to Quidhampton but the village must value it and use it. If not the church would use it, perhaps converted or rebuilt as a house for clergy, as church offices, to be let as offices etc. The five year lease would give a chance for the village to decide if they really want to keep the hall.

### Questions included:

*"What are your criteria for judging whether the village is making sufficient use of the hall?" As long as the books balanced with something put on one side for repairs each year it would be sufficient.*

*"We are unlikely to be able to apply for grants with a lease of only 5 years." If you were applying for substantial grants it would mean that you had decided the hall should be kept for the village and if the budget looked sound then a longer lease would be granted.*

*"If you went under a bus tomorrow would your successor keep to what you have said tonight?" I cannot guarantee what someone else would do about what I intend to do but if a 25 year lease was in place it would be honoured.*

Simon's closing words rang true: "If I'd simply renewed the 25 year lease you wouldn't have this level of activity in the hall and you wouldn't all be here supporting it tonight."

**Editor's comment:** *it was heartening to see so many people at the meeting being positive, a contrast to the pessimism in February. The best words of the meeting?*

*"Money doesn't make communities work; people make communities work."*

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## How to support the Village Hall

**1.** We know exercise improves health why not try table tennis? It's more fun than exercising on your own. **Contact Patricia on 741558 after 7 October** if you are interested in joining a **table tennis club** in the village hall.

**2. The Village Hall Committee needs a new secretary.** The committee is essential to the running of the hall but it is administrative only and does not organise events.

The meetings are usually every three months in the evenings. Social media or marketing skills would be handy but are not essential. This could be two jobs: one person to take the minutes and another to deal with correspondence (not bookings). Contact Jennifer Tyler 744630, 5 Nadder Lane.

## Parish Council report

*Not every issue is covered.*

*See noticeboard for the full draft minutes*

**Public half hour** the following issues were raised:

**Litter bins** are being filled with household rubbish. The clerk said let Wiltshire Council know and they will empty the bin. Offenders can be prosecuted.

**Traffic:** concerns were expressed about the speed of traffic especially where there are no pavements and pedestrians have to step into the road.

The chairman explained

(i) when the results of the recent metrocount are known the Parish Council hopes a to get **community speed watch** underway.

(ii) the Council is investing in a shared **Speed Indicator Device**. This will be in the village for two weeks at a time and will flash up the speed of each vehicle.

The clerk urged villagers to report any regular speeding with numbers if possible using 101 or PCSO Nicola's email. The clerk has written to taxi companies and will accept reports of taxis breaking the limit.

Lesa Drewett again asked for the metrocount raw data for the Netherhampton Road. Paul Cripps is preparing a report.

**The Parish Council meeting** Zoe Hoare has resigned. Rich Mullett of Edgam Place was welcomed as a co-opted

member.

**The Community Infrastructure Levy** of about £1000 from the development at Pennards will be added to the fund for the playground.

It was agreed to pay 50% of the cost of a **survey of the Village Hall**, and to ask the Entertainments Fund to pay the costs for the **Christmas Carols in the village hall 23 December**.

**Marking the centenary of the end of WWI**

It was agreed to support an idea from Sandie Smith and Bea Tilbrook to decorate Lower Road with poppies and put a wreath on the doors of the houses where the dead servicemen lived. The poppies would be made from the tops and bottoms of clear plastic bottles. Bea and Sandie will produce a budget for the next meeting to include hire of the village hall for poppy making workshops.

*Please give clear plastic bottles to Bea and Sandie. More details in November.*

There are **Wiltshire Council Consultations** online about waste and car park charges

Next meeting: 28 November. Items to the clerk by 16 November.

**Since the meeting** PC Matt Holland has offered to talk to the village about traffic. Date to be arranged.

### Contacting the police: updated details

Emergencies: 999 Non-emergencies: 101

Less urgent matters: contact our Police Community Support Officer: Nicola Clark:  
Nicola.Clark@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

**Or** contact PC Matt Holland on cptsouthwiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk  
(this also goes to Nicola)

If you do not have email: ring 101 and they will email details of your call to the appropriate officer.

The Wilton Police Station number is no longer in use.

## Highlighted points from the Parish Council

**Speeding:** If you know a vehicle that speeds through the village regularly and at specific times you can report this to the police. You do not need the registration number. Use the emails on the previous page or ring 101.

**Household rubbish: you can be prosecuted if you put household rubbish in public litter bins.**

**Missing cat:** Marmaduke, Judy Coleman's microchipped ginger cat, is missing from the west end of the village, perhaps looking for his companion who was killed on the road 19 September. Please check sheds etc. Any information, good or bad, ring 742973

**Lost:** a black cable combination bicycle lock accidentally left in Hampton Court car-park a few weeks ago. If anybody has any information, please could they ring Johanna on 01722 742277

**Does anyone know the whereabouts of any of the Morgan family** (mother and daughters, Alison and Deborah) who lived in Elm Cottage during the late 60s/early 70s? Antonia, an old school friend, is trying to get in touch. Reply to the editor.

## Christmas Fair in St John's on Sunday 12 November.

Stalls from local craftspeople, foodies, and others welcome. £10 for people selling their own goods, £5 for those raising funds for a charity.

This month's newsletter has been paid for by two villagers and Salisbury History Society.

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## **Waste and recycling dates October**

Household waste Mon 2, 16 & 30th

Recycling Mon 9 & 23rd

Paid for garden waste Fri 13 & 27th

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