

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

November 2018

What's On in November

Thursday 1: monthly charity quiz at The White Horse 20.15

Friday 2 and every Friday: Bemerton Live, social coffee mornings with gentle exercise classes and occasional guest speakers St John's Place doors open 10.00

Saturday 3: FIREWORKS! See below

POPPIES: it's time!

Sunday November 4th

Put your poppies out on this day and make a real impact

Permission is being sought for them to stay up until the last weekend in November.

Monday 5: all children return to St John's school

Tuesday 6: all pupils return to Sarum Academy

Tuesday 6: and every Tuesday 2Quidy Club coffee, tea and good cake, all villagers welcome Village hall 13.00 – 14.00

Wednesday 7: Britain on Film: rural life. St John's Place doors open 18.00 £3

Wednesday 14: The class (15 certificate) A realistic schoolroom docu-drama

Bemerton Film Society St John's Place doors open 19.15 £6

Thursday 15: 18.30 consultation meeting at Bemerton St John's school - **see page 3**

Friday 16: Beaujolais nouveau evening at The White Horse

Sunday 11: Armistice Day service in the village hall 10.15 – see back page

Sunday 18: Christmas fair St John's Place 14.00 – 17.00

Wednesday 21: The cinemas of Salisbury. Talk by Frogg Moody St John's Place doors open 19.00 free, donations invited

Friday 23: Dress down day St John's school, take bottles for the tombola

Sunday 25: Annual service for the bereaved: Bereavement memorial service to remember those dear to us who are no longer with us St John's Place 14.00

Tuesday 27: Quidhampton Parish Council meeting 19.30 Village Hall

Wednesday 28: T.H.Wyatt Wiltshire's Victorian Architect: a talk by Julian Orbach St John's Place doors open 19.00 Free, retiring collection

Friday 30: Dress down day St John's school, take items for the gift shop

Important dates for December

Saturday 1 December Christmas tea party for all Quidhampton adults

Let Maureen or Joy know by Friday 23 November if you are going. No need to take raffle prizes this year. Competition: make your own named place card.

Christmas menu served from 1 December at the White Horse, bookings only.

White Horse Christmas raffle: Draw Thursday 20th. tickets on sale now £1

Sunday 23: carol service St Andrew's church, Bemerton 18.00. Entry to this very popular service is by ticket only. Tickets are free from the Parish Office 328031

Details of other services in the December newsletter

FIREWORKS EVENING timings Sat 3rd November:

16.45 Food and Disco Dion

18.30 Fireworks begin

Harvest Festival and auction

Susan Drewett conducted her last harvest event in The White Horse with smiles and good humour. In less than an hour we'd sung a familiar hymn, reflected on some of the difficulties of modern life and bid for the varied lots at the auction. Special thanks to Martin and Rachel of The White Horse for the three mystery envelopes – two White Horse vouchers and one a booby prize. £267.63 was raised, the most since 2014. It was divided between the Air Ambulance and Stars Appeal.

Farewell letter from Susan Drewett

I am sad to leave Bemerton Parish but there is always a right time to go and I felt this was it. I have such warm memories of Quidhampton from a very young age, sitting outside the White Horse with a large glass of lemonade and a packet of crisps while my parents were inside; sitting on the crossbar of my father's bike as we rode up to the race course for blackberrying and bird nesting and the joy of freewheeling all the way back again. I went out with a lad from Quidhampton and later, my husband and I frequently walked through in our courting days! I was confirmed in St John's, was a Sunday School teacher at St Michael's, married in St John's 50 years ago and our nephew Martin Drewett lives in Quidhampton Mill. So with

13 years of ministry in the parish, I feel strongly connected.

A priest can be a lonely role but I haven't found it so. You kindly took me into your hearts and have been totally supportive and encouraging. I must thank Jennifer Tyler who has provided me with breakfast after many of my 8am services. She kept me informed of village life, as did Patricia, and we swapped plants and gardening hints. Thank you also to the White Horse for allowing me to take the Harvest Festival Service and Auction, with a lot of laughter, and also the Christmas Carol service. You may remember my attempt at seasonal jokes!

What a privilege it has been to take services in our three churches. I remember the family Carol Service I took in the village hall with all kinds of acts by the villagers.

It has been an honour to know you and to share your lives in sadness and in joy. I regard it as a privilege and each one has touched my heart in different ways.

After Christmas I move to the Avon River Benefice which includes my Durrington home. I will never forget you and will treasure all the memories. God Bless. Susan

You will have a chance to say goodbye to Susan after the Remembrance Service on 11 November.

Renovation of the Village Hall

In the last newsletter John Cater reported on the renovation work that had been carried out on the village hall: removal of foliage from the roof, roof repairs, and repairing damp damage in the front and west walls. French-drains were installed at the front of the building to prevent the damp problem happening again and new rainwater pipes and gutters have also been installed.

Now, full of contrition, John has realized that he failed to mention that none of the work would have happened without the generous grant of £1,200 from the South West Wiltshire Area Board (SWWAB). The Hall committee, and therefore the

whole of Quidhampton, is extremely grateful to SWWAB who have, over the last five years, also contributed to other Hall costs, in particular new kitchen equipment, refurbishment of the lavatories, and the conversion from gas to electricity for heating and cooking.

Editor's comment: thank you very much, South West Wiltshire Area Board. Your support in helping us maintain our historic village hall is vital and much appreciated.

The short term future of the village hall is now secure. The Hall committee has received the news that the five year extension of the lease has been formally agreed by the church authorities.

Mowing: Charlie Stirman has kindly agreed to take on the task of mowing the recreation ground and footpath, and to store the mower. Thank you, Charlie. It's great to have such community minded people in the village.

Bemerton St John School news

1. The Old School House Long term tenants Mr and Mrs Horner have moved to Tisbury and the Salisbury Diocese has handed the Old School House over to the school. This is very good news; Bemerton St John Primary School is one of the most popular in the area but it has got little space for expansion. The house will provide proper areas for individual and small group work, which now takes place in the corridors.

Mr Horner was a verger of St John's church for many years and was a fund of information about it and the churchyard.

2. Becoming an Academy There is a meeting at the school on Thursday 15 November at 18.30 about plans for the school to become an academy and join the Magna Learning Partnership, a local multi academy trust. Academies are no longer part of the local authority but are accountable to the secretary of state. Joining the multi academy trust means that the school will be part of a group of local schools. The academy trust will be responsible for the employment of staff, finances, property and the quality of educational provision but all schools will have their own local governing board. There is further information on the school's website. Go to *parents* and then *letters home*. If you want to attend the meeting (all members of the local community are entitled to be there) fill in the form online or let the school office know. Comments or queries can be sent to the school addressed to the chair of governors or emailed: consultation@bemerton-st-john.wilts.sch.uk by 30 November.

3. With the departure of Simon Woodley and Susan Drewett the school would love to hear from any members of clergy who

could help with services this Christmas and Easter 2019.

Hello from New Zealand On 22 October Linda Robson sent news that she, Richard and their bikes arrived safely and they did 200 miles cycling in the first five days. Photos will be sent to the village email list.

Dog fouling This is a problem again, especially on the grass verge opposite Temperance Cottages. Cars must park right up against the verge here and passengers have to get out directly onto the grass.



We all have to live together – why not be neighbourly and make sure you clean up after your dog? It is also the law and you can be fined if you don't clean up. With all the mobile phone cameras around these days is it really worth taking a chance?

To report dog fouling email the dog warden: lostdogs@wiltshire.gov.uk or report it online via the link on home page of Wilts Council or the Wilts Council app.

Cleaner wanted within the village two hours a week. Ring Debbie Lewin 505493

Wylve Valley Meats of North Street Wilton is starting to take Christmas orders. Full range of meats available. Remember deliveries within 5 miles of Wilton are free and that includes Quidhampton.

Waste and recycling dates November

Recycling	Mon 5 & 19
Garden waste	Fri 9 & 23
Household waste	Mon 12 & 26

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Quidhampton Parish Council invites
all villagers, past and present, and relatives of the men who died
to the **Quidhampton Remembrance Day Service**
11 November 2018 in the Mission Room (Village Hall)

Commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice
and remember our villagers who died in the First World War

The service begins at **10.15**
and will end shortly after the two minutes silence at **11.00**.

**This is the first time the Quidhampton men
will have been remembered at a service in the village**

Collection in aid of SSAFA, the armed forces charity providing welfare and support for the
armed forces and their families throughout their lives.

The service will include:

- historical background: Quidhampton during the First World War
- the stories of the eleven men who died
- 11th November 1918: what happened here
- prayers, poems and reflections
- two minutes silence with The Last Post and Reveille

Stay on for tea, coffee, a rolling powerpoint slide show, perhaps a sing song

Children Parents must decide whether to bring young children - there will be a lot of sitting still and listening. Involve them beforehand by making a poppy from material such as lego or recyclables or painting or drawing one.

Take the poppies to the hall on Saturday morning between 10.00 and 11.00 or to 3 Wyllye Close and they will be put on display. All children will be given one of the knitted poppies from the hall as a memento of the historic occasion.

**Invite friends and family to see the poppy displays throughout the village on
Sunday afternoon.**

Village hall open for tea, coffee and cake 14.00 to 16.00.

The rolling powerpoint slide show will be showing again..

Our men who died and month of death

Stephen Crockett October 1914 age 26
Richard Crockett May 1915 age 24
Charles Payne November 1915 age 21
Sidney Cousins September 1916 age 32
John Foster August 1917 age 48
Robert Huggins September 1917 age 19
William Stokes September 1917 age 19
Arthur Case October 1917 age 22
Albert Vincent October 1917 age 30
Charlie Gasper November 1917 age 26
Sidney Gulliver March 1920 age 21



Sidney
Gulliver
Died aged 21
26 March
1920 of TB
contracted
while serving
at the front

Each man is commemorated with a wreath at the house where they lived. Maps available in the pub and on the day for a walking tour of the village. Village newsletters with each man's story 100 years after his death are online on Quidhampton parish council website.