

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

May & June 2016

White Horse opening hours for both bank holidays in May
Saturday as usual; Sunday 12.00 – 20.00; Monday 12.00 – 17.00

What's On in May Quidhampton events in bold

Sunday 1 10.00 litter-pickers meet at The White Horse

Monday 2 May Day Bank Holiday. Second Fisherton festival

Thursday 5 Monthly pub quiz The White Horse 20.15

Sunday 8 Cycle Wiltshire Grand Prix

Monday 9 – Friday 13 year six pupils take their SATS tests

Tuesday 10 “Untouchable” Bemerton Film Society St John’s school 19.30

Friday 13 Sarum Morris at The White Horse 20.00

Wednesday 18 Sovereign set lunch. Contact Joyce Harvey by 10 May to book, 742309.

Wednesday 18 Monthly bike night The White Horse

Thursday 19 The story of the Salisbury Chequers. Bemerton History Society Hadley Davis Court 19.30

Saturday 21 Christian Aid Big Breakfast. St Michael’s Community Centre 09.00

Tuesday 24 Quidhampton Parish Council meeting 19.30 Village Hall

Friday 27 End of term Sarum Academy and St Johns

Friday 27 Happy Circus at Bemerton and chance to look round St John’s Place: see p8.

Monday 30 late May Bank Holiday

The next newsletter will be the July/August edition

Sunday 8th May, Cycle Wiltshire Grand Prix: Watch out for road closures especially the A36 and A3094. More details on Quidhampton website and notice board

What's On in June

Thursday 2 Monthly pub quiz The White Horse 20.15

Friday 3 – Sunday 5: The second White Horse Annual Beer Festival : See flyer

Monday 6 All pupils back in school

Tuesday 7 “The 100 foot Journey” Bemerton Film Society St John’s school 19.30

Friday 10 photographer at St Johns school, class and leavers photos

Friday 10 Quiz night at St John’s school – see p3

Saturday 11 Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations: White Horse Inn: see enclosed flyer

Tuesday 14 Parents Forum, St John’s school hall 14.30

Wednesday 15 Monthly bike night The White Horse

Thursday 16 The houses of Wilton Road Bemerton History Society as above

Sunday 19 Fathers Day: book early at The White Horse.

Tuesday 21 Sports Day St Johns school

Saturday 25 St John’s Place launch event
10.00 – 13.00: see p8

Advance notice July events:

Saturday 2 St John’s school fete

Monday 18 village hall AGM

Wednesday 20 White Horse Golf Day at

Crane Valley Golf Club Verwood. See Howard Rowley, The Stables, Lock’s Lane, to book a place.

Don't forget the Village Photograph on 11 June 14.30 prompt.

Let’s have as many villagers in the photo as we can.

Note for republicans: it’s not really about the queen. Help celebrate the community spirit of Quidhampton and be part of the historical record.

From the Horse's mouth

Zoe Hoare writes:

Grand National Day was great fun with a good turnout for the race. Well done Duncan Witt, the Sweepstake Winner! Congratulations also to Brian Overton, who picked up third place. Apparently his father once told him he'd never win anything; you proved him wrong, Brian!

Our first bike night was popular: over 30 motorbikes joined us, as well as bike lovers



who came on foot to see what was going on. There were old and new bikes, some pristine and some a work in progress. Thanks to everyone who supported it, especially those from the village. Bike night will continue through the summer on the third Wednesday of the month. On **18 May** there will be a ride out from the pub.

St George's flags were about to celebrate all things great and English on April 23. Happy hour prices were popular along with traditional 'English' specials: local lamb chops, liver and bacon, spotted dick and fruit crumble with custard.

Coming up... see enclosed leaflet for more details

- **White Horse Beer Festival: 3- 5 June.**
- **Quidhampton Village Fun Day: Saturday 11 June**

NB Family and friends are most welcome to come to the event but only Quidhampton residents can take part in the tug of war. It is being refereed by the lovely Alan Jeanes, Archdeacon of Sarum, a truly impartial judge.

- **After the afternoon fun: Live in The Loft 11 June at 20.00:** England v Russia

The first of England's Euro 2016 matches. Alan Shearer doesn't think the Three Lions can do it and bookies are offering 12/1, but why not come along and see what they can do? Support your team and country!

Other matches include England v Wales at 14.00 on Thursday 16 June and Slovakia v England at 20.00pm on Monday 20 June.

And don't forget to book early for the **Father's Day traditional Sunday roast on 19 June** and get a complimentary glass of 18-year-old Chivas Regal Scotch for dad.



Ted, Zoe, Steve and Brian and their St George's Day hats

The most unlikely place?

A mallard has built her nest in a front garden in Fisherman's Reach. Any advice on how we can help the ducklings survive? They are a long way from the river.

Contact the editor, details back page.

Quiz Night at Bemerton St John's School

Friday 10 June

19.30 for 20.00 start

£4 per person includes cheese and biscuits

Maximum of 6 in a team

Teams must pay in advance so we know how many we are catering for.

Book and pay for your team by Friday 27 May.

For enquiries and to register a team contact Jo Weston:

email FOBS@bemerton-st-john.wilts.sch.uk or contact the school

Organised by Friends of Bemerton School

Yes, the chair of the Friends of Bemerton School is now Jo Weston of Hampton Court, mother of Amelia in Year 3, who sang so sweetly for us at the Christmas Sparkle. Is this another first for Quidhampton?

An invitation and items for sale from

Jane Taylor, 4 Alexandra Cottages

At long last my building work is (more or less) complete and I would like to thank all my neighbours for their forbearance while it was going on. I know that there was a significant degree of noise, mess, congestion caused by builders' vehicles etc. So, thank you.

Thank you too for your interest in what I've been having done. I'm planning a **House-warming party/open day** so anyone who'd like to can come and see the transformation. This will be on **11 June from 11.00 till 20.00**, please just drop in.

For sale : two items:

any offers considered

- 1) Hotpoint electric 4ring hob (black). Needs to be installed by a qualified electrician into a worktop.
- 2) Philips 1.5litre electric juicer.

Walk for Wards: I'm planning again this year to take part in the Walk for Wards sponsored walk on 3 July in aid of Salisbury District Hospital, and would welcome sponsors. Many, many thanks.
Jane Taylor 01722 744534

100 Club March winners

1st C Herring
2nd O Valjak
3rd Z Hoare

100 Club April winners

1st K Trowbridge
2nd S Rowland Jones
3rd B Clapham

100 Club: Prizes are £40, £30 and £15. The draw takes place in The White Horse on the last day of every month. It costs £1 a month to take part and all profits go to the village hall. See Chris Edge for details: 07790564735.

Otters return

It appears that otters have been seen in some of the rivers around Salisbury, a welcome sign of the return of more wildlife. But did you realise that otters were still being hunted in this area in 1946? A notice in the Western Gazette of Friday 14 June

1946 says Courtenay Tracey Otter Hounds will meet at Fourteen Hatches, Quidhampton at 10.30 on Saturday. And there were three other meetings that week in south Wiltshire.

(Information discovered by the editor while on the history websites again)



Arthur Frank Whatley 1894 – 1916

Royal Navy Able Seaman HMS Indefatigable

Able Seaman Arthur Whatley died when the battle cruiser Indefatigable sank during the Battle of Jutland on 31 May 1916. He was 21 years old.

Family background

Little is known about Arthur Whatley's background and no living relatives have been traced.

Arthur's father, Frank Whatley, came from a family of farm workers in Dinton. His mother's father, Henry Case, was a shepherd who travelled: from Homington to Somerset then to West Amesbury (where Arthur's mother Clara was born), to Shipton Bellinger and then to two villages near Box.

Frank and Clara met when she was a maid at the Chorister's School, Cathedral Close. He had left Dinton and was a general labourer lodging in Railway Terrace, Fisherton Anger, the area around St Paul's church.

Frank, 29, and Clara, 26, married in 1893 and Arthur was born in Railway Terrace in October 1894. Sadly Clara died of pneumonia and exhaustion when Arthur was four and they were living at the eastern end of Devizes Road. It appears that Frank was not able to look after his son on his own for the 1901 census shows Arthur, then six, living with their Devizes Road neighbours: Samuel Poole, a maltster, and his wife Ellen. Frank was a visitor with the Webb family at 2 Mill Cottage, Churchfields.

Arthur was described as the adopted son of the Pooles but it was not a formal adoption. His naval record gives his parents as Frank and Clara Whatley of Windsor Road, Salisbury. (A dead parent was sometimes named). Frank Whatley died in 1937 at Tower House, Coombe Road, aged 73. Tower House was at that time a Public Assistance Institution. It was previously Alderbury workhouse.

Schooling

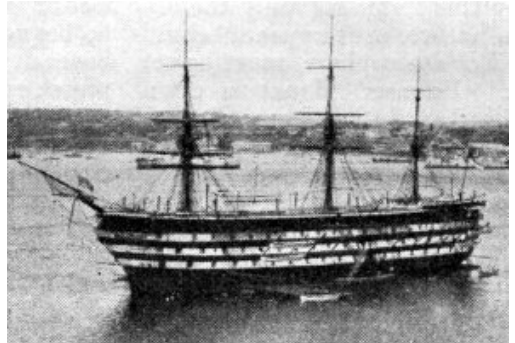
Arthur was awarded a scholarship to Bishop Wordsworth's School from September 1907. It covered his tuition fees and came from the Rose and Harrison charity of Amesbury. He had previously been at Amesbury elementary school and was a chorister at St. Mary & St.

Melor church. Nothing is known about where he lived in Amesbury nor while he was at Bishops School.

Life after school and in the navy

Arthur left school in December 1909 to be a clerk but later became a shop assistant and in 1910, just before his 16th birthday, he joined the Royal Navy. He was 5 feet 2 inches tall with brown hair, blue eyes, a fresh complexion and a scar on his forehead. Two years later he was two inches taller and his chest measurement had increased by more than four inches. At that time many young men were attracted to the armed services because they were guaranteed three meals a day, decent clothing and security of employment.

Arthur spent a year on the wooden training ship HMS Impregnable, then eight months on



Training ship, HMS Impregnable

armoured training cruisers and in barracks at Devonport, near Plymouth. On 1 March 1912 he began service on the newly completed HMS Indefatigable, the lead battleship of her class. Later that year, on his 18th birthday, he was promoted to 'ordinary seaman' (no longer a boy) and signed on for twelve years. His character was always described as "very good" and his ability satisfactory or superior. In March 1914 he was promoted to Able Seaman.

War service

When war was declared Indefatigable was in the Mediterranean and was part of the first British attack on the Dardanelles, designed to test the Turkish defences. After a refit in Malta in February 1915 she sailed for England and



HMS Indefatigable, sunk at the Battle of Jutland, 31 May 1916

sank. Current opinion is that there were faults in the storage and transportation of magazine charges to the guns which led to explosions when the battleships were hit, hits that they had been expected to withstand.

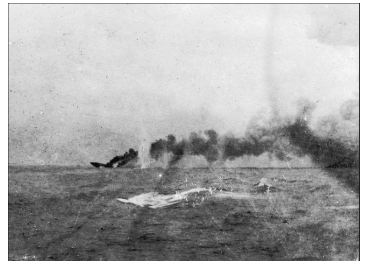
Arthur Whatley's battle and his life ended quickly. Indefatigable was the first ship to be hit, at about 16.00. She began listing but was hit again a couple of minutes later and exploded, sinking immediately. Two men survived from a crew of 1017.

The result of that day's fighting is still contested. The British Fleet lost more men (6077 to 2551) and battleships (14 to 11) but the German Fleet retreated under cover of darkness and stayed at home for the rest of the war.

Wreaths will be laid at the site of the battle on 31 May this year and there will be a service in Britain's most northerly cathedral in Kirkwall, Orkney. Commemoration ceremonies will also be held in Germany.

spent an uneventful year patrolling the North Sea, such a contrast to the warmth and exotic sights of the Mediterranean.

In 1916 the German naval commander decided to lure out some of the British Fleet, trap and destroy them. British intelligence uncovered his plans and the two fleets met on 31 May at The Battle of Jutland, two hundred and fifty ships confronting each other in the North Sea. High explosive shells ripped into thick armour plating, smoke billowed over 1000 feet into the sky, and ships exploded and



Sinking of the Indefatigable with 2 survivors in 1027 crew members

Remembrance

Arthur Whatley is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval memorial and on the Amesbury War Memorial as well as at St John's. His name also appears on the roll of honour at Bishop Wordsworth's School and in the Book of Remembrance at St Thomas's church, created in 2004 to commemorate everyone from Salisbury who died in the service of their country since 1914, including names missed from the Salisbury war memorial.

It is not clear why Arthur's name is on the St John's memorial but the link might be Samuel and Ellen Poole. By 1911 they had moved to the western end of Devizes Road and may have attended St John's. It seems probable that they kept their affection for the lad they had described as their 'adopted son' and perhaps asked for his name to be included.

No connection has been found with Henry and Maria Whatley who were living near the Quidhampton Mission Room (village hall) in 1911 with Henry's son, Albert. He was only 16 in 1914 but later served with the Devon Regiment and survived the war.



Plymouth Naval Memorial

Quidhampton Quarry: Restoration Proposals

The editor attended the exhibition organised by Imerys Minerals Ltd and S Walsh and Sons Ltd about the Imerys Quarry.

Imerys are the owners of the site which provided employment for Quidhampton residents for more than a hundred years. The quarry is now disused and the associated buildings have been demolished because of dangers from vandalism etc.

Walsh is a company experienced in waste management and land restoration. They take demolition, construction and excavation waste (e.g. from London's Crossrail project) and what cannot be recycled is processed into material suitable for use in land restoration, creating embankments etc.

The planning consent held by Imerys for the quarry includes **an obligation to restore** when they have finished with the site. In a deal with Walsh the restoration will go well beyond the requirement to 'make it level' and new planning permission is needed for this.

The plan is for a newly planted sloped chalk grassland to be created out of the quarry itself which will be filled with the material processed by Walsh. A nine metre drop will remain at the top. The existing trees, planted or allowed to grow by successive owners, already provide a rich environment that will further enhance the biodiversity gain. The rest of the site will be levelled. All materials will be brought by rail at the rate of two or three trains a week and it is expected the work will take between five and seven years and employ about ten people.

The area in front of the quarry where the demolished buildings stood is designated planned employment land in the Wiltshire Core Strategy and planning permission for the use of that land will have to be sought when the restoration is complete. Any development is likely to be limited by prob-



Quarry in 2009, before closure and demolition of buildings

lems of access and buildings should be below the sight line from the racecourse. When asked about alternative uses for the site such as community buildings or a mini Eden project Gary Staddon, Planning and Estates manager of Imerys, said that he had explored the possibility of road access from the north and west but the landowners were not sympathetic. Without alternative access the site can have only limited use. He hopes permissive footpaths round the grassland will be included in a future application for the use of the remaining land but that will depend on the new owners, S Walsh and Sons Ltd.

There seemed little to object to in the proposals as they stand except there was no leaflet to bring away for others to see and neither are the plans on any website. There was strong support for footpaths when the grassland is finished and the site made safe. Our village does not have a footpath for a good country walk so it would be a particularly welcome amenity for Quidhampton.

Editor : When I remarked that we know it by the name of the owners (Imerys Quarry not Quidhampton Quarry) I was told that it is officially called Quidhampton Quarry after the railway sidings there which are known as Quidhampton sidings.

Message from PC Pete Jung

In our lovely villages the older properties especially tend to have names rather than numbers. And we can understand that Lilac Cottage or Appletree Cottage is so much nicer than number 7 or 3 or 9. However one thing to consider is to make sure your sign (if you have one) is prominent and clear.

I am of course talking about rapid location of properties in an emergency. Yes GPS does help immensely but sometimes it doesn't work – these things are fallible. Then we rely on a general area and hunt up and down the street for the name. This can be very problematic especially at night.

I've taken a pic of a good name plate I saw (not in Quid), even better because it is on the road. If you need help quickly it will help immensely if you can be found more easily!



Thanks Pete, and we know this applies particularly to Quidhampton. John Cater, volunteer emergency planner, has put an excellent list on the noticeboard but if our homes are not clearly named it can still take extra minutes to find us.



Litter pick:

More than a dozen people turned up to help with the village litter pick and everyone was surprised at how much they did pick up. There is more of it around than you think, and not only in the places everyone expected (Wilton Road, top of Footshill, Boysewood). The shrubbery on the corner of Lower Road and Coronation Square hid enough rubbish to fill a sack although a child's skateboard buried under leaves was left there for another day. Less surprisingly the playground was another 'fruitful' area. Most of the volunteers felt the pleasure of a good job done but pessimistically (realistically?) felt it will need doing again in a month or two.

Salisbury and South Wilts Sports club

The club is continuing its re-vamped programme of activities. Regular social (not sport) activities include:

Quiz night: first Sunday of the month

Coffee morning: second Friday of the month 10.00 – 11.30

Open mic and jam sessions: last Thursday of the month

There are cricket matches every Saturday and regular live concerts.

More details on the website: www.sswsc.org.uk



HAPPY'S CIRCUS returns to Bemerton

Friday 27 May Bemerton Recreation Ground

Hot dogs and refreshments from 17.00

An evening of fabulous family entertainment
(human performers only)

Acrobats, aerialists, speciality acts, rolla rolla, sword balancing, quick change magic and more

Two hour performance, from 18.00 including interval. Tickets £30 for family of four or £8 each available from www.stjohnsplace.uk or 07513 344378

All profits go to St John's Place

Informal opening of St John's Place 27 May 15.00 – 18.00

Shelley Wood, manager of St John's Place, believes it **will** be open in May! Delays continued because it was still not possible to acclimatise the wood for the oak flooring but the process has now begun.

Activities booked include 5 Rivers Community Choir, a new community choir (no auditions, anyone can join). It has already begun to meet on Tuesdays in the school and will transfer to SJP as soon as it is open. Other bookings include: a youth group, martial arts, yoga, fitness and aerobic classes and children's dance classes. Community activity plans are also underway.

Come and see for yourself! Informal opening of SJP with refreshments Friday May 27 15.00 – 18.00. Official launch day Saturday 25 June.

You're invited!

ST JOHN'S PLACE LAUNCH OPEN DAY

Saturday 25 June 10.00 – 13.00

Official opening and ribbon cutting by John Glenn MP 10.00
followed by

Bemerton St John School choir, world championship freestyle martial arts performances, British Champion freestyle disco dancer, entertainment from Kids Love fit, balloon making, activities by Poppins childcare.

Refreshments by PP Catering include: popcorn, candyfloss, hotdogs, drinks

Come along and learn about the activities already running at SJP and the planned community activities

Your community venue: school – church – community



**Tuesday 10 May
Untouchable, 2011**

A comedy about disability. Yes, a comedy. Rich aristocrat Phillippe is completely unable to look after himself after a paragliding accident and employes Driss, a

Sengalese ex-convict, as his carer. Even though Driss is unqualified and applies only to be able to claim benefits, they are drawn together by their honesty, humour, and contempt for hypocrisy.

Sounds a little contrived? It's based on a true story and is heartbreaking and very funny.



**Tuesday 7 June
The 100 foot Journey, 2014**

Another feelgood film. The Kadam family flee from an uprising in Mumbai and leave for Europe. Their papa decides to open an Indian restaurant in a

picturesque village in the south of France. 100 feet across the road is a Michelin-starred restaurant of classic French cuisine run by unyielding perfectionist Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren). The casual open air seating and free wandering chickens of her new competitors do not go down well with her. Great food, laughter, confrontation, romance – what's not to like?

Christian Aid Big Brekkie: 21 May. Rev Simon Woodley writes:

Christian Aid is one of the big five charities that help with disaster relief around the world, as well as running long term projects in developing nations.

For Christian Aid week, we're trying something new in Bemerton and inviting all the church of Salisbury along too. We're hosting Big Brekkie: a Saturday morning fry up on 21 May at 9:00am at St. Michael's Community Centre. There will be a presentation about Christian Aid work and the chance to make a donation in person. Hope you can join us!

Editor's note: in Quidhampton we can still give in the traditional Christian Aid way via an envelope through the door. Thanks to Jennifer Tyler for this. Do try to give generously. Christian Aid is one of the biggest international charities and does such a lot of good to all people, whatever their beliefs.

**Bemerton History Society Hedley Davis Court, Cherry Orchard Lane, 19.30
Free entrance, donation requested for tea and biscuits**

Why not try the friendly atmosphere of this most local of history societies? (although at the AGM last month it was decided to drop the word local from their title) The next two meetings look particularly interesting.

Thursday 19 May: the story of the Salisbury Chequers

Many people probably know that the chequers are the areas created by Salisbury's original grid pattern of streets and that there has been much talk recently about the danger of losing the historic names. At the end of this meeting you will know much more about it and be able to appreciate a bit more of the life of the ordinary people of Salisbury many years ago.

Thursday 16 June: the houses of Wilton Road

This is a chance to learn about the houses along Wilton Road where many villagers in the past may have aspired to live. It's not something you can find in published history books.

Cycling in Burma

The editor talks to Zoe Peters who in March completed a 350 kilometre ride (217 miles) in Burma in aid of Help for Heroes.

Nearly two years ago Zoe Peters completed her 'life-changing' challenge of cycling 300 miles in Vietnam for Help for Heroes. Some things have changed for her since then, not least her feeling that she would never do another one because the Vietnamese experience was so special she wanted to keep it unique.

So what changed her mind? What led her to another five days cycling on melting tarmac in high humidity and temperatures of over 50 degrees centigrade in the full sun? Having done the first ride she kept looking at the website to see what was going on and when she saw the Burma challenge she couldn't resist it. This time she rode in memory of her grandfather, Albert Horner. Albert was a maltster in the Salisbury Maltings before the war. He joined the army in 1940 and was with the Cambridgeshire Regiment in Singapore when it fell in 1942. He then became a Japanese prisoner of war, working on the Burma railway.

Albert didn't speak much about the war but did say that he worked in and around the hospital, such as it was, and would grow vegetables to try to improve the diet and keep people alive. He said he didn't have it half as bad as the men cutting through at the front. When they were flown out they were asked if they wanted to see the railway they had built but the men said no because they did not want to re-visit the scene of such suffering.



Kanchanaburi War Cemetery. The soil is not suitable for headstones so granite plaques are set in concrete.

Her grandfather was never far from her thoughts in Burma and Zoe was delighted that they had a history guide to put it all in context. She was also impressed and very moved to visit a 'huge' cemetery in Thailand maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission where the bodies of the Commonwealth and Dutch soldiers who died as prisoners of war were brought and respectfully buried. "It was such a beautiful place", she said. "Everything was so well kept and so peaceful." It can give great comfort to the bereaved to know that the bodies of their dead are in such beautiful and serene places, thanks to the CWGC.

And what about the cycling? Zoe said she felt much better prepared, especially for the humidity which you just have no idea about until you are in it. And the heat? "It's like riding into a hot hairdryer." The camaraderie of the ride was just as good as in Vietnam. "What makes the rides is first the people and then the reason why you're doing it. It certainly builds you as a person and you feel privileged to be in such an incredible country".

She was bowled over by the beauty of Burma, now known as Myanmar. (The old name was used for this ride because of the associations with the Second World War) She urges people to visit it. "The rivers, the valleys, the vegetation...it's all very green and beautiful". Myanmar has only just opened to tourists and the people they met were very friendly. A group of forty cyclists (including support staff) was a very big thing and villagers came running out of their houses to see them and wave. More of this ride was off road, on

dusty red tracks. “You really didn’t want to know us at the end of the day”, Zoe grinned. “Covered in dust and drenched in sweat, amounts of sweat that not even the most advanced ‘wicking’ fabric could deal with.”

And what next? She still has £320 of her £3700 target to raise – ideas welcome.

(and donations: www.justgiving.com/Zoe-Peters1) .

She thinks there really won’t be another challenge ride for a while. Two year ago she wanted to be a midwife but work experience made her realise she was more interested in children than mothers so in September she begins a three year children’s nursing qualification at Bournemouth university. ‘Now it is time to concentrate on my studies.’

Good luck, Zoe, you deserve to do well.

A peak challenge still to be met!

While Zoe is glowing with satisfaction at completing her challenge Fiona West of Lock’s Lane is busy training for hers. To support the charity Meningitis Now, she has entered the Three Peaks Challenge which means climbing up -and down- the three highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales in no more than 36 hours.

Fiona says:

This is a huge personal challenge for me as I have never done any mountain climbing before but it’s a fantastic charity and I am hoping to raise at least the £500 target so they can continue pioneering research, raise awareness and support people affected by meningitis.

The challenge sort of chose me. My friend who runs a kettlecise (kettle bells) class in Salisbury signed up for it and asked the class if any of us would like to join her. I had been to a good friend’s funeral and there was a lot in the news about celebrities dying suddenly so I was feeling that I needed a personal challenge to do something for myself but also to make a meaningful difference.

There was also a lot in the news about meningitis and the horror it can cause so it seemed like the right challenge at the right time for me, and this has been cemented the more I learn about all things the charity does.

A training day in the Brecon Beacons saw Fiona spend 7.5 hours climbing the three highest peaks. The photo shows her on the summit of Pen y Fan (886 metres/2,907 ft). She said it was a harsh reality check for what will be involved but it was important to prove to herself that she will be ready for the real challenge in June. It was also great to meet fellow climbers and the safety team.

During her training walks she thinks about everyone who has sponsored her and that keeps her going.

You too can keep Fiona motivated and help research into this awful disease that kills more children under five than any other. Go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FionaWest1> There is also a collecting tin with a sponsorship form at The White Horse.

The challenge begins on 24 June when they leave Bristol at 05.00 for Snowdon, Scafell Pike in the Lake District and Ben Nevis in Scotland, a total of 3408 metres to climb, which is 6816 metres with descents, equivalent to more than four miles.

Good luck, Fiona. You really are doing “summit” incredible! (pun courtesy of Meningitis Now website)



The Village Hall committee reports

As can be seen, we have had some work done in the Village Hall (the gas appliances taken out to be replaced with more efficient electrical appliances) so it has been an expensive year Hall-wise. A summary of the Hall's income, expenditure and bank balance is to be displayed in the Village Notice Board. It will be observed that we have little money left in the Hall fund and everyone is encouraged to support the Hall, for without more income closure will soon become a serious possibility. All those of us who care about keeping the Hall as an important Village facility are encouraged to attend the **Hall's AGM at 19.00 on Monday 18 July.**

Quidhampton Parish Council: vacancy

Due to the resignation of Caroline Hampson there is a vacancy for a co-opted member on the Parish Council. Contact the parish clerk (details on back page) if you are interested. Next meeting: Tuesday 24 May. Agenda will be on the village notice board

Correction and clarification

Editor's note: It was almost an unintentional April Fool but I think most readers realised that the staff member who has left The White Horse in March for a new career is Kim Stokes and not landlady Zoe. Somehow the name Kim changed itself to Zoe everywhere except in the headline. Rather like the way Zoe manages to be everywhere and do everything – yet still remembers your name and has time for a quiet chat. How does she do it?

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Waste and recycling dates, April

May

Household waste Mon 2, 16 & 30
Recycling Mon 9 & 23
Paid for garden waste Thurs 12 & 26

June

Recycling Mon 6 & 20
Household waste Mon 13 & 27
Paid for garden waste Thurs 9 & 23