

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

September 2018

What's On in September (Bemerton events are on page 3)

Tuesday 4: Sarum Academy: term begins for Year 7 and Year 12 pupils only

Wednesday 5: Sarum Academy: all pupils in school

Thursday 6: term begins for pupils at St John's Primary school, Bemerton

Thursday 6: monthly charity quiz at The White Horse 20.15

Tuesday 11: 2Quidy Club begins: tea, cake and chat £2; every Tuesday in the village hall 13.00 – 14.15 **

Friday 14: Chris Payn at The White Horse: music in the bar

Tuesday 18: special poppies project meeting in the village hall 12.00, see page 4

Friday 21: Rock and Roll bingo The White Horse

Tuesday 25: Quidhampton Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19.30

Villagers are welcome to attend and can express their views about matters concerning the village at the beginning of the meeting but they cannot take part in discussion once the formal meeting begins. Items for the agenda should be with the clerk (details on back page) as soon as possible. The agenda will be displayed on the village noticeboard and website.

Friday 28 September

Coffee morning in aid of Macmillian Cancer and Salisbury Hospice

Quidhampton Village Hall 10.30 – 12.00



*Offers of help and cakes most welcome
Contact Clare Churchill, Sandie Smith or Joy Wagstaff*



2Quidy Club: Hannah Brown writes:

Could you say how pleased we are that 2Quidy has passed its one year anniversary and how lovely it's been getting to know so many villagers. I, for one, feel a real part of the community and love the fact that there is a group of people who would all happily help out or support each other wherever it's needed. We hope everyone had a lovely summer and is looking forward to September and more cake!

Bemerton Live The popular coffee morning with gentle exercise classes, organised by Sabine Dawson of Quidhampton, continues at St John's Place every Friday. 10.15 first exercise class begins, doors open 10.00 £3 for one class, £5 for two. Refreshments included. 21 September IT training available.

Advance notice: Harvest Festival with auction 23 October The White Horse

**** Stop press:** Hall renovations are taking place that week but 2Quidy Club will go ahead unless otherwise notified (by email and notice on the village hall door)

This lovely watercolour of the village hall has been made into a note card by talented Sandie Smith, just the thing to use for a quick note to your friends or when you've forgotten to buy a card. Available in packs of six for £3. £1 of that is donated to the village hall.

The cards are on sale at 2Quidy Club. Contact Sandie or the editor if you cannot get there.



The hall gets some pre-season TLC from caretaker and treasurer John (Farrow&Ball) Cater.

To hire the hall for your family party, meeting or event please call or email Sabine Dawson—see back page.

Further details at www.hallshire.com/halls/view/4459/quidhampton-village-hall

Our Vicars are moving on

An announcement from Rev Simon Woodley:

After a combined service of 27 years, Rev Simon Woodley and Rev Susan Drewett are both leaving the Bemerton parish in October.

Simon's last services will be on 7 October and Susan's on 28 October. Simon is moving to Dorset to be vicar at Alderholt, and Susan will be joining her local community in Durrington.

The churchwardens will ensure that Sunday services keep running during the interregnum, but have decided that the Friday morning communion at St Andrews will be suspended from November onwards. Baptisms, wedding and funerals can all be arranged through the parish office (01722 328031).

The process for appointing a new vicar can only begin once Simon has gone, and it's expected to last a year or so.

There is much to give thanks for, and some sadness too, but there will be a chance to say goodbye personally at a couple of leaving events - dates to be finalised soon.

Editor's note: it seems to me in the ten years I have lived here that Simon's impact and influence in the village have grown and grown, ironically as his parish has also grown tremendously in size. His support for the history projects has been invaluable, and without his leadership in the last year it is hard to see how the St John's Place conversion would have gone ahead. And, looking back, I'm sure his suggestion that the church might make better use of the village hall was what galvanised villagers into action to prove we needed it!

N.B. Susan will write something for the newsletter next month. She will be in Quidhampton for the harvest festival at the White Horse on **23 October**.

What's On in Bemerton

St. John's Place Annual General Meeting The Trustees of Bemerton Community Ltd. would like to invite you to our 2nd AGM at St. John's on 11 September from 19.30-20.30pm. Coffee and tea will be served.

Bemerton Film Society Wednesday 12 September. Priscilla Queen of the Desert. *The wonderfully inventive camp comedy about three drag artists braving the Australian outback for a gig in a converted school bus called Priscilla. Flamboyant costumes, spectacular scenery, music by Abba, and Terence Stamp's tender performance as a trans-sexual are highlights of this mildly shocking, funny and endearing film, described by the Daily Mirror as "the family film of the year".*
£6, St John's Place; doors open 19.15

Bemerton Brunch Sunday 16 September: delicious food, the Sunday papers, children welcome. 10.00 – 12.00 St John's Place

Bemerton History Society Wednesday 19 September: "Yer tiz!" A talk on the Wiltshire dialect by John Abbott. All welcome, free entry, donation for tea and coffee. Hedley Davis Court Cherry Orchard Road. 19.30

Bemerton Talks Wednesday 26 September. Stonehenge 100: changes at the monument 1900 – 1925 by Julian Richards *The years between 1900 and 1925 saw big changes at Stonehenge, including the collapse and restoration of stones, two changes of ownership, a proper guide book, fences and an admission charge. Archaeologist, writer and educator Julian Richards has studied Stonehenge for nearly 40 years and is the author of the current site guidebook. Copies of his publications will be available.* St John's Place 19.00 refreshments available, 19.30 talk begins with the opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

Advance notice:

Extra film: Secret Spitfires

On Wednesday 3 October Secret Spitfires will be shown at St John's Place. This short documentary tells the fascinating and little-known story of how, after the Spitfire factories were destroyed in Southampton, components for the aircraft were made in secret locations in the south of England, including several in Salisbury. At 19.00 the producer, Ethem Cetintas, will talk about the background to the making of the film and he will answer questions after it has been shown. Film starts 19.30. Tickets £6 refreshments available.

Another curry and quiz night at St John's Place

Following the success of the sold out March quiz there will be another on Saturday 13 October. Same quiz setter (Frogg Moody) and chef (Mikol Stone). Teams of six or join a table £10 a ticket

Book and pay for your tickets by 30 September Margaret Wilmot 07790 287062 or Emma Curteis 07715 105209

Very advanced notice: St John's Place Christmas Fair Sunday 18 November. Contact Emma Curteis if you are interested in having a table

The Poppies Project meeting

Tuesday 18 September 12.00 Village Hall

(before 2Quidy Club)

Come along to discuss plans for the larger poppy placements in the village and hear how everyone is getting on with their own plans and ideas.

The Poppies Project aims to flood the village with poppies for the 100th commemoration of the Armistice on 11 November. It ranges from a simple line of poppies on a fence to bigger displays inspired by the poppies artwork at the Tower of London in 2014. ("bloodswept lands and seas of red")

If you would like to be involved but cannot come to a daytime meeting contact Joy Wagstaff 743080.

The total number of poppies made from plastic bottles is edging toward 4,000!



What is happening on 11 November?

The Parish Council decided to hold a **Remembrance Day commemoration** in the village this year instead of joining Bemerton at the lych gate war memorial as usual. This is so we can honour the eleven men from Quidhampton who died as a result of the war and spend time thinking about them, their lives and their families. There will be a service in the village hall that will include the reading of their names and two minutes silence at eleven. There will also be readings and short presentations to reflect feelings and life in the parish in November 1918. We want to make the hall look like the Mission Room it was then when church services were held there every week. And we hope to have tea and cake served afterwards.

A wreath will be placed on each house where a serviceman's family lived (or nearby if the house does not exist anymore) and there will be a printed guide for people to follow to see the wreaths and the larger poppy placements.

People of all ages are needed to help with the preparation, the service itself and with the teas. Contact Bea Tilbrook if you are interested, details on back page. It will be a unique ceremony - why not be part of it?

Can you knit a poppy?

I would love to decorate the village hall with 100 poppies, each knitted by a different person. I can provide the pattern, and wool. Ask your friends to join in too – they don't have to be from the village, just people who would like to be part of a special commemoration. Each poppy represents one of the 100 years that have passed since the fighting stopped. One villager is knitting hers in memory of her father. Contact Bea Tilbrook, details on back page.

3000 km cycle ride – that's 1800 miles!

In October Linda and Richard of Lower Road, with their friend Alison are flying to New Zealand to cycle from the northernmost point of North Island to the southernmost point of South Island. 1800 miles! John O'Groats to Land's End is 874 miles. They will be following the Aotearoa trail, devised in 2016 for cyclists who want a serious challenge. Organised trips do it in 30 days but Linda, Richard and Alison are doing it on their own and aiming for 60 days.

It must be one of the most challenging journeys to have been taken from Quidhampton. Linda is a serious runner, and they have had cycling holidays before but this means cycling every day for two months.

What makes them want to do it? In 2007 they spent 3 weeks in New Zealand and knew then that they wanted to return for longer. Now their daughter is independent, with degrees from Cambridge and UCL and a great job, it is easier. And the passing of significant birthdays and some health issues made them realise it was now or never.

Linda and Richard are paying the full cost of the trip but are taking the chance to raise money for two special charities.

Linda had a detached retina earlier this year and emergency surgery saved her sight so she wants to raise money for **Sightsavers**, who provide eye care in some of the poorest countries in the world where there is no NHS. Also this year her father was diagnosed with bowel cancer so the second charity is **Bowel Cancer UK**. Linda is surprised how many people she meets have experience of these conditions.



The bookings are finalised and now they are busy preparing with cycle rides and fitness training, organising the packing and letting their house.

Linda and Richard will cycle more on some days than others so they have an easier time over some of the journey. It will be late spring and early summer and they expect variable weather, perhaps some torrential rain and flooding.... It will certainly be exciting.

Linda's justgiving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/lindarobson>
Cash or cheque donations can be given via the newsletter editor.

Bridget Mary Clapham 3 September 1924 to 3 July 2018

St Osmund's church was full for Bridie's funeral on one of the hottest days of the year. The large attendance reflected three important things in her life: her knack of making friends, her regular church attendance and her family, many of whom travelled from Ireland to be there.

Bridie was born in Moyvalley, County Kildare and spent her childhood there with her four brothers and sisters. Ireland was very important in her life and she made many trips back to see her family.

Bridie's ambitions stretched beyond Ireland and as soon as she was old enough she enlisted in the British army, rising to the rank of sergeant. This was in wartime and she worked at a POW camp in Yorkshire. After the war Bridie was stationed in Germany where she met her husband, Harry. They married there in 1954 and that meant she had to leave the army. There is a photo of her ski-ing at this time and we can imagine she put her energy into all sorts of activities.

Bridie was determined to be a nurse and apart from a break to have her two children and six years when Harry was posted to Singapore she concentrated on this. She was in her forties and living in Devizes Road when she finally qualified but it is as a nurse that her sons and many others remember her, working in the caring profession that she loved. Her son, John, spoke of her caring nature, warmth and humour that endeared her to so many people, and this would have included her patients.

It certainly included her five grandchildren of whom she was very proud. She was a very hands-on and energetic grandma, especially when they were young. Once she was caught at a children's party in her mid seventies having a whale of a time on her own in a bouncy castle.

The great sadness of Bridie's life was the death of her husband twenty two years ago but she moved to Quidhampton and



Bridie and Polly Gale, 2011

adjusted to being on her own which was hard at times. John said she kept positive by always having something to look forward to especially her many trips abroad and in the UK. Once she gave up her car she became a regular bus user and it was always good to see her there and know there was someone interesting to talk to, though she would often break off to speak to one of her many friends as they got on too.

Bridie always enjoyed attending village events and being with people though in her later years she was often incapacitated by mishaps and ill health. But with her seemingly endless energy came amazing powers of recovery.

Bridie was always grateful for the help people gave her, especially Anne Jackson her next door neighbour for over 20 years. She enjoyed a long friendship with Gloria, her companion on many holidays and was very saddened by her death last year.

The care given by Jane Taylor and Kate Lush enabled her to stay in her own home until a few weeks before she died. Then she moved to Maristowe nursing home, a place she loved and where she used to work. It is still owned by the same family and Bridie had trained some of the staff who cared for her. What a lovely ending to a quietly remarkable life.

Pretty cottage stay in Shaftesbury with a discount for villagers

Lesa and Martin Drewett opened their five star bed and breakfast at Quidhampton Mill in 2011. Four years later they converted it into two luxury self catering apartments so they would have more time for themselves and their family and other projects. One of those projects is now finished: the painstaking refurbishment of a one bedroom cottage on the well known Gold Hill in Shaftesbury.

Lesa says: "It's a gorgeous, perfectly proportioned cottage called "The Cobbles" situated at number 6, near the top of the hill right by the Salt Cellar Cafe. Although Shaftesbury is only 30 minutes drive away from Salisbury it has a very different feel, very much like stepping back in time. Gold Hill has often been voted one of the prettiest streets in the UK and it was where Ridley Scott shot his famous Hovis bread ad in the 1970's. The opening rates are £150 per night (Sunday – Thursday) and £170 per night (Friday – Saturday) and we would like to offer Quidhampton village residents a 10% discount on this price, subject to availability. It sleeps 2 guests in a king size bed and we can add a pull out bed for a child (8 years and over)."



<https://the-cobbles-gold-hill.business.site> is their website.

Snow got through in the end

Snow may have prevented Dan Snow from visiting Eve Warton in March but he made it in May and the resulting interview can be found on his history podcast series: Dan Snow's History Hit. (Search for Dan Snow and Eve Warton to find it.) He called it "Life as a Woman in WWII" and it is interesting to see how his questioning brings out different aspects of Eve's story.

Eve's book about her time as a young Wren in the Second World War is called "Brave Faces: one woman's journey from privilege to service." It is available from Waterstones or from Eve herself. It is also an eBook downloadable from Amazon.

Editor's note: Dan certainly lived up to his reputation and was one of the nicest, most intelligent, most good-looking and tallest men I have ever met. Eve's eyes were sparkling too!



Sympathy is extended to the family of

Andrew Roberts, who died recently.

Andrew was a former mayor of Salisbury and leader of the City Council for several years. His father, Sid, and his brother Dave and his family live in Quidhampton.

Garden show results corrections:

it was Alison Witt who helped with the teas, not Alison Thake, and Hannah Kimmel won second prize for her wonky vegetable.

Goodbye and good luck to the

Richardson family of Wayback, Fisherman's Reach who have moved to a village near Pewsey, having lived in Quidhampton (with a few years break in New York) since 2004. Thank you especially for helping to make the recent garden show such a success.

Do you ever need a dog sitter or dog walker or someone to keep an eye on your house while you are away?

Viv Thomas of Lower Road is available for dog sitting, dog walking or house sitting. Telephone number: 01722 556890

Playworker job vacancy at Poppins out of School Club in Lower Bemerton

We're looking for a fun and caring new team member to join our after school club three to four afternoons a week during the term-time. Hours: from 15.15 -17.30. Experience of working with children aged 4 -11 years and a relevant level 2 qualification are desirable. Phone 01722 238952.

No news from the new 100 + Club this month but watch out for future editions.

Waste and recycling dates

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Household waste	Mon 3 & 17
Recycling	Mon 10 & 24
Garden waste	Fri 14 & 28

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