

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

August 2018

What's on in August

Thursday 2 monthly charity quiz The White Horse 20.15

Friday 3 Hog roast with Chris Payn and band The White Horse

Wednesday 8 Bemerton Film Society: Bridge of Spies. St John's Place. Doors open 19.15 £6 *A true-life cold war drama in which an American attorney is unexpectedly hired to defend a Soviet spy and negotiates the release of a spy plane pilot shot down over Russia.*

Friday 17 Rock and Roll bingo The White Horse

Wednesday 29 Sovereign Set lunch at The White Horse Contact Joyce Harvey by 21 August for details and menu: 742309

Bemerton Live continues on Friday mornings at St John's Place on 3, 10 and 17 August. Popular exercise classes for the over 55s. 10.15 seated zumba followed by gentle pilates or yoga. 1 class £3, both classes £5 refreshments included. Details Sabine: 07593 555083

No classes on 24 and 31 August. Sabine says: enjoy the sunshine and keep moving.

There is no 2 Quiddy Club in August (returns 11 September) and **no Bemerton Brunch.**

Advance notice: Happy's Circus is at Coombe Bissett cricket ground on 7 September in aid of Coombe Bissett school funds. Tickets available from Coombe Bissett stores. £38 for a family of four, £12 adults, £10 children, under 2's free. They cost more on the door.

School news and possible disruption: during the holidays building work is taking place at Bemerton St John school in the grounds, corridor, and classrooms to improve provision, especially for the youngest children. It means all classes will move to a different room in September. The children will not return to school until 6 September.

There may be some delays on Lower Road in the school holidays as building and re-surfacing materials are delivered. The staff car park is also being improved.

Quidditch picnic

A few of the smiling faces of families who joined the picnic on the recreation ground on Sunday 22 July. It

was great to see the play equipment being used and village children getting together. What a lively and likeable bunch they are! Thanks to Abi for doing most of the organising. If you want to get news of occasional events for Quidhampton families give your details to Abi abi.kingston@talk21.com



LITTER WARNING FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL: no litter picking

Because Quidhampton is so near Salisbury police advice about litter picking applies to us:

If you didn't drop it don't pick it up

This advice is issued because of the second Novichok incident.

The Royal Wedding in Quidhampton 19 May

Everyone who was there must agree with Howard Rowley, chair of the parish council, who said: "This is exactly why we need our village hall!"

No, Harry and Meghan didn't secretly slip away to Quidhampton but a good number of villagers went to the hall to celebrate their wedding. Where else could an impromptu event be so

well organised? Lots of people helped but most thanks must go to Hannah Kinnell who had the idea and the enthusiasm to organise it. The outside of the village hall looked so splendid they say a passing coach party took photos. Well, you don't get this village spirit everywhere.



The Annual Parish Meeting 22 May If you want to know what's going on in Quidhampton you have to go to this meeting. There is talk of making it more of an event next year.

There were more than 15 reports from village organisations, event organisers and others (e.g. the school). The parish clerk, Clare Churchill, has the reports and will incorporate them in the minutes.

Bemerton school fete 16 June Headteacher Alun Richard is delighted to report that a staggering £2523.54 was raised.

Bemerton Open Gardens 24 June This popular annual event also raised more than ever this year: £1350.

Quidhampton Summer Garden Show: 14 July

This revival of the Quidhampton Summer Garden Show, professionally staged and organised by Clare Herring, gave newcomers some idea of the glories of the past. And despite weeks of scorching weather (no good at all for gardens), the world football cup final and Wimbledon ladies final it was a most memorable village event. Moved from the village hall to the village marquee it looked every inch the traditional summer show, with the numerous categories carefully arranged before 11.00. Nick and Zoe Hoare took the





judging very seriously and competitors returned from 14.00 keen to see if they had won anything. Several excited gasps were heard as people saw their names on a first prize certificate. By then teas and cakes were on sale, as well as tickets for an impromptu raffle, begun with whisky donated by Carlos of The Grange. At 16.00 the main prizes were awarded, followed by the dog show.

Clare deserves most of the credit for pulling it all together and making it such a lovely day for the village but credit also goes to her assistants Adrian and Belinda Richardson, Lucy Bennett and Kip (Chris) Herring. And to John Cater who was MC and generally in charge of dogs. A great team! Special thanks to Martin and Rachel for so kindly hosting the show in the pub garden, and to the tea team for making the cakes and serving teas in that heat: Joy Wagstaff, Elizabeth Heeley, Viv Bass, Susie Bale, Ali Thake, Sylvia Smith and Maureen Goff.

Prizewinners. The names are in order: 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Every attempt has been made to get the correct information. Any errors that are pointed out will be corrected in the next newsletter.



Special cups W.I. Cup for overall standard of entries Katie Emmett; **Garden Club Trophy:** Jennifer Tyler; **Showstopper Cup:** Elizabeth Heeley; **Junior Cup:** Kai Jackson; **Rose Cup:** Bea Tilbrook

Flowers: **Marigolds:** J Tyler, A Richardson, C Herring; **Sweet peas:** K. Emmett, J Tyler, C Burgess; **Roses:** B Tilbrook, E Warton, H Kinnell; **Single flower:** K. Emmett, J Tyler, G Heeley; **Hanging basket:** Rich Stokes; **Flowers in unusual container:** H Kinnell, C Herring, E Heeley; **Mini garden:** T Jackson;

Fruit: J Harvey;

Vegetables Beans: B Tilbrook, K Jackson, K Jackson; **Onion:** J Tyler;

Lettuce: J Tyler; **Wonky vegetable:** M Singleton, L Newman, K Jackson; **Courgette:** M Singleton, J Wagstaff, K Emmett, **Cucumber:** V Bass, J Harvey, M Singleton **Children's Vegetable Monster:** T Jackson, J Richardson;

Baking: **Under 11 cupcakes:** L Kinnell, T Jackson, K Jackson; **Cheese straws:** J Richardson; **Chocolate cake:** F Kinnell, A Kinnell; **Gluten free:** Kate Cater;

Showstopper: E Heeley, H Kinnell, R Herring;

Preserves Chutney: S Bale, J Wagstaff, J Wagstaff; **Jam:** K Emmett, R Smith, M Young; **Marmalade:** J Tyler, J Harvey, J Wagstaff, R Smith

Dogs: handsomest dog/prettiest bitch: The Jacksons; **Most amusing:** The Richardsons (Olive); **Dog most like its owner:** Isabel Argyle; **Waggiest tail:** Lily Newman

The teas and cakes made £100, and the raffle £67 (always good to have a raffle). Expenses were covered by the Village Entertainment fund and a private donor so, including entry money, nearly £200 was raised for the village hall.



Special note: many people asked about the winning rose with its gorgeous perfume. It is Sweet Juliet, a traditional bush rose but more disease resistant and with a stronger and more upright growth than most. It flowers in June with some repeat flowering.

Baby congratulations

Amber, Dan and Frankie welcomed Niyah Jane Rebecca Wright into the world at 15.55 on Wednesday 30th May, weighing in at 7lb 12oz. Another grandchild for Sarah Thornton, and great grandchild for Ted. Sarah says Frankie is besotted with his little sister

Congratulations to the parents of Jacob Price of 2 Temperance Cottages who was born in July. His proud dad works at Bemerton St John school. Welcome to the village, Jacob.

Village Hall The hall could still do with more bookings. Recently a couple booked it to practise the dance they were going to do at their wedding reception. What a good idea! Any other creative ideas for using it?

Antony Bolger of Havilland Cottages passed away peacefully on Wednesday 30 May after a long battle with serious illness. His children said: "He is reunited with our mum, June. The Heyday Balloonists are now together forever." June and Antony were well known hot air balloonists before her death. He was buried in London Road Cemetery where he had visited her grave daily for many years. He loved living in Quidhampton where he had lived with June and often boasted that his was the oldest house in the village. Donations in his memory for Salisbury Hospice can be sent, if desired, to Ian Newman funeral directors.

Bridie Clapham St Osmund's church was full for Bridie's funeral on 26 July. She died, aged 93, on 3 July after a full and active life. There will be an obituary in the September newsletter. Please send any anecdotes or special memories you have of Bridie to the editor.

It's that time of year again... especially since the rain. Luxuriant summer growth can creep beyond your garden and onto the pavement or footway (the area marked by a white line in the eastern part of the village.) This forces pedestrians to go into the road and be exposed to the traffic. Please cut back your plants if they are encroaching on the walking area.

Modern traffic There have been more complaints about people parking cars across other people's driveways in Lower Road. The village is not designed for cars which leads to all sorts of niggles and annoyances, mostly settled in a neighbourly way, but finding you cannot get out to get to work in the morning is more serious

Community Speedwatch report:

from April to July
1300 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit in Quidhampton. This represents between 10 and 15% of the traffic passing in one direction when monitoring was taking place.



More volunteers are sought in order to share the load and increase coverage.

Could you do it? *The evening training takes approximately two hours and you are paired with an experienced volunteer for your first shifts. Some people volunteer for more shifts than others (thank you!) but just two hours in a week when the speed gun is here would make a big difference.*

Contact Clare Churchill for more details: quidhamptonpc@btinternet.com, or phone 743027.

Other Parish Council matters

For a complete record of the meeting on 24 July see the minutes which will be confirmed and signed at the next meeting on 25 September

Defibrillator The unused telephone box has been adopted by Community Heartbeat, the partnership organisation in the Parish Council's bid to have a defibrillator in the village. Different kinds of defibrillators and training were discussed.

Recreation Ground Richard Mullett does the required weekly visual check of the playground and reported that all is well. He will trim the edges of the paths.

The planned new equipment was discussed. Some details of costs are still not fully known (land preparation and survey costs) and neither has a choice been made between the two front runners. It was suggested that parents be invited to the next meeting. Meanwhile Ken Taylor will prepare grant applications to the Landfill Communities Fund, and to the South West Wiltshire Area board. The latter will be for £3500 which will be equally matched by the Parish Council with money that has been earmarked for this purpose.

20 mph speed limit It was decided to see the effect of the Speed Indicator Device before other suggestions were considered. The SID shows the speed at which a car is travelling. It is shared with other communities so we will have it for set periods. It is also designed to be used on the Netherhampton Road.

Road markings, potholes, the long split in the middle of the road: all these have been reported and the clerk chases them up regularly. Reports by other people would help. Use the My Wiltshire app, downloadable onto computers or portable devices.



Benjamin James Bucknall 1898 – 1918 **Rifleman 16th Battalion (Queen's Westminster Rifles) London Regiment**

Rifleman Benjamin Bucknall of Bemerton, age 20, was killed in action on 28 August 1918 in an attack on the Hindenburg Line. He is buried in Queant Road Cemetery, France and will be remembered in St Andrew's church on Sunday 26 August.

Family background

Benjamin's father, John Bucknall (1873 – 1950), like many others, found work other than agricultural labour but to do so had to leave Lincolnshire where their family had been for generations.

John joined the railway, first as an engine cleaner in Woking, then as a stoker in Yeovil. By 1903 he was a fireman, living in Devizes Road, and by 1906 he was an engine driver.

In 1896 John had married Alice Potter of Chertsey and they had three sons and five daughters. Benjamin, born in Yeovil, was the second oldest.

In 1908 the family moved to Bemerton, first to St Andrews Road, then to 3 Montgomery Terrace. (now 5 Lower Road). They were occasionally mentioned in the parish magazines e.g. daughter Julia won prizes for Sunday School attendance in 1909.

Benjamin Bucknall was 10 when they came to Bemerton and 16 when the war began. He attended a technical college, probably the City of Salisbury School of Science and Art in the Literary and Scientific Institute building in New Street, and then trained as an architect with Fred Bath of Salisbury who designed a new church at Sherfield English. Benjamin was highly thought of and regarded as very proficient for his age.

War Service

Benjamin's army number suggests he was called up in early 1917 and assigned to the Queen's Westminster Rifles, an infantry

battalion of the London Regiment that spent the entire war on the western front.

His first experience at the front line may have been the battle of Langemarck near Ypres in

August 1917 where there were heavy casualties. 'Casualties' meant men who could not fight so included sick, wounded, and missing as well as the dead. There were very few days in the war diary where no one was recorded sick.

The diary also gives monthly totals of their strength. At the end of July 1917 it was 95%, after Langemarck 75%. After the battle of Cambrai in November it was 66%. Reinforcements arrived daily, but not in large numbers. It is likely most were wounded men who were fit to fight again. In February 1918, however, 408 men arrived, taking them to 97% (full strength was 1000 men). After Arras in March 1918 they were down to 624 men but 326 arrived on 30th. Such constant losses were not only demoralising but meant reinforcements had to fit in very quickly.

Benjamin's letter to a friend written in 1918 was quoted in The Salisbury Journal: "Rifleman Benjamin Bucknall had been gassed but remained in the field until he had discharged his supply of ammunition '*letting the Boches have the full 200 rounds*'"

This war diary also contains details and comments that show concern for the men and bring it to life more vividly:



1 Aug 1918: *entrained to relieve Canadian infantry on front line. Trains late consequently considerable rush to fill water bottles, have teas, stack packs and fall out. Relief complete 2 a.m. Officer in charge knew practically nothing of sector as 2 companies had only come in night before.*

2 Aug *Accommodation practically entirely scooped out bivouacs, very bad.*

Rain nearly all day. Front line knee deep with water. No reg aid post. Trenches all very dirty, masses of salvage, and bad latrines.

They were relieved on 7 August and after a day clearing up the reserve trenches went to the bath unit but *No personnel at baths to work themno clean towels.*

A series of battles was taking place in the Somme area, now recognised as the beginning of the 100 Days Offensive that led to the end of the war.

On 19 August the Queen's Westminster Rifles left their billets for a major attack but problems with transport and traffic made progress difficult (*"roads blocked by cavalry and artillery. No traffic orders were apparently being obeyed"*).

On 28 August the entry is particularly heartfelt. *"Battalion assembled as ordered with exception of B company whose assembly trench was already occupied by 9th Liverpool regiment.... Great difficulty was experienced in moving up to assembly area as the trenches were packed with troops. All ranks arrived deadbeat after being on the move all night. Battn had practically been without an unbroken night's sleep since 12th inst and had moved nearly every twenty four hours during that period generally by night".* However: *"When our barrage lifted at zero all companies left their trenches with dash. Hostile machine guns opened at once very heavily and casualties were very heavy. C Company lost 80% of its men and all its officers struggling through the wire in front of their jumping off trench."*

Rifleman Bucknall was part of that 80%, killed by machine gun fire as they struggled. On 31 August the strength of the battalion was only 57%. Although their part of the

attack was not successful the Canadians captured and held land near Queant. Benjamin Bucknall was buried with others from that day in unmarked graves nearby. In 1920, as part of the concentration of graves into larger cemeteries, their bodies were taken to Queant cemetery. They were identified by their discs and personal effects were sent to battalion HQ. His parents chose the words "Duty nobly done" for his headstone.

Benjamin's name is also on Salisbury War memorial.

As with the Metropolitan Police (see William Curtis), there was a service of remembrance in Westminster Abbey for the men of the Queen's Westminster Rifles and a memorial window was installed. It was destroyed in the blitz and replaced with a regimental roll of honour in the form of a book.

Further family history

Benjamin's younger brother Arthur joined the navy in the 1920's and was killed at Scarpa Flow in October 1939. Frank, the middle brother, disappeared in 1946 and nothing was heard from him again. The family believed he had gone abroad.

Contact has been made with Arthur's two sons and another branch of the family and we thank them for use of the photos.



Arthur killed
Oct 1939
Scarpa Flow



Frank disappeared
1946

The Poppy Project

Individuals and groups are now painting their poppies and planning their displays.

Paint: Bookers have run out of the red spray paint but it is sold online at <https://www.sprayster.com/product-category/coloured-spray/>. You can buy 6 cans for £15.34 including delivery. Expenses can be claimed from the Parish Council but please do not buy one can at a time - the delivery cost is more than the paint! Bookers have a replacement colour but it is pink rather than red.

Poppies: there are still plenty of plastic bottles at Meadow Barn, Fisherman's Reach (tel: 742456). If you need to make more poppies please come and collect them.

Displays: we want as many people as possible to join in and a simple string of poppies tied to railings or individual ones wired into a hedge will be lovely. If you plan a big display let the Parish Clerk know so a map can be produced of where they are and so she can check there are no visibility issues on the highway.

If you are not yet involved in the project and want to be contact the editor.

In the village hall

Are you a knitter? A service of remembrance for Quidhampton men will take place in the village hall on 11 November and 100 poppies have been knitted as part of a display. It would be good to have some more. The granddaughter of a Quidhampton man who emigrated to Canada and fought in the First World War is making some for us.

If you are interested contact the newsletter editor for a pattern.

Fire Officer's Award On May 24 Alex Edge of The Alders was presented with the Chief Fire Officer's Commendation for outstanding work in response to an emergency call.

Alex works as a Control Firefighter and on 27 December took a 999 call from an extremely anxious woman whose car was stuck in floodwater at Fifehead Magdalen.

Alex stayed on the call for 20 minutes, establishing the driver's location and then reassuring and calming her. This included advice on breathing techniques, as the driver was suffering a severe panic attack. Alex's manager, Tracey Nash, also from Quidhampton, was so impressed by her calm professionalism and the focus she displayed throughout the call that she nominated her for the commendation.

Congratulations, Alex. We are lucky to have such wonderful people as you working for our emergency services.



Alex receiving her award from the chief fire officer at Salisbury Guildhall.

Wendy Lawrence of Pewsey who helps with the First World War research has sent in this lovely wedding photo from 16 August 1941.

The photo couldn't be displayed at the Weddings Exhibition but Wendy is very keen to identify an unknown woman in the photo and hopes someone will recognise her. The bride is **Mary Selina Hammett**, born in Quidhampton and living at 3 Rose



Cottages. She married Londoner **James Heuston** at St John's. Her father **Charles** stands to her left and her mother **Alice**, in a suit and dark hat, is seated on the left of the photograph. The man in uniform at the back is her brother **Jack**.

The woman in a dark hat standing next to Jack is the unknown person.

The adult bridesmaids were Mary's sisters **Marjorie Hammet**, later Scott,(left) and **Eva Hammet**. (right). Eva and Jack were two of triplets.

The child bridesmaid is thought to be Rita, child of Marjorie.

The groom's mother, **Rose Heuston**, in the dark dress, is sitting to the right, in front of her daughter, **Rose**, on the extreme right. The groom's brother **Charles** is standing to the left of the photo, wearing glasses.

Wendy would love to hear from anyone who can identify the room in which the photo was taken or who has any recollections of the Hammett and Heuston families. Contact the editor.

Family history: *Mary Hammett's 's grandfather was James Hammett, cousin of the Tolpuddle Martyr of the same name. He moved to Netherhampton a few years before he married his second wife in 1876; he was a drowner of the water meadows. (This means he was in charge of the controlled irrigation that increased the productivity of water meadows. Flooding a meadow early in the year reduced the effect of frost and gained an earlier growth of grass so sheep could go onto the meadow sooner and save on winter feed)*

Their son Charles, father of the bride in the wedding photograph, fought in the Boer Wars with the 6th Dragoon Guards and became a groom in the hunting stables on the Wilton Estate on discharge from the Army.

He married Alice in 1913, moved to 3 Rose Cottages in Quidhampton and had six children all baptised at Bemerton. Charles, his wife and five daughters are buried in St John's cemetery. One of the daughters died at nine weeks. She was the third of the triplets referred to above.

Thinking of a break in France?



Many villagers will remember Rick and Cilla Pickett, late of Montrose, who moved to France in 2011. Cilla says they are still enjoying their life there very much. She is part of 'Dreamcatchers' who run fun events for charity and she is now president of the Interesting Gardening Club of Dordogne.

She and Rick are now offering Chambre d'hôte in their lovely farmhouse in a secluded and peaceful part of the

Dordogne. It would be great to relax in their garden, swimming pool or games barn (table tennis or snooker included) but there is plenty to do elsewhere.

Ten minutes away is Lake Jermaye, a natural lake on the edge of a forest in the regional park. A beach and swimming facilities have been created at one end where there is free kayaking and places to eat, and of course great walks.

Five minutes away is Ribérac, a quiet town with typical French bars, shops and restaurants, and on Fridays a huge and very popular market.

They rent two spacious rooms, each with a double bed and an en suite shower room; one has a single bed as well. Both rooms also have tea and coffee facilities, free wi-fi, satellite television, coded door lock and original low ceiling beams.

Continental breakfast is included, and full English breakfast is available for 5 euros. A four course evening meal with half a bottle of wine per person can be served, subject to availability, if ordered before midday at a cost of 25 euros per person.



The rooms cost 70 euro a night in July and August and 60 euros in May, June, September and October with an extra charge for a third person in the single bed (15 or 10 euros a night).

There are some excellent reviews on booking.com and airbnb where Cilla is rated a 'superhost': experienced and committed to providing great stay for guests. Search for 'la fermette de vignas'. Or contact Cilla direct: Chez Vignas, 24600 Vanxains, Dordogne, France. email cilla@lafermettevignas.com

Sarum Academy News

Jonathan Curtis, headteacher of Sarum Academy, won the Salisbury Journal leadership award, at their Education Awards evening, in recognition of the progress and improvements that have been made since he took over as headteacher.

The school is now part of the Magna Learning Partnership and works with The Trafalgar School at Downton, St Edmunds School and Wyvern College.

The Partnership aims to raise educational standards by sharing good practice, skills and facilities, and to enhance the curriculum and reduce costs by sharing resources. It is good to know the secondary schools in Salisbury are co-operating in this way. The new Sixth Form College (S6C) has begun consultations about joining.

Duke of Edinburgh awards. Sarum Academy is now a certified centre for these prestigious awards and will be taking their first gold award students to Buckingham Palace in the autumn.

New Butcher's Shop in Wilton

Thomas Newman, son of Lily Newman of Greenway Barn, has opened a butcher's shop in Wilton.

After catering college Tom decided to specialise in butchery. Having worked his way up to butchery manager in his last job he wanted to branch out on his own – a brave step. So why not go along and support him and treat yourself to some quality produce?

Wylve Valley Meats

24 North Street Wilton

01722 743853

We aim to source all our meat from the local area wherever possible

Also for sale:

local cheese, fresh eggs, seasonal local produce (red currants last week)

We make our own sausages.

Free delivery within 5 miles of Wilton (includes Quidhampton)

Enthusiastic reviews on Tom's facebook page show that many people are pleased to have a butcher's shop in Wilton again.

Other comments include:

- The pork and apricot sausages are the nicest sausages I've had in ages. Packed full of meat and the flavour is utterly delicious. (Zoe Hoare)
- What a fabulous range of local produce! Meats and marinades too.
- Pork and chilli sausages are fantastic!
- Very friendly great staff
- Bacon was amazing and minted lamb steaks beautiful on the bbq.

Message from Inga of Alexandra

Cottages: do you know anyone who can play a djembe drum? I write my own music and have an idea for a piece using the djembe drum. The person does not have to own their own, as I have one here. Contact: 01722 744230 or mob 07564226397

Are you any good at upholstery?

Upholsterer wanted for possible new village project. Contact Sabine on 07742 273 984 or sabinedance@btinternet.com

Sadly there has been no sign of the two handsome rabbits that disappeared from their hutch in the garden of Blenheim House.

100+ Club. The response for the 100+ Club has been very positive and encouraging. Organiser Gervase, however, needs more time to finalise the administration so it can begin on a sound footing. Watch out for the banker's order forms with the next newsletter.

Recycle more! You can now put much more plastic in your blue-lidded recycling bin.

- yoghurt pots, plastic trays, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs – but not if they are black

- milk and soup cartons (tetrapacks)
- plastic bottles and cardboard as before

Plastic film cannot be recycled (such as the food covering on plastic trays)
Black boxes : no change.

Waste and recycling dates

August

Garden waste	Fri 3, 17 & 31
Household waste	Mon 6 & 20
Recycling	Mon 13 & 27

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