

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

March 2019

What's On in Quidhampton in March

What's on at the White Horse

Thursday February 28: The White Horse is open to welcome villagers from 18.00

Friday 1 March: The White Horse opens

These two events are likely to be drinks only. A draft menu has been prepared and Zoe will announce when food is available via the village email, social media and the board outside the pub.

Thursday 7: monthly charity quiz night food from 18.30, quiz from 20.00

Friday 8 March: Zoe and Nick's party to celebrate being back

Saturday 9: 6 Nations Rugby in the Loft on the big screen Scotland v Wales 14.15; England v Italy 16.45

Sunday 10: 6 Nations Rugby: Ireland v France 15.00

Wednesday 13: Sovereign Set lunch 12.30 Women's lunch group. Joyce Harvey will distribute menus. Enquiries or to join the group ring Joyce on 742309

Saturday 16: 6 Nations Rugby: SUPER SATURDAY from noon

Friday 22: Rock & Roll bingo from 21.00

Future White Horse events

April 17 and May 15: Bike Night Arrive from 18.00, ride out from 19.00, all welcome

Third Friday of the month: Rock & Roll bingo

Good Friday April 19: open all day. Cream teas from 15.00

Friday 24 May: Seafood Night booking essential

7 – 9 June: Beer Festival

Further details of all events will be in the newsletter

Other village events in March

2Quiddy Club on Tuesdays in the Village Hall 13.00 – 14.00 (term time only)

Special meeting Tuesday 5 March for 2Quiddy's 2nd birthday

Bounce-dance-fit Saturday mornings 09.15 to 10.00 Natalie's successful class continues with people of all ages £5 a session.

Tuesday 5: Salisbury History Society: Bea Tilbrook is giving a talk about the 11 Quidhampton men who lost their lives as a result of the First World War, how they were identified and commemorated in our special service, with some information about Quidhampton at the time. Salvation Army Hall, Salt Lane 19.30. Non members £3, everyone welcome.

Tuesday 26: Quidhampton Parish Council meeting 19.30 Village Hall

Sadly there is **no Parish Council litter pick** this year as the official advice for Salisbury and the surrounding area is still in force: 'if you didn't drop it, don't pick it up.'

The Quidditch club will be organising an Easter egg hunt this year, details later.

Sincere thank yous go to Rachel and Martin for coming to Quidhampton, keeping the pub open for us and serving such wonderful food. Good luck and best wishes for the future.

And now a regular monthly column is back

From the Horse's Mouth: a brief message from Zoe Hoare

Who knew how much we would miss The White Horse and Quidhampton? Nick and I are thrilled to be returning, both to the village and the pub. We are scheduled to exchange keys on Tuesday 26 February.

Our plan is to open quietly on Thursday 28 February to welcome villagers. And on Friday 1 March we will welcome everyone, friends old and new. Look at What's On on the front page for our regular events and some new ones, especially a party on 8 March to celebrate being back.

Thank you for this, Zoe. You and Nick must be very busy this week preparing for this big change in your life. It will be great to welcome you back and we look forward to hearing more from you next month.

March events at St John's Place in Lower Bemerton

Bemerton Live Fridays 10.15 – 12.00: social coffee mornings with gentle exercise classes. 1 class £5; 2 classes £7. Refreshments included. Your first week is free.

Bemerton Talks Wednesday 6: 19.30 Robert Key, M.P. for Salisbury for 27 years, will talk about: "Broken Britain? My Thatcher years to the Brexit Jungle and beyond." *See the leaflet delivered with the newsletter.* All welcome, free admission, collection to cover expenses.

Bemerton History Society Tuesday 12: photos of Bemerton from The Salisbury Journal by Alan Clarke. Hedley Davis Court, Cherry Orchard Road 19.30

Bemerton Film Society Wednesday 13: Film begins 19.30, entrance £6

"Eat drink man woman": a film made in Taiwan in 1994. "A wise touching tender film" about a master chef who is a widower with three unmarried daughters who all begin to challenge traditional Chinese culture.

Bemerton Brunch Sunday 17: 10.00 – 12.00 good food and coffee, the Sunday papers, good company

Salisbury Military History Society Wednesday 27: 19.30 Russia 1812 Illustrated Battlefield guide Alan Rooney talks about Napoleon's Russian campaign with modern photographs of the ground and contemporary illustrations. £10 with wine and nibbles.

St John's School

Friday 1 March: school disco

Thursday 14: Book bus at school

Monday 25: Parents evening week

Monday 27: Mother's Day crafts – details from Friends of Bemerton School

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 23 March 13.00

in aid of Church Funds

at St Michael's Community centre, Bemerton Heath

Take contributions along in the morning.

The Village Hall

Some new and lighter tables have been bought, thanks to the money raised by the Waitrose green tokens scheme and gift aid claimed on personal donations.

Remember: if you organise an event and collect donations for the hall gift aid can be claimed on them too.

As the newsletter is being written the hall committee is still looking for a way to take the old tables to the tip. Offers of help would be appreciated. Contact John on 744079

Swimming across the Channel – and back?

Lily Newman and Katie Emmett have begun their lengthy swim for Diabetes UK in a local pool. Katie says:

Yes the swimathon has begun. It started on Friday 22 February.

So far in 2 swimming sessions I have completed 3 miles. I am going to attempt to do a mile a day for the next few weeks

to see if I can get to France before Brexit, don't want to be stuck there!!!!

Lily is still thinking she will swim only one way. After all she has two weddings to organise as both her children are getting married this year. Congratulations, Rachael and Tom.

If you would like to sponsor Lily or Katie search for their names on the justgiving website. (For Lily search for Lilian Newman).

Quidhampton Newsletter on BBC Wiltshire

On Tuesday 12 February the newsletter editor was interviewed by phone on Radio Wiltshire during the Rachel Houghton morning show. A report had been published that day about the decline in print readership, including local newspapers, and BBC Wiltshire wanted to look at local newsletters too.

After looking online the producer decided that Quidhampton and Burbage in the Vale of Pewsey produced the best newsletters.

Bea says: at the beginning of the programme Frances Cairncross, one of my heroes and chair of the reporting group, was interviewed and that made me very nervous.

The questions

Both the Burbage newsletter editor, Gavin Ketchen, and I said our newsletters had a very different level of news to the local newspapers such as the Journal. Ours inform people about what goes on in their

own community and try to create a sense of community where people know each other and can look out for each other.

Online or on paper?

Rachel Houghton wanted to know if we felt that the printed newsletter still had a place or was it better to have it all online. Again we were in agreement and said our readers much preferred the printed version. I send a digital copy by email to over 100 people but very few are from the village and Gavin actually posts paper copies to villagers who move away. Both of us said that people liked pinning up the What's On page for reference. It's easier to find and share than something on a phone.

Burbage has a population of over 1600 while Quidhampton has less than 400. Gavin was part of a team producing their newsletter but we felt we had a lot in common and it is good to know that print media (as it is called today) is flourishing in the very local world of village newsletters.

From the Parish Clerk

1. A reminder that vehicles should not be parked on the marked footway which is marked by a white line in the eastern part of Lower Road. It has the same status as a pavement and it is therefore an offence to block it.

If the footway is blocked pedestrians have to walk into the road which can be very risky, especially if it is parents with small children and buggies and rush hour traffic. Drivers: please consider pedestrians when you park!

2. Work on the playground: this has been delayed because the contractor is unwell. Another contractor is preparing a quotation.

Salisbury Jazz Club in Wilton:

Wendy Lawrence is a familiar name in the newsletter - she has spent the past five years sharing the research into the WWI names on the lych gate – and a frequent visitor to The White Horse.

She also had a long collaboration with Jim Goddard. They founded Salisbury Jazz Club in 1979 and it is still going strong but recently moved to a new venue: the Michael Herbert Hall at Wilton. It's a great hall and great atmosphere. Take your own refreshments, including drinks.

Next Meeting : Friday 8 March Doc Houllind's Revival All Stars from Denmark

Doors open 19.00 Music from 20.00
Entrance £10

Waste and recycling dates

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Garden waste	Fri 1, 15 & 29
Household waste	Mon 4 & 18
Recycling	Mon 11 & 25

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