

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

February 2019

What's on in February

Friday 1 and every Friday: Bemerton Live, gentle exercise classes for the over 55's. St John's Place. **See page 3**

Tuesday 5 and every Tuesday except 19th (half term): 2Quidy Club. *Delicious cake and good company Village Hall 13.00 – 14.00*

Wednesday 6: Where Garden Meets River's Edge.

A talk by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust about how special our rivers are with tips for wildlife friendly gardening along riverbanks. St John's Place, Lower Bemerton 19.00 for 19.30 start. 21.00 finish. Free entry and refreshments provided.

Thursday 7: Year 5 day at Sarum Academy

Thursday 7: monthly charity quiz, White Horse 20.00

Saturday 9 and every Saturday: NEW EXERCISE CLASS Quidhampton Village hall 09.15 – 10.00 **See page 2**

Tuesday 12: George Herbert Poetry workshop led by Canon David Durston 10.00 – 12.00 booking essential: 330295

Wednesday 13: The Third Man Bemerton Film Society St John's Place **See page 5**

Sunday 17: Bemerton Brunch returns: Sunday papers, bacon sandwiches, croissants, real coffee etc. 10.00 -12.00 St John's Place

Monday 18 to Friday 22 : half term, all local schools

Tuesday 19: No 2Quidy Club

Sunday 24 : George Herbert Day: discussion and refreshments in St Andrews church 16.00. Those new to George Herbert especially welcomed.

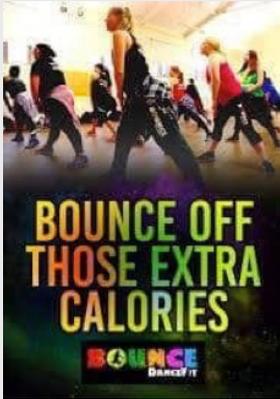
Monday 25: pupils back to school

Wednesday 27: Salisbury Military History Society: launch event at St John's Place 19.30. Col Bob Kershaw will talk about the American landings at Omaha beach on D-Day in 1944. Entrance £10, includes wine and canapés.

Advance notices: there will be a **community litter pick** in March – date to be decided later. There are plans for another **garden show** in late July.

The annual parish meeting will be in the late afternoon of Saturday 11 May. It is hoped to make it more of a social occasion this year. More details nearer the time.

LATEST NEWS: new tenants for The White Horse have been confirmed so after over a year of serving what must be the best food ever in Quidhampton Martin and Rachel Russell will soon be leaving the village. In case it is before the next newsletter we want to take this chance to thank them and wish them all the very best for the future. The new tenants, Nick and Zoe Hoare, will open with a welcome evening. The date and further details will be announced by village email and social media when things are finalised. *(yes, Nick and Zoe. It is not a misprint)*



A new dance exercise class in Quidhampton

Start the weekend with the new dance craze :

Bounce-dance-fit

Calorie burning fun dances in a friendly class for all ages and stages

Every Saturday

Quidhampton Village Hall,
beginning **Saturday 9 February**

09.15 – 10.00 £5 a session

FIRST TWO SESSIONS FREE!

Enquiries: Natalie 07976 850574

It is remarkable to think that 2Quidy Club has been going for nearly two years, and yet in some ways it has become such a natural part of village life that it feels as if it must have been going for much longer.

That is all down to the two Hannahs who have issued an invitation to everyone:

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 2 YEARS OF 2QUIDY CLUB

On 5 March 2Quidy will celebrate its two-year anniversary and we would love to see some new faces as well as all our lovely regulars.

Do join us in the village hall at 13.00 if you can for delicious homemade cake (including gluten free option), tea and coffee.

Children are welcome.

Bring your crafting, crossword, a neighbour or just bring yourself
New members get in free

How did it begin?

Hannah K says My family moved here just as I was coming to the end of my time of going to toddler groups and when I saw something in the newsletter asking people to use the hall more, I was inspired to start a social club for everyone in the village to attend. I wanted to get to know my neighbours and offer everyone a space to do the same.

Hannah A-B says: I wanted to start 2Quidy because I'm home alone a lot and wished there was a village community group to attend. When the other Hannah suggested it I jumped at the chance to help and I've loved it. It's been invaluable to me; I've made a lot of friends and now I have a group of people around me I can rely on. I love feeling part of a community as it's less isolating.



What do the regulars think?

One 2Quidy regular said she came to support a new venture in the village hall and the people running it. When asked why she continued coming she said, "The cake! And I like keeping in touch with Quidhampton people."

Bea also wanted to support a new group in the village, but she said she would have stopped coming if she hadn't enjoyed it. She continues to come because "I like meeting people I don't otherwise see and keeping in touch with others. And I love the cake."

Susie Beale was new to the village when 2Quidy started so it gave her the opportunity to meet new people. She says she loves the cakes and hearing all the village news.

Family members suggested Sid Roberts should try 2Quidy when he moved in with his son's family. He says he carries on coming because of the "delightful mix of people and the chat".

Chris Daniel says he comes for the great cakes, he has met lovely interesting people and that he now knows more villagers.

When Sandie was asked what she likes about 2Quidy she replied, "Everything, especially Hannah and Hannah."

And Sandie is right. It is the friendly and cheerful personalities of the two Hannahs that make 2Quidy such a welcoming place to be every Tuesday.

Quidhampton is lucky to have them.

Oh, and did we mention the cake?



Bemerton Live: every Friday at St John's Place, Lower Bemerton Social coffee mornings with gentle exercise classes. Doors open 10.15

Try a new activity, meet new friends and stay mobile. Cost: 1 class £5. 2 classes £7 refreshments included

Friday 15: a special session of circle dancing with Olivia McLennan and silver surfing (help with computers) from Mike Lennard.

All other Fridays begin with seated zumba with Kirstie followed by:

Friday 1: gentle pilates; **Friday 8:** tai chi taster; **Feb 22:** chair yoga

All enquiries Margaret 07593 555083 sjp.commevents@gmail.com

Traffic in Lower Road: consultation

The Parish Council wants to know what villagers think about traffic in Lower Road before they discuss it at their meeting in May.

If you are concerned about the traffic please read the documents on the website and respond to the parish clerk. (details on the back page)

Paper copies are pinned inside the village hall. If anyone has difficulty accessing these contact the newsletter editor.

Responses to be in by March 31

There are three documents on the website:

1. Speed Limits in Wiltshire: this is a Wiltshire Council document with excellent illustrations of different traffic calming methods
2. Quidhampton Options report: this was written for the parish council by Julie Watts, principal engineer from Wiltshire Council Highways, after a meeting with some of the councillors and the clerk in December. It is specific to Quidhampton
3. Some diagrams showing direction and proportion of traffic in Lower Road in 2001. Julie Watts makes some comparison with figures from 2015 in her report.

Go to Quidhampton Parish Council website, click on 'blog' and then traffic consultation.

N. B. the land at the corner of Lower Road and Skew Road is not public land but is owned by the Wilton Estate and rented by a villager. Vehicles should not park on it. The police have been asked to monitor this.

Quidhampton Recreation Ground

The new piece of play equipment is being installed. Work to clear the area began on 28 January and there will be a controlled bonfire towards the end of the week. It is hoped that the work to install the new equipment will begin on Monday 4 February.

Please ensure that that no vehicles block the access path from the Edgam Place / Coronation Square access road while the work is going on.

Other Parish Council News

- Fiona West was welcomed to the council as a co-opted member.
- It was agreed to update the safety surfacing under the playground slide. A quote for new gates at the entrance was also considered.
- The grant application for the defibrillator will be submitted as soon as the SSE Resilience Communities Fund re-opens.
- A request was received for the phone box to be used as a library or book exchange but it was decided not to consider this until the defibrillator is installed.
- The Parish Steward is due to visit the parish twice in the next two months. He does remedial work related to pavements and roads in the village, including small potholes. All matters for his attention should be reported to Wiltshire Council first via the My Wiltshire app.

This is not a full or official account of the meeting. Authorised minutes will appear on the noticeboard in due course.

The Village Hall committee met in January with Jennifer Tyler in the chair and Clare Churchill attending by invitation.

Committee membership: Hannah Kimnel was appointed secretary and Bob Philips treasurer. John Cater will continue as caretaker and Sabine Dawson as bookings manager. Many thanks were expressed to the new and continuing volunteers.

Hall hire: Sabine's figures showed that external hire had increased significantly from last year with some potentially repetitive bookings.

Additional income: Waitrose community matters fund (the green plastic tokens) raised £136 and a similar amount came from gift aid from past personal donations. The money will be used to replace some of the old heavy yellow tables with modern lightweight ones.

Gift aid: Ken Taylor was thanked for sorting out the considerable regulations governing this. Having succeeded with personal donations he will now tackle the possibility of claiming gift aid from events where there are collections for the village hall.

The hall was considered to be in a generally good state of repair internally following the work done last year. *Reminder: taking on a longer term lease will necessitate considerably more expenditure. The current lease is for 5 years.*

A representative of **Wiltshire College** attended and as part of their courses students would again work on promoting the hall, including Twitter and a new Facebook site.

Burns Night



Fiona West writes: lots of fun at Burns Night. The pub was full! Ron Smith excelled with the address to the haggis and leading the Scottish dancing afterwards. Delicious dinner of Cullen skink soup, haggis, and cranachan to finish plus a wee dram.

Bemerton Film Society Wednesday 13 February St John's Place

THE THIRD MAN Newly restored film.
UK 1949- PG certificate

Programme starts 19.30 Entrance £6
A perfect film noir classic. An evil black marketeer (Orson Welles) fakes his own death in post war Vienna, a shattered city divided into French, American, British and Russian zones. The very name Harry Lime conjures up mystery and danger and *The Third Man* remains one of the most gripping dramas in cinema.

St John's Place has now been open for 3 years and more trustees are needed. Contact Nick Barsby at nibarsby@outlook.com if you are interested.

Four of the servicemen named on the lychgate war memorial died after the armistice and their stories, like the others, will be published 100 years after their deaths. The first, and only one in 1919, died while on leave.



Frank Percy Goodyear 1880 – 1919
Second Lieutenant, Royal Army Service Corps,
previously of the Military Mounted Police

Second Lieutenant Frank Percy Goodyear of Bemerton, aged 39, died in Salisbury Infirmary on 8 February 1919 and was buried in Devizes Road cemetery. He will be remembered at morning service in St Andrews on Sunday 10 February.

Family background and life with the Hussars

Frank Goodyear was older than most of the war dead of the parish and his life more varied. His father and one grandfather were customs officers and his other grandfather was a police inspector in Hertfordshire.

Frank was born near Gravesend in November 1880. His mother died of TB when he was five; his father married again and had seven more children. In 1891 they lived in Spitalfields.

Frank worked as a clerk until March 1897 when he joined the 10th Royal Hussars, signing on for 12 years: 7 years active service and 5 in the reserve. It was a bold decision, especially as he was only 16 and a half. He claimed to be two years older. In 1899 the Hussars went to South Africa to fight in the Boer War. Percy survived unscathed apart from a slight shell wound in 1900, and was promoted to lance corporal. When the war ended in 1902 they were shipped to India and Frank was appointed corporal. In May 1903, in St Thomas's Cathedral, Bombay (now Mumbai), he married Mabel Castle of Salisbury. Mabel was the sister of another Bemerton Parish casualty: Herbert Castle (see March 2017 newsletter). Their father was landlord of the Wilton Arms in Wilton Road and Mabel, like her five sisters, got a local live-in position as a servant when she left school. In 1901, however, she was 24 and working

as a mental sick nurse at Bethnal House Lunatic Asylum, Bethnal Green, London. Perhaps she had worked at the Fisherton Asylum, then transferred to London where she met Frank Goodyear



before he left for the Boer War. No other links have been found between their families. Travelling to India would have been a bold decision for her too but her time there was sad as well as happy: their first child was born 8 months after the marriage and died before it was baptised.

1904 - 1914

Frank and Mabel Goodyear returned to England in 1904. They first stayed at the Wilton Arms where their daughter Dorothy was born in December but they had moved to 14 St Andrews Road by the time Frances was born in 1907. Frank was working as a clerk but he obviously wanted something more interesting and in May 1908 he became an RSPCA inspector, working in Norfolk, Buckinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Much of his work was with horses, drawing upon his experience with the Hussars. His only son, Leonard, was born in 1909.

The RSPCA was founded in 1824, gaining Royal status in 1840. It was the first animal welfare charity in the world and its work led to major changes in the way animals were treated. Inspectors were employed from the start so cases of cruelty could be brought to court.

The First World War

When war was declared Frank joined the Military Mounted Police, an unusual choice but probably again reflecting his love of horses. Applications from ex-Hussars were particularly welcomed. He left for France in January 1915 as a sergeant.

The Military Mounted Police

First established in 1855 to cut looting and offences against the general population the duties of the MMP soon extended to keeping good order and discipline among camp followers and rank and file servicemen.

There were 500 of them in August 1914 and 25,000 by the end of the war.

Their duties also grew to include handling of prisoners of war, traffic control (vehicles, animals and men), and establishing 'stragglers posts'. The last gave rise to a cruel picture of the MMP, often called Redcap, with a pistol in hand forcing shell-shocked soldiers back to the front.

Stragglers posts were collecting points where POWs were handed over, messengers and walking wounded were correctly directed, and stragglers re-equipped and sent back to their units.

Frank's medal card shows he served in France, the Dardenelles (Gallipoli), and Salonica where he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, given for meritorious service in the field or acts of gallantry.

In December 1917 he was transferred to the Army Service Corps as a commissioned officer, a rare occurrence and a tribute to his character and service. It is not known which section he joined but it is likely to have been the horse transport section.

After the war

Frank Goodyear did not return home immediately after the armistice; the Royal Army Service Corps was heavily involved in the immense task of clearing up. Home was in Bemerton once more: Mabel and the children had moved back during the war to 2 Bright's Villas. Mabel's sister was at number 5 and their brother Herbert at

number 3 until his death from TB. (Those houses are now 3, 9 and 5 Skew Bridge Road).

Frank returned on leave but became ill and died in Salisbury infirmary on 8 February 1919. His death certificate says he died of broncho pneumonia and heart failure, the Commonwealth War Graves book calls it "sickness contracted on active service" but some family members believe it was what has become known as Spanish flu. He was buried close to the grave of his brother-in-law Herbert Castle in Devizes Road cemetery. His headstone bears the emblem of the RASC.

Frank's death certificate was signed by a female doctor, Dorothy Dobbin. Although women had been able to enter the medical profession since 1876 there were only 495 women on the British medical register by 1911. After training in Ireland she served with the French Red Cross in 1918 which entitled her to the Victory and British war medals. She later worked at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson hospital in London and as a school medical officer.

Mabel eventually moved to Shrewton where two of her sisters lived.

The eldest daughter Dorothy became a schoolteacher and married George H F Ferdinando. They had one child before marriage and were later divorced. She was the second of his three wives.

Frances Madge married Elwyn Catt and moved to Liverpool. At some point her mother moved there too and died in 1963. Contact has been made with Frances's grandson, Stephen Catt.

Leonard Goodyear married and lived in Salisbury all his life. He was ten when his father died while home on leave and he would have seen very little of him after the age of five. He wanted to be buried with him, however, and Frank's headstone now has an additional inscription: "Also his son Leonard Pearce Goodyear 14 July 1999 Age 90 Reunited".

Thanks to Steve Catt and Stephen Wair for the photo and extra information.

Across the Channel Lily Newman from Greenway Barn has decided to swim the 22 miles across the Channel – in laps in a swimming pool. She will swim between 22 February and 22 May.

The swim is organised by Diabetes UK and Lily supports them because of her work in the vascular unit at SDH where she sees many people with circulation problems caused by diabetes. Some have to have amputations.

If you would like to donate to support Lily and Diabetes UK go to the justgiving website and search for Lilian Newman. She has promised regular updates.

Doing it twice! Katie Emmett is taking the same challenge but plans to swim back again i.e. she will swim 44 miles. Find her justgiving page in the same way.

News from Sarum Academy

The headteacher is pleased to announce that the number of year 6 parents who put Sarum Academy as their first preference has doubled.

Three new courses are being introduced into the sixth form in September: Public Services (BTEC), Professional Cookery (level 3 NVQ), and Travel and Tourism (BTEC). These are of course in addition to a wide choice of A levels and other vocational courses.

Used stamp collection: many thanks to all those who saved used postage stamps for the hospice. Please continue to save them and take them to Old Bell Cottage.

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Waste and recycling dates

February 2019

Garden waste Fri Feb 1 & 15

Household waste Mon Feb 4 & 18

Recycling Mon 11 & 25

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