

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

January 2019

What's on in January

White Horse opening times: see notice in pub

NB monthly quiz is on the second Thursday this month

Friday 4 and every Friday: Bemerton Live, gentle exercise classes for the over 55's St John's Place. Doors open 10.15, session ends 12.15. Friday 4: chair yoga taster session

Monday 7: Sarum Academy pupils return to school

Tuesday 8 and every Tuesday: 2Quidy Club Village Hall 13.00 – 14.00 ish £2

A chance to take a break and catch up with what is going on. Come and meet old friends and new neighbours. Delicious home made cakes, good coffee and tea. Open to all villagers.

Tuesday 8: St John's school pupils return to school

Wednesday 9: Le Chateau de la Mere: French film with subtitles. Bemerton Film Society St John's Place doors open 19.00, film begins 19.30 entrance £6. *A gentle coming of age story set in Provence before the First World War*

Thursday 10: Monthly charity pub quiz The White Horse 20.15 start

Tuesday 22: Quidhampton Parish Council 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 cannot take part in discussion once it has begun. 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.

Sunday 27: Board games afternoon St John's Place 15.00 – 18.00 *Come and play a selection of board games for all ages, or bring your own. Drinks and cake on sale.*

Tuesday 29: parents evening for all year groups 17.00 – 19.30 Sarum Academy. Includes appointments with teaching staff, an information session about Mental and Emotional Wellbeing 19.00 – 20.00 and Parent Forum 19.30 – 20.30

Wednesday 30: Staff training day: Sarum Academy closed to pupils

A new activity at St John's Place

Every Friday morning: yoga beginning 11 January 9.00 – 10.00 Louise Pitman, an experienced teacher, tailors her classes to suit the participants, offering practice for all levels of experience, including beginners. She concentrates on developing flexibility and strength. Cost: £10 drop in or £45 for 6 classes. Classes will run in term time only so can be combined with the school run.

Do your children sometimes wonder what to do and feel alone in the village?

Try the Quidditch Club for Quidhampton families!

The Quidditch Club uses a WhatsApp group to meet. Activities have included: walks in the wood, tea and chats, table tennis in the village hall, a picnic

Sometimes everyone meets up, sometimes a smaller group

Contact Abi for details: Abi.kingston@talk21.com

Many of us will never forget the poignancy and skill of the young people whose readings brought to life the eleven Quidhampton men who lost their lives in the First World War.

Those male readers, and others, might be interested in another opportunity seen on facebook:

WORLD WAR 1 FILM directed by Sam Mendes
MALE EXTRAS aged 16 – 35 required. Filming near Salisbury in 2019
All roles paid

Go to www.two10casting.com/apply and follow the simple steps.

Experience is not required. Under 18s must have finished GCSEs.

Select "Two10" when asked how you heard about it – and please let the newsletter editor know if you are selected.

Thanks to Zoe Hoare for spotting this.

Christmas Activities

These all went well this year with fewer absences than last because of winter viruses etc.

Adults Christmas tea party was well attended by younger and older adults with the usual excellent food and decorations. *(how lucky we are to be able to take that for granted!).* Paola Campari-Moss recently moved into Tall Trees with her family including her parents, Carlo and Joy. Paola wrote: *I want to say how lovely the adult Christmas party was, how welcomed we feel to the village and how lovely it is to be part of a village community.*

2Quidy Club lunch in the village hall and Sovereign Set lunch in The White Horse were also well attended and both groups much appreciated the work of their organisers in arranging the special occasion get-together.

The Sovereign Set is a group of women formed after Quidhampton WI disbanded. About 20 of them meet every other month for lunch in the White Horse. All women from the village are welcome. Ring Joyce Harvey on 742309 for more details.

Carol Service in The White Horse: Simon and Susan were missed (and wished good luck in their new parishes) but the format of the carol service with lots of singing and the mummers play performance in the middle was popular. "It gave our voices a rest," was one comment, "as well as being very entertaining".

Special thanks to the Quidhampton mummers for providing a link to the past as well as such good humour in the present. After the First World War many of these centuries old mumming plays were never performed again. We are lucky because Edith Olivier, a local literary figure, spoke to all the Quidhampton men who could remember their parts and wrote our play down. It was later published and has now been performed every year since 1975. See December 2011 newsletter for more details.

Village Christmas concert: the theme was angels and Primrose Frank, though not an official performer, was definitely one of the stars of the show. Special thanks go to Jane Taylor and Joy Wagstaff for organising this popular event so close to Christmas.

Their hard work at such a busy time is much appreciated by all

of us who see this concert as the real beginning to our Christmas festivities. Also thanks to all the helpers and performers and especially to Ron Smith for the delicious mulled wine.





Sloe gin competition at The White Horse:

Fiona West writes: *There were 13 entrants, a record I think. Pete Renni won for the second year running and Kev Glasson came second. As always Martin and Rachel ran the event like clockwork. Each entrant blind tasted and judged each of the 13 entries, scoring them out of 10. Lots of laughs and a very enjoyable evening.*

Wiltshire Police are urging people to join community messaging, if they haven't done so already. Their aim is to improve the flow of information between the local police and fire service and their communities. You will get emails with summaries of crimes in the area, as well as advice and updates. Go to <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk> to join.

Used stamps: Kate Lush of Old Bell Cottage, next door to Bell House, has offered to receive the used stamps, cut with a margin round them. Put them through her door, in an envelope, and they will find their way to the hospice via Jane Anderson. Thanks to both for volunteering.

Clare Churchill, Parish Clerk, writes:

Are you interested in what happens in your village and are prepared to get involved with the lowest tier of local government?

Quidhampton Parish Council currently has two vacancies. It meets six times a year (usually on the fourth Tuesday) in January, March, May, July, September and November). As well as being a consultee on planning applications, it sets the local Precept (money you pay via the council tax). It fought for the 20mph limit and is about to begin the recreation ground new equipment project.

If you are interested please contact Clare (details on back page).

A list of current councillors is on the village noticeboard.

Community Speedwatch: the 'Speedwatch scarecrow' on permanent duty by the village hall has made many of us smile as we've gone by. It is known as the scarecrow because it was made by John Cater from a scarecrow he made on another occasion. Thank you, John, for once again brightening our lives with humour. And thanks also to the fully human speedwatch volunteers who continue to do their stints with the speed gun and deal politely with difficult motorists. Other areas say it is mainly the speedwatch presence that reduces speed so we do owe them a lot.



Welcome back to Linda Robson and Richard Story who returned from their epic cycle ride of the length of New Zealand just before Christmas. They cycled 3,200 km (2,000 miles) in 55 days!

Amazon, the internet shopping site, has a scheme whereby 0.5% of everything you spend with them is given to a charity - and you can choose Quidhampton Village Hall.

Use this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1007324-0>
You will see that the village hall charity, number 1007324, has the formal name "Quidhampton Church Hall," the name registered in 1991 when it was set up. It costs you nothing, and there's no catch except you are encouraged to use Amazon. You can change your charity at any time on the Smile.amazon home page.

Apart from the name, everything else on the Amazon website remains the same.

The hall committee will receive periodic payments into the hall bank account. If you have any questions, please direct them to QuidhamptonVH@gmail.com

St John's Place update: new porch door and award

A striking set of glass doors has now been installed in front of the ironwork gates to the south porch, the traditional entrance to the church. This means the inner door can be left open during events such as wedding parties to create a welcoming open aspect. A generous grant toward the cost came from the Landfill Tax Community Fund distributed by Community First.

Newcomers may not know about the magnificent achievement of the conversion of St John's from a church to a multi purpose community centre. It has now received one of the Salisbury Civic Society's Buildings Awards.

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Waste and recycling dates

January 2019

Recycling Wed 2, Mon 4 & 28

Garden waste Fri 18, Feb 1

Household waste Tues 8

& Mon 21, Feb 4

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