

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

June 2019

## What's on in Quidhampton in June

**Every Tuesday: 2Quidy club** coffee, tea, cakes and chat village hall 13.00 – 14.00  
**Every Saturday: Bounce-dance-fit** calorie burning fun dance class with a superb bunch of friendly people. Village Hall 09.15 – 10.00 £5 a session, single parents free

**Monday 3:** Staff training at St John's school, pupils return Tuesday 4 June

**Thursday 6: charity quiz at The White Horse**, food from 18.30, quiz from 20.00

**Friday 7 – Sunday 9: Beer festival at The White Horse – see below**

**Sunday 16 Father's day lunch** at the White Horse served 12.00– 15.00 booking advised

**Tuesday 18: Village Hall AGM** 19.30 Village Hall *Everyone with an interest in the hall is invited to attend*

**Wednesday 19: Sovereign Set lunch at The White Horse** Contact Joyce Harvey by 19 June for menu. *Sovereign Set is a group open to all Quidhampton women and meets every other month for lunch, newcomers welcome. Contact Joyce 742308*

**Wednesday 19: Bike Night** at the White Horse Ride out from 19.00. Meal deal for bikers on return

**Friday 21: Rock & Roll bingo** The White Horse from 21.00

**Friday 28** Staff training, Sarum Academy closed to pupils

**Friday 28: Live Music** Gemma Leanne performs at the White Horse from 21.00

**Every Tuesday at The White Horse:** fish and chips £8.50 eat in or takeaway. Orders taken between 18.30 and 20.00

**Every Friday: prosecco deal £13 per bottle**

**From Saturday 15: Saturday is steak night at The White Horse** two 10 oz rump steaks with all the trimmings plus a bottle of wine (Merlot / Malbec / Cinsault Rose or Sauvignon Blanc) for £28.00. **Other menu also available**

## **Beer Festival at The White Horse Quidhampton 7, 8 & 9 June.**

**Guest ales and cider**

**Gin bar**

**Hog roast and barbecue**

**Live music: Friday 21.00 Mustang Sally Band 21.00**

**Saturday Oliver Flanagan Jazz guitarist 15.00  
and The Big TL Tony Letts vocalist 20.30**

**Sunday Guy Halls, flamenco guitarist 14.00**

**Opening times: Friday 17.00 – late; Saturday 12.00 - late; Sunday 12.00 – 17.00**

**Wanted:** bands to provide live music at school fete on 22 June: contact Emma Tranter  
Emma@salisburyracecourse.co.uk

**What's on in Bemerton** *all events at St John's Place except Tuesday 18.*

**Every Friday morning: Bemerton Live** activities for the over 55's. Zumba and yoga or pilates. One class £5, two classes £7 refreshments included. Your first week free.

**Sunday2: Lower Bemerton Community Big Lunch** bring a dish to share, meet old friends, make new friends. 12.00 – 15.00

**Wednesday 5: Bemerton Talks.** Chris Romain describes his life as a Cathedral Architect over 40 years. Admission free, retiring collection. 19.00 refreshments available 19.30 talk begins

**Sunday 9: Wedding Fayre** 11.00 – 14.00

**Wednesday 12: Bemerton Film Society** 'Their Finest' 12 certificate. A wartime drama about making propaganda films. Tears, romance and laughter, Gemma Arterton and Bill Nighy £6 programme starts 19.30

**Sunday 16: Bemerton Brunch** 10.00 – 12.00

**Tuesday 18: Bemerton History Society** memories of Woodrows, a Salisbury Institution. Hedley Davis Court 19.30

**Sunday 23:** The seat near the porch bought in memory of Marjorie Grant and her generosity to Bemerton parish will be blessed and dedicated. Cream tea afterwards.

### **St John's Primary School events**

**Friday 14: Quiz Night** in aid of the school.

19.30 St John's Place. Bar and auction.

Up to 6 adults in a team.

Tickets £6 include cheese and biscuits from Emma Tranter email:

Emma@salisburyracecourse.co.uk

**Saturday 22: School fete**

13.00 – 16.00 : bouncy castle, barbecue, games, stalls etc

**Dress down days** for fete contributions:

Friday 7 bottles for tombola,

Friday 14 FOBs gift shop,

Friday 21 sweets, chocolates, cakes



*Presents*

# *Puss In Boots*



## **Actors & Crew Wanted!!**

Bemerton Players are looking for additional cast and backstage crew for this year's pantomime.

**8th July 2018**

**8pm**

**Script read through**

**15th July 2018**

**8pm**

**Audition**

**Come join us .... fun and laughter guaranteed!**

## **Join us at**

**St Michaels Hall**

**96 St. Michaels Road**

**Bemerton Heath**

**Salisbury**

**SP2 9LE**

**Monday night rehearsals  
Starting September**

**Need to be available first week of  
December for performances**

**Annual subscription to cover  
insurance and licences**

Contact Simon Smith on 07593074122, email nomissmith1971@yahoo.co.uk or visit our website bemertonplayers.co.uk for more information.

## Annual Parish Meeting

More than fifty people were in the village hall for the annual parish meeting on 11 May. It was a separate event this year and proved popular, though some people may have been there for the discussion of traffic issues that followed the reports. The prosecco and nibbles were much appreciated too.

Howard Rowley, chair of the parish council, welcomed everyone.

### Reports included the following:

**Nicola Clark**, police community support officer, said we may live in a low crime area but sheds are likely to be targeted in the coming months so make a list of valuable tools and their serial numbers. Police officers try to get out to back up speedwatch but can't do it as often as they would like because of other calls on their time.

Similarly with HGVs: send details to Nicola (see back page) but it really helps if people who spot them can write to the companies as well. *A suggested form of letter will be published in the newsletter.*

**Parish Council:** Howard Rowley reported a successful year with the two 'absolutely outstanding' events of the poppy display and the Armistice remembrance service that 'must be among the best things ever seen in the village.'

He was also proud of progress with the new playground equipment and refurbishment and announced an official opening on 26 May. Other successes include the litter pick, two new noticeboards, progress towards the defibrillator (the phone box has been bought by the council), and CSW.

**Community Speedwatch:** the speed indicator device shared with other villages should soon appear in Quidhampton and will show the speed drivers are doing. Speedwatch volunteers really appreciate the extra police presence. It makes a big difference but even that didn't stop one

driver from doing over 30 mph. See page 7.

Sandie Smith, the new team leader, thanked Clare Churchill for all her work in setting up the speedwatch team.

**Village hall** John Cater also spoke about a successful year. The hall is now registered for gift aid and as a community asset, and Bob Philips (treasurer) and Hannah Kimnell (secretary) have joined the committee. There are some new regular bookings but more local bookings would be good.

### Quidditch Club for parents and children:

Abi Stirman reported a great Easter egg hunt (25 children and their families), and how much they liked the new equipment in the playground. Events were arranged through Whatsapp and often took place in homes. A toy swap in the village hall was planned.

**St John's Primary school** Jeremy Nettle, governor, spoke about the school becoming part of the local academy chain, Magna Learning Partnership.

**Other reports included:** the parish council website, events, newsletter and village email, entertainments fund, the emergency plan, and a written report from local Wiltshire Councillor Pauline Church. There will be a fireworks event this year. Parish clerk Clare Churchill has copies of all the reports.

### Traffic

The last part of the meeting was a discussion of traffic issues though some had been raised earlier as well.

Lesa Drewett of Quidhampton Mill spoke up for villagers living along the Netherhampton Road beside heavier and faster traffic than in Lower Road. It has been classified as being too dangerous for community speedwatch to operate and drivers regularly exceed the speed limit.

**Lower Road** Howard outlined ideas for limiting the speed and amount of traffic as explained on the questionnaire and information sheet distributed to all homes.

In discussion it was clear that there are strongly opposing views about speed bumps and no right turn particularly into Lower Road from the Netherhampton Road. *The 'no right turn' option would not affect any traffic leaving the village or traffic coming from Wilton so buses would be unaffected.* A financial contribution

would be required from the Parish Council towards any necessary work.

All villagers were urged to complete their questionnaires. There would be a house-to-house collection of them in the next week.

Jan Barnes said the council were to be thanked for tackling such a difficult issue.

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### **A Christmas tree festival in the Village Hall**

#### **After the Poppy Project....how about Christmas trees?!**

The organisers of the carols and mulled wine event would love to see a Christmas tree festival happening at the same time, and remaining in the village hall for everyone to see.

Joy Wagstaff writes:

*It will be like the one at St Thomas's church. There are such creative people in Quidhampton we are sure it will be extra special and a chance to show your talent. The tree can be of any design or material, not only traditional, and the more variety there is the better. Here are some non-traditional ones from St Thomas's. Some of them are inspired by the interests of the people who made them. 2Quidy club could make one out of cake!*



Tennis balls



blue bottles



a set of shelves

*You could contribute a nativity scene instead if you prefer. Final details will be in the October newsletter but the organisers hope this gives you time to start planning or making your tree now.*

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### **The village swimmers**

Lily Newman and Katie Emmett have completed their mammoth swims for charity. Lily swam the equivalent of going across the Channel in a swimming pool and Katie swam the equivalent of going there *and* back. Both raised funds for Diabetes UK but have found benefits for themselves. Lily said it has really improved her mobility. She had some back and shoulder issues but now has much more movement and intends to carry on swimming regularly. She admitted it was very tough, especially towards the end, but is glad she has done it.

The new gates are in place and the **Refurbished Quidhampton playground was officially opened on Sunday 26 May.**

From the left: Howard Rowley, parish council chair, Josie Green, Wiltshire councillor and chair of the area board, Jennifer Tyler, chair of the village hall committee and for a long time weekly inspector of the playground, and Eve Warton, at 95 the oldest villager able to be present.

The refurbishment was achieved thanks to grants from the Landfill Communities Fund

(Hills group who do the recycling) and the South West Wiltshire Area Board.

Playground equipment, proper installation and safety surfaces are very expensive and the total cost, including new gates, was in the region of £17000. The Hills group grant was £9240, SWWAB gave £3677 and the rest came from the parish council which has been putting money aside for several years and fundraising.

The original idea came in June 2013 from a group of young teenagers who made a presentation to the parish council and helped raise money at a summer fete. They are grown up now but must be pleased to see the playground there for the growing number of young children in the village today.

Howard said he would like to see more improvements in the future.

*Editor's comment: a picnic table has been suggested, and a new bench seat.*

*Improvements aren't just expensive equipment.*



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## **Fly tipping in Lower Road**

For many weeks black plastic bags have been regularly left along Lower Road by or just after Boyeswood on the way to Lower Bemerton. Two were included in the litter pick in April and were found to contain ordinary domestic rubbish including nappies.

**If you see fly tipping** you should contact Wiltshire Council in the same way as you would about potholes etc. This is most effectively done online or using their app.

The best thing would be to catch the people who are leaving the black bags. A dog walker noticed that one recently appeared between 05.45 and 06.15. If you can help pin down regular times or days the information will be passed to Wiltshire Council.

**Should I move the bags?** The parish clerk has asked it to be made clear that if you move bags left illegally on public or private land you are then technically guilty of fly tipping.

Remember if you have trouble fitting your waste into one bin you can ask Wiltshire Council for an assessment to see if you qualify for a second or larger bin.

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**Congratulations to Ken Taylor**, who publishes the newsletter and has been studying portrait art for five years at Sarum Studio, Salisbury. One of his recent portraits has been selected for exhibition at the Bath Society of Artists Annual 2019 Open Exhibition at the Victoria Art gallery until 29th June. From 1000 entries 390 were chosen for display.

## Parish Council Meeting 1 May

*This is not a full account of the meeting. Minutes will be posted on the parish council noticeboard after the next meeting.*

At this annual meeting Howard Rowley was again elected chair but said he was willing to serve for only one more year. Election of the vice-chair was deferred in the absence of Paul Cripps who has served as vice-chair and who was proposed.

Parish representatives appointed to specific roles included:

Highways, including liaising with parish steward: Howard Rowley; Dementia champion: Viv Bass; Parish council website: Paul Cripps; Village hall link: Viv Bass; Flood warden: Ken Taylor; Civil emergency volunteer: John Cater; South West Wiltshire Area Board: Ken Taylor; Community area transport group: Clare Churchill; Recreation ground weekly check: Rich Mullett; Marquee: Howard Rowley  
Wiltshire Councillor Pauline Church attended and gave her report. It included information about plans for Salisbury recovery. The re-opening of Wilton Parkway is back on the agenda. Other business:

**The SSE Resilience Communities fund** has re-opened and the clerk has completed the application for the grant for the defibrillator.

**Parish map:** Paul Cripps was not present to give an update but those people present from the village hall committee said there should be no problem putting it up if it was in keeping with the other notices etc.

**Recreation ground:** the swing seats have been refurbished

**Community asset:** The White Horse's registration as an asset of community value has been renewed for the next five years.

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## Pinch point/give way at Temperance Cottages

The give way sign here was destroyed some months ago when a vehicle drove into the post and although the post has been replaced the give way sign has not. The white triangle and lines painted on the road and the build out make it clear that traffic travelling east should give way but some drivers have ignored this. After a couple of incidents a homemade sign has been put up (thank you anonymous villager) to make it very clear the give way rule still stands. The official sign has been ordered.

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This happy photo was taken in the magnificent Windsor Guildhall at the wedding of Jessica, daughter of Sabine and Peter Dawson, to Robert Barber. Sabine suggests that in this photo they could pass for Kate and Wills!

She said it was a wonderful, almost royal, celebration, just two days before a certain baby arrived in a castle not very far away. Thank you Archie for not intruding on Jessica and Robert's day! They saw the Queen arrive to visit Harry and Meghan before the birth and there were press photographers everywhere. It was all very exciting. Very best wishes to Jessica and Robert for a wonderful future together.

*Editor's note: news and photos of family events are always welcome.*



## Lower Road Traffic and Community Speedwatch

Many drivers are going more slowly along Lower Road but many are not and it is still busy and dangerous.

**Quiet times:** it can be deceptive when there is less traffic. Cyclists and pedestrians may feel more confident then but a higher proportion of drivers will be going faster. A recent mid-morning session recorded 38% of drivers at 25 mph or faster - more than one in three. Their approach can be unexpected, even more so if the vehicle is electric or hybrid and running silently. The average speed of 'speeders' is 28 mph but the range is 25 - 42 mph.

**Rush hour:** speeding at these times has been generally between 10 and 20% but that is a lot of drivers. There are usually between 150 and 200 vehicles travelling in one direction per hour (west in the morning, east in the evening) but 306 were recorded recently. That may have been due to delays elsewhere and shows how vulnerable the village is to traffic building up.

### Community Speedwatch

It is the heroes of Community Speedwatch (CSW) who have made the 20 mph limit have some effect. The figures above show that we still need them.

A message from Sandie Smith, the new team leader:

**Speedwatch members are not vigilantes.**

**Speedwatch activity is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.**

**More volunteers are needed – can you spare two hours a month?**

Yes, just two hours a month would really help the team and the village.

**Do you work during the day?** You may now be able to do your training in the village at a time to suit you.

**Are you up with the lark?** We particularly need people to do early morning sessions before going to work

An email application form is available from Sandie:

[Sandieandmartin@aol.com](mailto:Sandieandmartin@aol.com)

Ian Lovett, ex-parish council chair, took this astonishing photo of an **over weight truck in Lower Road** on 17 May. The driver told him he was following his satnav.

Ian wrote to the company with a copy to PCSO Nicola Clarke *Only car satnavs send drivers through the village. HGVs should have special lorry satnavs. Stop press: just in time for publication comes the news that the company have replied to Ian and told him the driver was an agency worker who will not be working for them again. We hope that all of their vehicles have the correct satnavs now.*



# DARTS PLAYERS



**THE WHITE HORSE IS PUTTING  
TOGETHER A SALISBURY  
DARTS LEAGUE TEAM.**

**INTERESTED? CALL INTO THE  
PUB AND SEE NICK.**

**OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN OF ALL ABILITIES.**

## **The Christian Aid collection**

in Quidhampton raised £302.15.  
Jennifer Tyler thanks all villagers for their  
contributions and Jane Taylor who  
helped her collect the envelopes.

Salisbury Jazz Club, New Orleans Jazz  
Bandits, Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton,  
Friday 7 June

## **Waste and recycling dates June 2019**

Recycling	Mon 3 & 17
Household waste	Mon 10 & 24
Garden waste	Fri 7 & 21

The next issue of the newsletter will  
cover July and August and will be the  
100<sup>th</sup> edition under the current editor. If  
you have any ideas for an anniversary  
page, or comments you would like  
published, please get in touch.

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