

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

April 2018

What's On in April

Thursday 5: monthly charity quiz at The White Horse

Wednesday 11: The Dressmaker, **Bemerton Film Society**, St John's Place.
Bitter sweet comedy drama with Kate Winslett. A glamorous dressmaker returns from working in Paris fashion houses to her home town in the Australian outback aiming to revenge herself on those who falsely accused her of murder 25 years ago.
Grim melodrama, over the top comedy, and an incredible performance from Kate Winslett.
Doors open 19.15 entrance £6 Film begins 19.45

Sunday 15: Sunday brunch at St John's Place 10.00 – 12.00

Monday 16: term begins Sarum Academy, staff training day at Bemerton St John school

Tuesday 17: term begins for pupils at Bemerton St John school

Wednesday 18: Bemerton History Society The Terraces of Bemerton and their residents over the years: research by Ernie Bohm: AGM 19.00 Talk 19.30 Hedley Davis Court Everyone welcome.

Friday 20: Rock and Roll Bingo The White Horse

Saturday 23: Music at The White Horse with Chris Payne

Sunday 22: wedding fair at St John's Place

Wednesday 25: Sovereign Set lunch The White Horse. Confirm attendance and menu with Joyce Harvey 742309 by 18 April

Wednesday 25: the first of a series of talks at St John's Place, 19.30 start.

Refreshments from 19.00. The first subject: a talk by the director of Salisbury Museum about Augustus Pitt Rivers, a Victorian archaeologist, anthropologist, collector, soldier and more. Retiring collection to cover expenses.

2QUIDY CLUB Every Tuesday in term time, Village Hall. Resumes on 17 April.

Officially 2Quidy Club meets from 13.00 – 14.30 but everyone seems to come along early these days and to start leaving about 14.00 so don't be late!

POPPY CUTTING

There will be a cutting session at 12.00 before 2Quidy Club on Tuesday 17 April.

There will be a meeting at 12.00 on 24 April to discuss the next stages of the

project. *Thank you to everyone who is saving plastic bottles. Please do not leave them outside the village hall except on Tuesdays when there is a cutting session.*

Ring 742456 if you want them collected or if you want some to cut at home.

Friday mornings at St John's Place

Activities aimed at the Over 55s

Social coffee morning, gentle exercise classes, and guest speakers.

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

Everyone welcome!

Doors open 10.00. Zumba and pilates or yoga, coffee and chat, interesting talks. Just drop in.

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Attempted Fraud: phone scam

Nicola Clark, our Police and Community Support Officer (PCSO), wanted this to go in the newsletter.

It is about fraudsters who pretend to be bank or building society officials or police officers and ask for your bank details. Three local incidents were reported in two days, one of them in Quidhampton. Luckily all the frauds were unsuccessful.



The criminals do not always operate in exactly the same way - they will use different stories.

- you may be asked to help identify 'fraudulent activity' in your account or in the bank itself.
- you may be asked to go to your bank and withdraw money as a test
- the caller may offer to send someone round to collect your bank or credit card to save you the bother of going to the bank
- the caller may suggest you hang up and dial the number of your bank or the police to check they are who they say they are but they will not put the phone down so you always get back to them when you dial
- the caller may ask you to read out the number of your cards, PIN numbers, any other accounts you have, other identifying information etc.

With this information the criminals can withdraw cash and make purchases with your card, and may even commit identity fraud.

Remember: banks and the police never ask you for card numbers or PIN numbers by phone. Hang up if this happens to you.

100 Club

The good news: a new organiser has been found for the 100 Club.

Thank you, Gervase Clifton-Moore of Sovereign Close.

The not-quite-so good news: Gervase feels (and others agree with him) that if the 100 Club is to continue it needs to be run differently so it will not be re-starting immediately.

There are two main issues: more members are needed and collecting cash several times a year is not practical anymore. Paying annually avoids the muddle that has happened in the recent past. And paying by standing order is even better.

Gervase would like to hear people's ideas and comments.

Did you realize that you can buy more than one ticket?

Contact Gervase by post (8 Sovereign Close SP2 9ES) or email gervasec@radcliffe-ifa.co.uk

History of the 100 Club: the Club began in 1994 to raise money for the 1995 VE Day 50th anniversary celebrations in the village. The minutes of the Village Entertainments committee record many times that it was difficult to be clear about the 100 Club finances but in June 2002 Viv Bass took over and there were no complaints after that. Her efficiency, hard work and knowledge of the village ensured it ran successfully for the next fourteen years, giving three people a lovely cash bonus every month, and a lot more the excitement of waiting to see if it were them.

Thank you, Viv, for all that. It was very much appreciated.

2Quidy Club anniversary

2Quidy Club first met on 7 March 2017. It was advertised as a drop in social club for villagers who were invited to bring their knitting or the crossword puzzle and go along for tea, coffee, homemade cakes and friendly chat.

Organisers Hannah Kimnel and Hannah Brown said they had no idea whether anyone would come or how often it would meet but 2Quidy has met every week since in school term time. Yes, people sometimes take their knitting, or books to swap or interesting items such as an intricate lego model or aerial photos of the village (thank you, Rich Stokes) but it's the cake and chat that bring people together. One member said, "I went to support the village hall but now I go because I really enjoy it!"

The feelgood factor in local life is very important – it's now called community resilience – and there is no doubt that the two Hannahs have strengthened this in Quidhampton through their regular hard work and cheerfulness.



They were each presented with flowers, and scented bath oil as a thank you from members, and a lovely card of the village hall created by card maker Sandie Smith. The card was admired so much that it may be produced and sold as a notecard.

Editor's note: many 2Quidy members might be on the elderly side but the coldest Tuesday of the year saw the biggest attendance of nineteen.



Waste and recycling collections

There will be changes from 30 July in the recycling collection. The black box will be for glass only and other items, including some that cannot be recycled now, will go in the blue-lidded bin. More details are online at wiltshire.gov.uk and will be in the June newsletter.

Important change to household recycling centres from 9 April

From 9 April when you visit a household recycling centre you will need to **take a form of identity with you** to prove you live in Wiltshire. It must show your name and Wiltshire address (excludes Swindon). Suitable forms of ID include driving licence, a council tax bill and a utility bill.

Without the ID you may be asked to leave and you should take it with you every time you visit. Digital versions on your phone or tablet are acceptable.

The Great British Spring Clean in Quidhampton



Some of the litter pickers outside the village hall after well-earned refreshment

Howard Rowley, chair of the parish council writes:

The postponed annual spring clean/litter pick was a resounding success due entirely to villagers, both young and of more mature years, giving up an hour of their time to collect 20 bags of rubbish discarded around our verges and in Boyes Wood.

On behalf of the parish council I want to thank the 30 or so volunteers for filling those bags and finding items including the front of a car, a shopping trolley, a rusted wheelbarrow and the remains of two guns, one an old air rifle and the other looking like half of an old fashioned dueling pistol. Thanks to Wiltshire Council for collection and disposal of everything.

The shopping trolley etc. came from Boyes Wood, the results of fly-tipping that can spoil that area. Lower Road is generally litter free but sadly rubbish that must come from cars is frequently found at the northern end of Skew Road, Footshill and the Netherhampton road.

A regular walker asked that his grateful thanks for the clearing of Skew Road be recorded. However, the next day a baby's nappy was thrown away there! It was in a bag but it is difficult to understand how some people can have so little regard for others.

The parish clerk, Clare Churchill, and her family deserve a special mention for a remarkable contribution. Not only do they clear Skew Road regularly but that afternoon they removed 18 bags of leaf mould, soil etc. from the pavement by the bus stop at the top of Skew Road. It had spread onto so much of the pavement that people waited in the road for the bus. And earlier that day Clare helped out with cooking bacon etc. for the other litter pickers. Thank you to all the family.

Sweet Success for Stirring Sunday*

The Fudge and Chocolate workshop run by Clare Herring (with support from her family) was well attended by nearly 30 people of all ages, including two visitors from Lower Bemerton who live in the same street but who had not met before.

Clare writes: There were 4 fudge workshops in the kitchen, while in the main hall groups of people made other delectable sweets with melted chocolate.

Four different flavoured fudges were on sale, as well as home-made cakes, biscuits and tea.

We have been asked to do another similar event in the summer holidays. So watch out for an ice cream workshop or perhaps a pizza workshop.

*This refers to the long time that fudge must be stirred.

Clare has also told the newsletter that they are hoping to run **a small garden show in the village hall on 14 July** so gardeners may like to think about what will be good for that when it is finally dry and warm enough for planting.



Photo by Oskar Valjak

Snow stopped Snow

The first of the two recent snowfalls prevented broadcaster Dan Snow visiting Eve Warton to talk about her book and her experiences as a Wren. *(couldn't resist that headline! editor)*

The dramatic snowfalls brought out the best in Quidhampton people. Paths were cleared, and hot meals were offered. One villager walked along Lower Road on her way to the Co-op offering to pick up essentials for other people, and

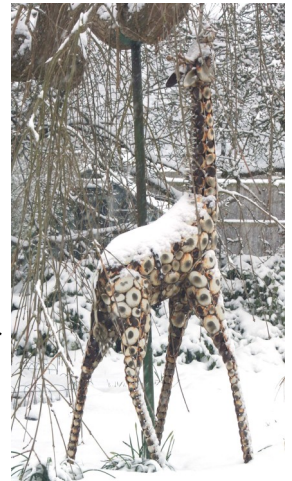
Helen and Steve Wales ski-ed into Salisbury for coffee!

The second snowfall came without wind so every branch and twig was covered, a magical sight we don't see very often

Do let your neighbours know if you weren't offered help and would like someone to check on you next time.



Kinnell family snowman



Albion House giraffe.
by Graham Heeley

“Every branch big with it, bent
every twig with it”.

These words from a Thomas
Hardy poem describe the scene
so well.



Photo of his dog in Boyes wood by Chris Herring

Working in Africa

Josie Roberts of Rose Cottage will spend three weeks in Uganda in September as a volunteer with East African Playgrounds (EAP) as part of a group building a playground for a school.

Play is incredibly important in a child's development as Josie says:

Play is something we take for granted. We cannot imagine never having the space or freedom to play as children, which is unfortunately the reality for some children in the world.

East African Playgrounds is working to change this by building playgrounds all over Uganda - including in refugee camps - helping to empower some of the world's most disadvantaged children.

Josie has paid for her own travel and accommodation in Uganda and now aims to raise £2000. Some of this will go towards the project costs (salaries and accommodation) of refugees working for the EAP. It also includes a £300 donation to the Ugandan Wildlife Authority who protect the silver back gorillas Josie is hoping to see during a five day trek to tag a troop of gorillas, and £1000 will be a direct donation to EAP. Josie says £10 will buy a toy giraffe, and £15 will build a motor-bike out of tyres. £50 builds a table for board games.

If you would like to support this work and Joise you can donate online <https://www.eastafricanplaygrounds.org/fundraisers/supporting-eastafrican-playgrounds>

or simply put an envelope marked EAP through the door of Rose Cottage.

Josie would like to thank all donors so do include your name and contact details.

Josie is a student at Southampton University, studying philosophy, and chose this charity because she benefitted from having lots of opportunities to play as a child, including swinging in the garden on a horse made from a rubber tyre. She is doing a 10k run in Southampton on 22 April to help raise the money - you may see her running through the village.

2Quidy members can give donations via Sid Roberts, her proud grandfather.



The Parish Council: March Meeting

A member of the public asked about the community speed watch. Nine villagers were trained in December but speed checks have still not begun.

The Parish Clerk reported that she had that morning received notification that five sites along Lower Road had been passed as suitable for volunteers to work from. Now it was a matter of waiting for Quidhampton's turn with the equipment and for all volunteers to receive their badges.

The next training session is on 14 April and other dates are available. Training is a two hour session at Devizes and more volunteers are needed.

Another member of the public said that some of the trained volunteers might be seen on the road in the next week or two. They will be practising taking the numbers of speeding cars, which is not as easy as it sounds.

Apologies were received from Pauline Church, Wiltshire Councillor. She sent a report that included the information that the grant for the Speed Indicator Device has been agreed. This static device, which shows the speed at which a car is being driven, is also to be shared with other villages.

Co-option: there is still a vacancy for a co-opted member. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk.

Recreation Ground: the Clerk has three quotes for climbing equipment. Money is still ring fenced for the playground. Consultation with parents is on going. The parish council agreed that a grant application can be submitted before the next meeting. Howard Rowley, Clare Churchill (clerk), and Ken Taylor will lead this.

Noticeboards: Paul Cripps is arranging for a waterproof map of the village in colourfast inks to be prepared to go on the new noticeboard.

The grant application policy presented at the last meeting was passed.

Defibrillator Viv Bass reported on various schemes and it was decided the Community Heartbeat Trust would be the best, and the best site probably the phone box. It was agreed to purchase a defibrillator subject to funding being found.

Planning: an application to convert a small cellar at Almeric into a habitable space was supported.

Next meeting: Tuesday 22 May. This will be the annual parish council meeting. Any items for the agenda should be with the clerk (details on back page) by 09.00 on 11 May.

N.B. This is not a full report of the meeting. Minutes will appear on the village notice board in due course.



Our youngest inhabitant (as far as is known)

Tetley moved into Sovereign Close with Bob and Sallie on 10 March. He is a working cocker spaniel, bred in the North Yorkshire moors from good northern stock and is looking forward to making lots of new friends, of both the two and four legged variety.

SJP Wedding Fair at St John's Place

**Sunday 22 April
11.00 – 14.30**

Free entry with glass of fizz on arrival
Competitions. Food tasting.
Live music

Over 20 wedding products and services
- everything you need to plan a great
wedding in a venue like no other.

Wedding industry awards 2018 regional
finalist

Bemerton St John school warning:

parking in the road outside school
continues to be a problem and traffic
wardens will be making checks again.

St John's Place: porch door

Salisbury Area Board has approved a
grant of almost £6000 which is 75% of
the cost of installing a glass door to the
south porch (main church entrance).
This allows the big wooden door to be
left open during events to be more
welcoming, it gives easy access to the
small meeting room, and it meets fire
regulations so bigger events can be held
there.

St John's Place chilli and quiz night

A most successful event.
About 90 people attended and about
£650 was raised for St John's Place.
Another quiz and food night is planned
for the autumn.

This month's newsletter has been paid
for by Graham and Elizabeth Heeley of
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regular contributions in support of the
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Waste and recycling dates April

Household waste Mon 2, 16 & 30, 14 May

Recycling Mon 9 & 23 April, 7 May

Garden waste Fri 13 & 27, 11 May

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