

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

January 2018

What's on in January

Thursday 4 : The White Horse re-opens 18.00 – 22.30

Tuesday 9 and every Tuesday: 2 Quidy Club Village Hall 13.00 – 14.30 preceded by cutting out poppies at 12.00

Wednesday 10: A Street Cat named Bob: Bemerton Film Society St John's Place 19.45 Entrance £6

Thursday 11: monthly charity quiz night at The White Horse 20.00

Monday 15: Village Hall AGM Village Hall 19.00

Friday 19: Rock and Roll bingo The White Horse

Tuesday 23: Quidhampton Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19.30

Wednesday 24: Britain on Film: Railways. The history of the UK's railways from 1898 to 1968, with rare archive film. Salisbury Civic Society open meeting. Entrance £3 Refreshments available

Saturday 27: Burns Night at The White Horse

Every Tuesday: 2Quidy Club – see above

Every Friday at St John's Place: activities for the over 55's. Seated Zumba, gentle yoga, guest speakers, refreshments and socialising. 10.15 – 12.00

Advance notice: the next Sovereign Set lunch is Wednesday 28 February. Joyce Harvey will deliver menus to members.

Village Hall AGM 19.00 Monday 15 January

This is expected to be a short meeting.

The annual financial status will be presented as well as an update on the way forward with the building, including grant applications.

Show your support for the village hall by attending or sending apologies and let the committee know of plans for use of the hall this year.

John Cater: 744079; Sabine Dawson (bookings – details back page)



The Poppies project commemorating the end of the First World War

Join us in cutting out poppy shapes from plastic bottles at 12.00 every Tuesday this month, in the village hall. Bring scissors.

Take your plastic bottles along even if you cannot stay to cut them.

Painting the poppies will take place later.

All unused plastic will be recycled.



Save the date!

Burn's Night celebration

Saturday 27 January

Further details will be posted and circulated by email.

Enquires: Ron Smith 743006

Flooding: the blocked drain causing flooding in Lower Road by Coronation Square has been reported twice on 'MyWiltshire'. Someone inspected the same day as the second report, and the suction truck has been ordered.

Village Christmas activities

There were more Christmas activities this year than ever. Nineteen people enjoyed the Sovereign Set lunch; there was a lunch at 2Quidy Club (and another cuddle of



adorable baby Billy); the Quidhampton Mummings performed at the White Horse Christmas Draw and the sloe gin competition, arranged at short notice, was won by Pete Rennie.

Christmas Tea Party in the Village Hall: 2 December

Over fifty guests were greeted by the guitar playing of Max Bennett of Sovereign Close. Especially welcome were John and Jan Blane (long time landlords of The White Horse) who enjoyed chatting to old friends. After a delicious tea entertainment and singing were provided by Sophie Eden on keyboard, Camilla Burgess who sang and John Cater and Jemima Richardson who performed Rudolf the Red Nose reindeer and a Tommy Cooper routine.

One guest commented: the hard work that goes into it all is amazing, especially the game, crackers and table decorations all by Elizabeth Heeley. People had a goodie bag to fill to take home if they wanted and at least one person left with yummy salmon sandwiches for supper.

This annual tea party is now for all Quidhampton adults, not just those of bus pass age and many commented it begins the Christmas season for them. It still needs a catchy name though. Not The Bus Pass Party is too long and Adults Only too suggestive! Any ideas?

Again thanks go to the Entertainments Fund for contributing to the costs.

Carol Service in The White Horse Inn

This was a great night, with bags of atmosphere, and the bar so full it was difficult to move. Nick and Zoe were there, and it was good to see them on the other side of the bar. Zoe said, "The carol singing was lovely and it was so wonderful to see everyone."

After a welcome from Rev Simon Woodley carols were sung between chapters of a unique Quidhampton re-telling of the nativity, written by Joy Wagstaff and Bea Tilbrook and narrated by Howard Rowley. The story went that there was no room in the stable but plenty in the White Horse Inn. No three kings but four dog walking queens: Bridget, Camilla, Joyce and Mavis. Old and new pub landlords were included as well as plenty of references to the 20 mph speed limit and the importance of using the village hall. There was much humour as well as some serious reflection on the eight Quidhampton families bereaved by the First World War in 1917 who would have been facing a difficult Christmas 100 years ago. £125.50 was collected for the Salisbury Hospice.

Family Carol Concert, village hall 23 December

Jane Taylor, retired Methodist minister, welcomed everyone to the family carols, held on the Saturday nearest Christmas Day, a time for villagers and their families to get together. It began with a very clever medley of Christmas songs and carols performed by Ava and Freya Kimnell and their cousin, Jessica Harrison. Sophie



Eden again provided music for everyone to sing.

Poems and extracts about animals in the Christmas story were read beautifully by Freya and Lilia Kinnell, Daisy Young and Isabella, Ron Smith's eldest granddaughter.

Thanks to the Entertainment Fund for funding the event this year. A collection for the village hall raised £62.50.

"We are so lucky having so many talented people in the village who give up their time to organise these events. A good omen for 2018!"

Christmas Craft Make and Take: Friday 8 December

Sadly this event was not so successful. There was great support for holding it: seven people donated greenery from their gardens, and one even offered to bring more on the night if needed! The five crafters prepared meticulously with attractive displays and drinks and tasty nibbles were ready but few people turned up to take part.

Speed Watch Training

Nine villagers went to the training in December: John and Kate Cater, Clare Churchill, Chris Herring, Ron and Sylvia Smith, Sandie Smith, and Joy and Steve Wagstaff.

Sandie, queen of the 20 mph signs, reports:

It was a very interesting couple of hours and I think even the jackets will slow the traffic! The training pack is a comprehensive guide and easy to follow.



The organisers would like to know why people did not come. Was it at the wrong time? Was there a clash with other events? Or have Quidhampton villagers not embraced the love of more handmade items for Christmas?

Organiser Hannah Kimnel takes part in a similar event at her church which is more popular every year. Please let the newsletter editor know if you would have come and would be interested if it were run at another time.

But the Christmas report must finish with tidings of comfort and joy.... Joy Wagstaff that is. Yes, other people were involved but Joy had a major part in organising all of the four main activities described above. Not many people realise how much she did this year, and how much the village owes to her. Happy New Year and thank you, Joy.

Thanks to John Cater, Joyce Harvey, Kate Lush, Sandie Smith and Joy Wagstaff for their contributions to the above reports. Any inaccuracies are the editor's.

The gun doesn't record the number plate - hence an observant wing person is required. Even 3 people may be needed, that will be the group choice on the day. We have a letter from the police superintendent to give to anyone who verbally abuses us but they say it's not a common event. Most will give hand gestures!! Likewise we are expected to acknowledge good slow drivers. It was a really interesting afternoon.

We have to wait for a risk assessment of locations before we start and a rota for sharing the gun with other villages - but things are moving.

Thank you all for giving up your time to help with something so important to the village. Ken Taylor could not attend and has been allocated a training date in March. If you can join him contact the parish clerk for details - more volunteers will make the job easier.

The 100 Club: important news

John Cater writes:

From 31 December 2017 the 100 Club is temporarily suspended while a new Coordinator-Treasurer and collectors are sought.

The current Coordinator-Treasurer and some of the collectors are keen to hand over their duties, having "done-their-bit". Volunteers are anxiously sought to take their places and carry on the good work of keeping alive the 100 Club draw, which began 20 years ago.

For further information about volunteering, or simply to find out what is required, contact Viv Bass on 742483 or Jonathan Young on 744066.

It is hoped the 100 Club will re-start at the beginning of April, coinciding with the new accounting year.

Apologies from the editor:

These winners of the 100 Club monthly draw, known in October, were accidentally omitted from the newsletter:

June

1st T Lynne; 2nd H Budd; 3rd D Nash

July

1st M Crowther; 2nd A Meredith; 3rd P Gill

August

1st S Williams; 2nd The Caters; 3rd Mrs Kershaw

Sept

1st M Wright; 2nd J Knight; 3rd J Tyler
1st prize is £40, 2nd £30 and 3rd £15

More recent 2017 winners will be printed in the next newsletter.

Correction: the couple who moved into 2 The Grange are Pauline and Carlo Donne, not Patricia and Carlo.

Reliable Cleaner seeking work: Karen Reeve who lives in the village would like more work in Quidhampton. If you need a cleaner contact her on 07593600505

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Waste and recycling dates January

Recycling Wed 3rd, Mon 15 & 29

Household waste Tues 9th & Mon 22

Garden waste (chargeable) Fri 19 & Feb 2nd

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