

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

December 2018

## What's on in Quidhampton in December

*For details of church services see the flyer delivered with this newsletter*

*For details of school and Bemerton activities see page 2*

**Tuesday 4: 2Quidy Club last meeting of the year.** Join old and new members for lunch: Village hall 12.30. Next meeting: 8 January 2019

**Thursday 6: monthly charity quiz night with Howard at The White Horse 20.00**

**Wednesday 12: Sovereign Set Christmas lunch:** 12.30 The White Horse. Menus from Joyce Harvey 742309 or from The White Horse. **Let Joyce know your choice by 5 December**

*Please bring a wrapped present that you would like to receive yourself, cost no more than £4, for our Secret Santa*

**Tuesday 18 Christmas Carols in The White Horse with special appearance of the Quidhampton Mummings** 19.30 start

**Wednesday 19 Chris Payn** music in the bar The White Horse

**Thursday 20 The White Horse Christmas draw:** come and see if you have won any prizes. 20.00 The White Horse

*A traditional Christmas pub raffle: all the ticket money goes in prizes. **Tickets £1, on sale up to and including Sunday 16th December***

**Saturday 22: Village Family Christmas Concert** with carols, hot drinks and mince pies - see below

**Thursday 27: sloe gin competition** The White Horse, evening

## Village Christmas Concert with Carols in Quidhampton Village Hall Saturday 22 December



### “An Angelic Christmas”

Children are invited to come dressed as angels



Doors open 16.00 for mince pies and mulled wine or apple juice

**Concert begins 16.30 for about an hour.**

Carols, readings etc by local adults and children

*Sponsored by the Village Entertainments Fund so all villagers, and their families and friends can get together to celebrate the spirit of community at Christmas.*

*Don't miss it!*

*Donations for the village hall*

## White Horse Christmas opening hours—see back page

See in the New Year with Rachel and Martin at The White Horse

**31 December**

**Tickets £15 including buffet 19.00 - late**

## What's On in Bemerton

**Bemerton Live:** aimed at the over 55's. Gentle exercise classes, social coffee mornings. **Please note change in timings:**

**Friday 7 : 10.00 – 11.00 only** seated zumba followed by tea and coffee

**Friday 14 :** 10.00 – 12.00 seated zumba and gentle pilates

**Christmas Break:** Bemerton Live will be closed on 21 and 28 December

Cost: 1 class £3, 2 classes £5 refreshments included. No charge for your first class

**Wednesday 12 Paddington2 Bemerton Film Society** St John's Place **see below**

**Saturday 15: Christmas Concert St John's Place.** Doors open 17.45 Concert begins 18.30. Mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies available. Irene's preserves and St John's Christmas Cards for sale.

**Yoga class:** a yoga class will be starting at St John's Place on 11 January.

More details in next newsletter



### **Wednesday 12 December**

#### **St John's Place, Lower Bemerton**

Doors open 18.45, film begins 19.30, ends about 21.20

Entrance £7.50 adults, £1 children under 16.

Mulled wine, mince pies and marmalade sandwiches included

An inspired sequel that shows Paddington taking on odd jobs to pay for a unique pop up book for his aunt's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. In one sequence – a real highlight of the film – the pages of the book come to life. But the film is full of dazzling special effects, and none more dazzling than Hugh Grant, brilliant in many disguises as the villain who wants the book. A film that can truly be enjoyed by all ages.

### **School dates and activities**

**Wednesday 5: wreath making workshop** 10.00 – 13.00 St John's Place, in aid of St John's school £35 includes morning tea of cakes, scones, pastries.

**Friday 7: dress down day** St John's school: take homemade cakes, sweets, biscuits for Christmas bazaar. (nut free)

#### **Friday 7: St John's school Christmas bazaar** St John's Place 14.30

The school choir open the fete and sing again at 15.30.

*Editor's note: in previous years I was asked not to advertise the school Christmas bazaar because the school was always packed for the event and could not cope with more people. This year it is in St John's Place and everyone is welcome to join in and share the Christmas fun: stalls, games, refreshments etc. It should be the best ever.*

**Monday 10: St John's choir** performs at Salisbury schools carol concert, City Hall  
**Monday 17 Sarum Academy carol service** St Thomas's church 18.00 – 19.30  
**Friday 21: Christmas Jumper Day** Sarum Academy  
**Friday 21:** St John's school carol service, St John's Place 14.30  
**Friday 21:** Last day of Term 2 St John's and Sarum Academy.  
**Monday 7 January:** Start of term 3 Sarum Academy; staff training day St John's school  
**Tuesday 8** Start of term 3 St John's school

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**A poppy on a bike.**



Not an unusual sight – but this Quidhampton bike was photographed in New Zealand!

Linda and Richard were thinking of us as they continued on their marathon bike ride and sent this email on 15 November: *The poppies in the village looked amazing. Several friends posted pictures of them on Facebook and were extremely complimentary. I was quite proud even though I wasn't there. Congratulations to all - you must be very pleased with the results.*

*We made sure to stop at 11am and observe a two minute silence on Sunday. I felt really emotional as I reflected on how privileged I am to live at a time and in a place that I have the freedom and the means to pursue this crazy adventure.*

*We are doing really well. 28 days cycling with only one day off and we've done over 1,000 miles. Well over half the distance. It'll be our last day on North Island tomorrow as we'll reach Wellington in the afternoon and sail on Friday morning to south island.*

For more details join their facebook group 'Our Aotearoa adventure: a long bike ride on the other side of the world'.

Here they are with their friend and fellow traveller Alison and a wonderful view.



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**Message from the fireworks team:** On behalf of the pyro boys we would like to thank the volunteers who turned out in significant numbers to help out on the evening of 3 November and the few brave souls who turned up on Sunday morning to clear up in the rain. Special thanks go to Martin and Rachel and their team for providing the infra structure on the pub premises, to Mark for letting us use his fields and to Jonathan for managing the event. We hope you enjoyed it.

This year tickets were limited to villagers, family and friends to make it a more comfortable event for everyone. Financially the event broke even.

*Editor's note: equal thanks are due to Howard and Denise Rowley who do so much towards this event every year.*

**The Village Entertainments fund** still has a healthy balance and welcomes applications from villagers who want to run village events.



### The Poppies of Quidhampton

It would be difficult to over praise the poppies display. For two weeks our village became a beautiful memorial for our war dead, transformed by an abundance of poppies in displays that left people stunned. Many said they had been moved to tears but also lifted by the community spirit that showed people cared enough to mark the occasion in this very special way.

From the outstanding set pieces at the bottom of Footshill to the multi coloured painted wheelbarrow outside Temperance Cottages everything was photographed, admired and appreciated. The net on the bus stop, 1914-1918 on Withy House, groups of poppies on hedges.... everything was lovingly and respectfully done.

It was difficult to walk along Lower Road without being stopped by visitors. Word of mouth and social media spread the news as well as a letter in the Salisbury Journal and a mention in St John's school newsletter: "It is quite an emotional experience but one that should not be missed."

Walkers and runners changed their routes to come here, and returned for another look; people came from as far away as Shaftesbury and Andover because







friends had told them how wonderful it was; and many of them found a way to contact someone in Quidhampton to express their appreciation: "It really touches people's hearts." "What a beautiful touching tribute... I was extremely moved." "I will be coming back with my daughter so we can share it." "I have never seen anything like it." "What a tribute it is."

It even reached school assembly in Coombe Bissett. They were talking about poppies and one very young boy jumped up, as very young children do, bursting to tell everyone "In Quidhampton there are lots and lots and lots."

The last word is Sandie's whose tireless work over more than a year, assisted by Joy Wagstaff and Susie Bale, was behind this inspirational event: "We started by wanting to honour our soldiers, but yesterday I realised every poppy was a silent 'thank you' - not just to them but all the fallen servicemen from that awful war and every war since".

**The Wreaths** added a special poignancy, especially those for the two brothers at 4 Temperance Cottages. They have all been saved and can be displayed every year.





## Remembering the First World War casualties of Quidhampton on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice:

**11 November 2018**

The poppy display was for the world to see but the service was for us: villagers past and present and the families of the men who died.

Four years ago, with the exception of William Stokes, no one knew which of the forty one names on the memorial at St John's were Quidhampton men, nor

anything about them. Now we know there were eleven men from ten families and their stories were told for the first time in the village hall that they knew as the Mission Room. Four of their families were represented at the service and four others sent messages of support.

When the young men and women read the accounts of their lives as if they were the servicemen the atmosphere was electric. The more formal part of the service was led by Rev Susan Drewett who has close connections with Quidhampton and bugler Frank Hill, who usually performs at the ceremony in Salisbury town square. Both of them said they felt very privileged to be there.

It would not be true to say there was standing room only; in the end there wasn't even standing room as more and more villagers and family members arrived. It is a tribute to our village that so many people wanted to remember all those who died while fighting for their country and wanted to learn about our eleven who lost their lives so long ago.

Comments from villagers and families included:

- What a wonderful day you gave us, something to remember with pride.
- I definitely felt the presence of the servicemen. And the love and compassion were overwhelming in the room.
- Thank you for writing such moving words. I had a tear in my eye throughout
- I feel we are more united as a village because of that service

The slide show shown after the service is now on the parish council website. The stories and some additional material about Quidhampton during and after the war will be made into a booklet and a copy will be distributed to every home in the village. Additional copies will be available for sale.

The collection raised £300 for SAFFA to help them support servicemen and their families. It was sent to the Wiltshire branch who were very interested in how it was raised.

*Photos on this page by Wendy Lawrence joint researcher for the WWI project*



## **Refuse, recycling and garden waste**

**bins:** it can be difficult to negotiate bins in the dark afternoons and evenings at this time of year, especially in the parts of the village that are poorly lit and without pavements. Villagers are asked to take their bins and boxes in as soon as they can after they have been emptied and to cast a neighbourly eye on others that may have been replaced carelessly. Moving them out of the roadway or to the side of the pavement would be public spirited.

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**Accident statistics:** the Parish Council decided to keep an informal record of road accidents in the village. Official records include only the accidents that involve casualties and are attended by the police or other emergency services.

A list of all incidents would provide extra data and evidence about traffic in Lower Road and at village road junctions.

A reporting mechanism will be set up but in the meantime if you witness a collision or other accident, after taking any appropriate action with the police or other services, please send details to Councillor Ken Taylor [kentayloris@hotmail.com](mailto:kentayloris@hotmail.com)

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**Home library service** This is organised by Wiltshire Council for people who want to read or listen to books but are unable to visit the library and have no-one to collect items on their behalf. It includes people who need short term help (e.g. who may be recovering from an operation), carers who cannot easily leave home, and people suffering from mental health issues as well as people with long term illnesses or disabilities.

Ring Salisbury library 324145 or download a form [wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home-library-service](http://wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home-library-service). Contact the editor if you need help with this.

Volunteers are needed to help with this service. See the same website for details.

## **Other Parish Council matters**

*For a complete record of the meeting on 27 November see the minutes which will be confirmed at the next meeting in January and displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard.*

**Dani Fox Rennie** took her place as a co-opted councillor. There is a vacancy for another.

**Sallie Davis** has resigned from the council because of increased work commitments.

**Village noticeboards** A member of the public urged the council to think again about the location of the second notice board and argued that both boards (one for the parish council and one for general village matters) should be in the centre of the village, not at the village hall. This item will be on the agenda of the next meeting; meanwhile feasibility will be investigated (e.g. cost, the effect on the sightline for turning traffic, buried services)

**Potholes and road maintenance:** it is not yet known how Wiltshire Council will use the extra money awarded from the recent government budget but villagers are urged to keep reporting potholes etc via the My-Wiltshire app so the Council has no doubt about which areas are of greatest concern.

**Recreation ground:** Rick Mullett will take action on some maintenance issues. The clerk was authorised to seek a final quote for the Lappset equipment, (a multi activity unit with climbing, ropes and a slide) and order it if the quote is satisfactory.

**Highways:** More 20 mph roundels will be painted on the road. It was resolved to ask the highways engineer to meet the council to discuss traffic issues in order to understand the possible options that can be used to improve road safety.

**Community speedwatch volunteers** were thanked again. The police continue to visit and monitor the traffic.

**Bus pass:** if you are of pensionable age and have got your free bus pass please note it will not be renewed if you are not using it. If you need one after that you will need to re-apply.

**Next meeting 22 January**

## The White Horse Christmas opening hours

### Christmas Eve:

normal hours; food at lunchtime only

**Christmas Day:** 12.00 – 14.00 bar only

**Boxing Day:** 12.00 – 18.00; food at lunchtime

**27 December – 30 December:** opening times as usual

**New Year's Eve:** closed at lunchtime; New Year's Eve party ticket only, see front page.

**New Year's Day - Friday 4 January 2019** closed



**Congratulations** to Natasha (Tat) and Nick of Coronation Square whose daughter Grace Charlotte Tomalin was born on 28 October, weighing 7lbs 2 oz. (3.2 kilos). This

photo was taken when she was a week and a half old. Could there be a more angelic picture for the Christmas edition of the newsletter? How lovely to have another baby in the village.

**Used stamps:** don't put those Christmas card envelopes straight onto the recycling pile – cut the stamps off first and save them for **Salisbury Hospice** which can use them to raise money. A central village collection point will be arranged – details in January's newsletter. Is there anyone who can take the stamps to the hospice when a decent amount has accumulated?

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## **Waste and recycling dates**

### **December 2018**

Recycling	Mon 3 & 17, Wed 2 January
Garden waste	Fri 7 & 21 Fri 18 January
Household waste	Mon 10 & 24, Tues 8 January

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