

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

April 2019

What's on in Quidhampton April 2019

Weekly events

2Quidy Club: every Tuesday in term time 13.00 Village hall: chat, companionship, coffee (or tea) and cake £2 everyone welcome. Please note no meeting on 9 and 16 April.

Bounce-dance-fit Saturday mornings 09.15 – 10.00 £5 a session. Calorie burning fun dances for all ages. Enquiries Natalie 07976 850574

Other events

Friday 5: last day of term for school pupils

Sunday 7: Litter pick see below: Meet at village hall 10.30

Tuesday 9: The White Horse will be serving food

Thursday 11: Charity Quiz night at The White Horse food from 18.30, quiz from 20.00. *Please note this is on the second Thursday of the month but will be back on the first Thursday from May.*

Wednesday 17: Bike Night at The White Horse weather permitting. Meet in the car park from 18.00, ride out 18.45. All welcome. *This will be a regular summer event on the third Wednesday of the month.*

Good Friday 19 April: The White Horse is open all day. Cream teas in the afternoon. Rock & Roll bingo in the evening.

Easter Monday 22 April: Easter egg hunt organised by the Quidditch group see page 2

Tuesday 23: First day of term for school pupils

Future events:

Wednesday 1 May: Sovereign Set lunch at The White Horse Women's lunch group. Menus and enquiries: Joyce Harvey 742309. All Quidhampton women welcome to join. *Sovereign Set lunch dates for the rest of the year: 19 June, 21 August, 30 October, 11 December.*

Wednesday May 1: Quidhampton Parish Council meeting (*changed from usual day*)

Friday 24 May seafood night at The White Horse: booking essential

7 – 9 June beer festival

The Great Wiltshire Clean-up: Quidhampton Litter-pick

Following a very successful event last year Quidhampton is taking part again on

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 10.30 – 11.30

Meet at the Village Hall

Bring gloves. Long handled litter-pickers provided or bring your own

Refreshments provided after the litter pick

Road Closure The A3094 (Netherhampton Road) will be closed on 12 April between 07.00 and 18.00 for one day from the junction with the A36 and the junction with Upper Street in Harnham. The closure is authorised for 5 days but could last only one.



**Quidditch group for families with children
FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT
Easter Monday 22 April
Meet at 13.00 in the recreation ground.
Bring a picnic!**

*Further details to be confirmed.
Contact Abi on abi.kingston@talk21.com*



**Friday 12 April Salisbury Jazz Club
in Wilton,**

Michael Herbert Hall, with the Golden Eagle Jazz Band. Doors open 19.00 entrance £10. Take your own refreshments, including drinks and glasses.

Joyce Harvey fell and broke her wrist on Monday. She is being well looked after in Chilmark Ward and is doing well. Expect to see her around the village again soon!

From The Horse's Mouth. Zoe Hoare writes:

Kitchen: We very much appreciate everyone's patience during the continued kitchen works. The good news is that we are making progress and the works should be completed shortly. We aim to open the kitchen on the evening of Tuesday 9 April.

Quiz Night will be on the second Thursday of the month, rather than the first *for April only* so we can take bookings for food for anyone who wants to eat before the quiz starts. Then it will revert to the first Thursday of the month as normal.

Bike Night will start again from April, weather permitting on the third Wednesday of each month including a ride-out from the pub. Everyone is very welcome to join us with bikes congregating in the car park from 18.00 onwards. Ride out from 18.45 and a bikers meal deal on return.

Good Friday: The pub will be open all day on Good Friday. The kitchen will be open from 12.00 – 14.00 and again from 18.00 – 21.00. Traditional Cream Teas will be available throughout the afternoon. It's Rock & Roll Bingo on the evening of Good Friday too...

On a personal note: Very many thanks from us both to everyone who has sent good wishes, cards, kind messages, flowers (and even cakes!) on our return to Quidhampton and The White Horse. They are all very gratefully received and mean so much. We are pleased to be back and appreciate the continued support from the village and surrounding area. We are trying to communicate much more via our social media channels and you will often find updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages (@quidhamptonwhitehorse), and the new website www.quidhamptonwhitehorse.co.uk. The phone number remains unchanged 01722 744448.

Easter Church services and activities

St Andrew's: a meditative hour by the cross from 14.00 on Good Friday
Prayer book Holy Communion every Sunday 08.00

St Michael's: Walk of witness on Good Friday from St Michaels at 10.00 to Roman Road Methodist church. Short service followed by tea and hot cross buns.
Easter Day Communion 10.30

Please note: the weekly evensong in St Andrew's changes to the summer time of 18.00 on 7 April

The advertisement for the new Rector of Bemerton will appear in the Church Times on April 19th and 26th.

Activities at St John's Place, Lower Bemerton

Weekly events

Monday evening fitness classes at St John's (not Easter Monday): Zumba with Holly 18.15 – 19.15 and Pilates with Chiara 19.30 – 20.30. £5 per class, pay on the night. Just turn up! More details: Shelley 07814 899 151

Tuesdays: Community choir with Katie Hayes term time only. New members welcome. Contact Katie on 07979 818662

Fridays (not Good Friday): social coffee morning for over 55s with gentle exercise. 10.15 – 12.00 1 class £5, 2 classes £7

Other events

Wednesday 3: St John's school Easter Service 14.00

Wednesday 3: Bemerton Talks: Recent research at Stonehenge with Susan Greaney, archaeologist with English Heritage 19.30 free admission, collection.

Wednesday 10: Bemerton Film Society Roman Holiday (U certificate)

Doors open 19:00, film starts 19:30, Entrance £6

Charming love story in which Audrey Hepburn plays a bored and sheltered princess who escapes her guardians and falls in love with an American newsman in 1950s Rome.

Sunday 14: Bemerton Brunch 10.00 – 12.00

Wednesday 24: Salisbury Military History Society 19.30 Rorke's Drift with experienced military historian Colonel Christopher Newbould. £10 (cash only) includes wine and nibbles after talk

Bemerton History Society at Hedley Davis Court, Cherry Orchard Lane: Tuesday 16 April, AGM followed by "Where does that come from?" a look at Bemerton road names by Chris Usher. 19.30 start

School news: Bemerton St John

After the consultation period the decision to join the Magda Learning Partnership academy chain was taken by the governors on 13 February. Other schools in the partnership are: Salisbury 6th Form College, Sarum Academy, St Edmund's Girls School, The Trafalgar School and Wyvern College. A member of staff from at least one of the partner schools has already visited to take lessons with St John's pupils

The school house, previously a private home, is now being developed to be part of the school and will eventually form the main entrance.

2Quidy's second birthday

The successful cake and chat group had its second birthday last month and Hannah Kinnell, one of the founders, provided some facts and figures. More than 50 different people have attended 2Quidy Club and nearly a thousand cups of tea or coffee and slices of cake have been served. It is really more than that because some people had seconds but it means there have been over 1000 attendances. Both Hannah Kinnell and co-founder Hannah Brown think it is amazing. When they began the group they thought people might choose to meet once a month!

Editor: I think the success of 2Quidy is in its informality and simplicity. People tend to arrive at 13.00 or soon after, have a cuppa and a slice and a chat and are gone by 14.00. There is no pressure to stay longer or to do anything. Books might be swapped, or photos passed around, or a special piece of craftwork displayed but really it's about getting to know people better and nurturing that feeling of community we all know is important.

The Recreation Ground

This photo shows happy children on the new piece of equipment that has been installed in the recreation ground.

Thanks to the Parish Council for organising this, especially clerk Clare Churchill for all the admin.

These projects are expensive, needing specialist installers, safety ground cover etc.

Thanks go to the Landfill Trust Fund and Community First for a grant of over £9000 and to the South West Wiltshire Area Board for £3000, to add to the substantial amounts saved for the project



over recent years by the Parish Council. The exact final cost is not yet known; it will include smart new gates to the ground, and a new sign.

The equipment provides climbing, swinging and sliding for a wide age range but the height of the grab bar is too low to challenge children of upper primary school age so it looks as though there might be some more fund raising soon for a birds nest swing for older children. And a picnic table. The suggestions keep coming in.

Great that the playground being used by so many children, and such an interest is taken in its future.

Please remember that in no circumstances are dogs allowed in the playground.

The Parish Clerk has received two reports of dog fouling in the playground. She says “While I appreciate the gates are awaiting replacement dogs should anyway be kept under control on the path, which is beside livestock, so all owners should be able to ensure their dogs don't go in the recreation ground.”

Fly tipping: black plastic bags of household waste are being left regularly in Lower Road by Boyes Wood and the layby. This can be reported to Wiltshire Council who will remove them. Use the app or go online for best results. Identifying the culprits would be better. Police non emergency number is 101.

Other Parish Council matters

This is not a full or official account of the March meeting. Minutes will be put on the notice board in due course

In the absence of Howard Rowley, Paul Cripps, vice-chair of the Parish Council, took the meeting.

Lesla Drewett of Quidhampton Mill attended and spoke in the public section **about speeding on the Netherhampton Road**. She asked for the council's support in requesting another metro count and/or getting the detailed data from the one done in 2017. She felt that Community Speedwatch had “done wonders” in Lower Road. *Metro counts record number of vehicles and speed. The traffic going towards Wilton on the A3094 is often moving very slowly towards the traffic lights so any average speed statistics are not representative of the considerable speed of some of the traffic travelling in the opposite direction. It is not possible to record one side of the road only so detailed analysis of the data is needed.*

Roads: the 20mph roundels on the road surface and the yellow lines have been re-painted.

Traffic consultation: the clerk reported that only 8 replies have been received so far. The possibility of a questionnaire delivered to all homes was discussed.

Notice boards: after considerable discussion there was no agreement about putting up the second noticeboard on or by the village hall. Costs would be incurred in putting it up in the centre of the village by the existing noticeboard as there would have to be ground surveys done to establish the position of service cables etc. There was some feeling that the village should have one bigger higher quality board. The question of grants will be pursued.

Map of the village to show houses: Paul Cripps will produce this which will be framed and displayed on the village hall.

Housing development on Netherhampton Road On 10 April the plan will be considered at a meeting in Trowbridge as part of the examination of the Wiltshire Housing Sites Development Plan. Members of the public can attend but not speak unless they have previously made representation and the inspector has their names. It is not a planning enquiry. Some villagers were (understandably!) confused by letters they have been sent.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1 May. Please note the change to the usual day of the week

The Village Hall: now with WiFi and new tables

The old tables Richard Story of Lindisfarne not only single handedly took the old heavy yellow tables to the household recycling centre but also dismantled them, separating metal and wood so they could be recycled. Thanks, Richard. The extra space created in the hall is much appreciated by the dance groups.

John Cater reports:

Bob Philips is due to take over as treasurer in early April, once the accounts have been audited. When the weather improves we will have to take another look at the roof. During torrential rain it leaks a little but not more than an eggcup full in several hours.

Hannah Kimnell has taken over as secretary.

There is now wifi in the hall, thanks to Ken Taylor who successfully continued the efforts of Hannah Brown to get it installed. The initial funding for this has come from a grant from the South West Wiltshire Area Board. The hall committee will decide whether the effect on bookings means it should be continued after the first year. *John had been doing the jobs of secretary and treasurer as well as being caretaker. He is staying on as caretaker.*

Bookings

Sabine Dawson, booking secretary, is having a busy time and says "Things are brightening up." Several bookings have come from people outside the village via the HallsHire website and after a few weeks trial they are now regulars. That includes the

bounce-dance-fit sessions on Saturday mornings, a high energy class run by newly qualified Natalie who has said how friendly and helpful everyone is.

Two other regular sessions are run by a Wilton teacher of children with special needs. On Friday evening it's social activities for teenagers and on Wednesday morning educational activities. Both are popular and fully booked. The participants like the cosy feel of the hall and the privacy it offers. And the parents who stay for some of the sessions really appreciate the wifi.

There are still occasional bookings for couples practising their wedding dance and activities like this could be publicised more. (How many halls have such a good mirror?) The hall seems to be reaching the right kind of hirers who appreciate its unique qualities, but more are always welcome. How about volunteering to help with marketing? You'd be working with a good team.

Some enquiries for meetings or private events were not successful, due to the lack of parking as most of those participants would arrive by car.

It's great to hear of more bookings but it is a lot of work for Sabine who deserves thanks for managing it all.

Thanks are also due to Pete Dawson who was on the hall committee for many years. He helps Sabine with bookings and handing out keys when she is away, as well as with minor repairs and assisting John Cater. "A quiet village hero, always at hand when you need him."

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3 bedroomed house for sale in Quidhampton

Offered to villagers first

8 The Alders £269,000 or near offer

Dominic Morgan writes:

We are selling our home, 8 The Alders, and after discussing it with villagers, we have decided to offer it first to people in the village and people wanting to move into the village. The house has been valued at £270,000 and we are happy to share the valuation report. It will be put on the open market at the end of April.

The house has 146 square metres of accommodation on two floors. It is currently a 3 bedroomed house but a new Worcester 30i boiler was fitted into the attic in 2017 to allow the largest bedroom to be converted into two rooms, if required.

The house benefits from gas central heating throughout and has a 200mb cable connection. There is a large front garden (201 square metres) with protected local authority resident's parking. In addition there is a large rear garden (414 square metres) backing onto a field, great for dogs. There is also an attached outbuilding in use as a utility room and workshop.

The exterior of the house is due to be painted in April.

For an informal chat ring 07840678086.



Welcome to the village

1. Hannah Newnham and her partner Edward moved into Eveque Court, their first home together, in December. Hannah writes:

We spent many months dreaming we could live here. Edward is originally from Bristol and is a musician in the Royal Artillery Band and I originate from Southampton and currently work in pubs having returned from working on cruise ships a little over 2 years ago. We both love village life especially one with such a friendly local pub. Thank you to everyone who has made us feel so welcome into the village, we are both loving every second of it.

2. Percy Claude Jack Frank

Percy was born at 09.46 on 15 March. Mum Vicky thanks everyone for their cards and congratulations. She, Charles and new sister Primrose are "settling back into life again. Percy weighed a hefty 8lbs 11 oz. And, as you can see from the lovely photo Primrose is enjoying being a big sister."



JOB OPENING: weekend pot washer at The White Horse

Sundays 11.00 start, 15.30 finish depending on trade. Other shifts by agreement.

The job involves efficient washing and cleaning of kitchen equipment as well as crockery etc. and other basic kitchen duties. You need an eye for detail and to be able to work diligently and quickly. All staff are issued with uniform, payslips and contracts. Apply with CV to the White Horse
hello@quidhamptonwhitehorse.co.uk

With this month's newsletter you will find an insert showing the full bus timetable for Quidhampton. This has been put together by Rosie, daughter of parish councillor Danni Fox-Rennie as part of the community service required for her Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Thank you, Rosie. People are sure to find it useful.

The warm weather is bringing out the bulbs everywhere and perhaps none are more appreciated than the ones along Lower Road by Boyes Wood. Snowdrops, narcissi, crocuses, tulips, bluebells and even hyacinths. Thank you to Quidhampton's own guerrilla gardener, Joyce Knight, who has planted her spare bulbs there for years, bringing pleasure to so many people.

Waste and recycling dates April 2019

Household waste Mon 1, 15 & 29
Recycling Mon 8 & 22
Garden waste Fri 12 & 26

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