

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

September 2019

What's On in September

Tuesday 3: Years 7 and 12 begin at Sarum Academy; all pupils at Bemerton St John

Wednesday 4: all other students return to Sarum Academy.

Thursday 5: **monthly charity quiz at The White Horse** book early for food.

Wednesday 11 and every second Wednesday : Folk Session in the Loft at The White Horse. 20.00 – 10.30. An evening of acoustic music so bring your guitar, melodeon, fiddle, banjo, whistle, pipes... or just yourself. Jigs, reels, songs, singalongs.

Friday 13 evening and Saturday 14 lunchtime and evening: Italian speciality menu: Booking essential The White Horse 744448

Wednesday 18: Bike Night at The White Horse

Friday 20: Rock & Roll bingo at The White Horse

Friday 20: Salisbury Jazz Club: Golden Eagle Jazz Band Michael Herbert Hall

Wilton, music from 20.00 – 22.30 £10 enquiries 01672 564241

Saturday 21: Jumble sale St Michael's Community centre, St Michaels Rd, Bemerton Heath 13.00. Drop off jumble from 10.00.

Saturday 28: Macmillan Coffee Morning at The White Horse 10.30 – 12.00 see The Horse's Mouth. **page 2** for details

Sunday 29: various road closures in the area for the Salisbury half marathon

Every Tuesday starting 10 September: 2Quidy Club, tea, coffee, homemade cakes and friendly chat. That's all! Village Hall 13.00 – 14.00. Offers of cakes very welcome: contact Hannah Kinnell 238038 for a date

Every Wednesday Pilates with Chiara: drop in session for all abilities. Use a chair if you can't manage mat work 10.00 – 11.00 village hall £8 per class. Bring your own exercise mat if you have one.

Meeting about commemoration of 75th anniversary of VE day next year: this has not been confirmed but is now likely to be in October. **Please note:** commemoration of **both VE and VJ days** will be discussed. Zoe is keen to get involved and sees the pub as central, as it was during the war when (or so the editor has been told) even when there was no beer people kept going there.

There are two flyers with the newsletter this month: one gives details of events in Lower Bemerton and the other has details of the **Quidhampton Fireworks event in November.** Please note the arrangements for villagers to get tickets before the general public. If you do not take advantage of this early booking period you may find the event has sold out and be unable to get tickets.

Lower Road temporary road closure September 8 Part of Lower Road will be closed to traffic on Sunday September 8, eastwards from Bemerton Farm for about 330 metres so Openreach can carry out tree cutting and fibre cabling works. A diversion route will be signposted. Access will be maintained for residents where possible, although delays are likely. Poor weather conditions may mean a longer closure. Further information contact A-Plant Lux Traffic Control (Openreach) on 03700500792.

From the Horse's Mouth by landlady Zoe Hoare

As I write, we're halfway through August so it'll soon be time to think about autumn. We're already planning new seasonal recipes and I'm trying to find an hour to pick blackberries. Sloes won't be too far behind and then it'll be sloe gin season. Every year, advice and recipes are traded across the bar. Is success dependant on the strength of the gin? Some believe it is. Others swear by the method of shaking the sloe gin, while we're told by others that it's what gets added – the secret ingredients.

Whatever your preferred method, we hold an Annual Sloe Gin competition at The White Horse, which everyone is welcome to enter. It is judged by blind tasting, with those who have entered doing the scoring. There's plenty of friendly rivalry and witty banter (especially after a few have been tasted!) and this year there will be a couple of twists, with prizes to be won as well as glory and eminence for the actual winner.

The Sloe Gin Competition is on Sunday 29 December at 15.00. We welcome previous and new participants, so if you fancy taking part, here's how it works:

1. Make your gin to your preferred style and recipe.
2. Provide us with a bottle of your gin (minimum of 1 pint / 500ml) at the pub **no later than 20.00 on Saturday 28 December**.
3. If you're an entrant taking part in the blind tasting and judging, be at the pub by 14.45 on Sunday, in readiness for tasting at 15.00 sharp
4. Winner is normally announced about 17.00.

Good luck if you take part!

Italian Menu

Following our sold out Italian Night earlier this year, we are having a September Italian event over 2 nights and a lunchtime to meet demand. Karl's delicious specialities (and extraordinary cheesecakes!) will be available on the evening of Friday 13 September, as well as on Saturday 14 September lunchtime and evening. Book early if you would like a table.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We're taking a part in 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning', raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you'd like to join us on Saturday 28 September, we'd love to see you. If anyone would like to make a cake for the event, it would be gratefully received as would any volunteers for serving coffee and tea. It's a truly fantastic charity and we're proud to have raised about £1500 for Macmillan since April, hopefully this will boost the total even further.

We hope to have a small craft fair at the same time - more details on the Facebook page and via village email later. Are you a crafter? Would you like a small table to display and sell whatever you make? Give Zoe a call on 01722 744448 if you're interested.

Final points: 100 Plus Club: we're still sorting the complexities. More news next month.

The Saturday steak deal has finished.



Gervase and Ted celebrate summer

Goodbye to Hannah

The special meeting of 2Quidy Club last week was tinged with sadness as we all said goodbye to Hannah Allison Brown, one of the founders of the club two years ago. She, Rob and their three children are moving to Bowerchalke. It was a tough decision, she said, but they need a bigger house and it is nearer the children's school.

She was presented with flowers, cards and gifts and said she felt privileged to have met everyone and got to know the Quidhampton community.

That's not quite right, Hannah. You helped create that part of the Quidhampton community and you deserve our thanks. There's not been anything quite like 2Quidy Club in the village before, just a

simple weekly drop in get-together, with good tea, coffee and cake and no pressure to do anything else. People were saying how much they'd missed it since July, and a record number of twenty five went along to thank Hannah for all she'd done.

We know Hannah will be thinking of us - she has asked to stay on the email list.

Now needed: people to take it in turns to make a cake for 2Quidy Club, and help with setting up. Contact Hannah Kimnel 238038



Michael E J Stokes, a member of the extended Stokes family, died recently at the end of a long life, and his funeral was held at St John's Place. John Stokes, brother of Graham, retains a keen interest in Quidhampton where he grew up and asked that the following be mentioned in the newsletter: I have received a letter from BiPolar UK thanking "those who made generous donations to our cause in memory of Michael E J Stokes who died in May and whose late wife, Margaret, was a long time sufferer."

The post of Rector of Bemerton will be re-advertised. While talking to a village resident recently **Simon Woodley, the previous rector**, said he loves getting the newsletter by email and always reads it. He's noticed the speed watch while doing the school run and is very glad 2Quidy Club is thriving.

St Andrews Church Lower Bemerton not open

Hilary Bird, churchwarden, writes: Due to several cases of vandalism we are no longer able to leave St Andrew's Church open and unattended

during the day. There is a notice near the door explaining this with details of local key holders you can phone to get in. We are sorry to have to do this and we hope this closure will be temporary.

Other church news: Archdeacon Alan Jeans, known to several in Quidhampton, will be leading the communion service and preaching at St Michael's on their patronal festival on 29 September, followed by a shared meal in the community centre. *The patronal festival is the feast day of Saint Michael.*

Shuttle bus service: Sarum Academy now provides a second shuttle mini bus to take pupils to and from school. It will pick up in Quidhampton. Email transport@sarumacademy.org if you are interested in using it.

Bemerton Film Society Wednesday

16 more details: The Imitation Game stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the brilliant Alan Turing, early computer scientist and codebreaker.

Programme starts 19.30 Entrance £6

Community Speed Watch and traffic issues

The CSW camera is given to each team for a period of two weeks at a different time each month. There are now 16 volunteers in Quidhampton which team leader Sandie Smith thinks is a sensible number. Each volunteer will do an average of two sessions per fortnight. On two occasions more than 300 vehicles have been recorded passing through the village in one direction in an hour.

Traffic: more large and overweight vehicles than usual have been spotted in the last two weeks, some of which go up Footshill. It is still important to take the details of these and most effective if you can contact the company involved. Nicola Clarke, our PCSO, would like a copy of any letters sent: Nicola.Clark@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk Sandie has offered to report these vehicles if she is sent registration plate, date, time and any names on the vehicle: Sandieandmartin@aol.com or ring the editor with the details.

Speed Indicator device: it was returned to the manufacturers but is still not working properly, despite an on site visit to Netherhampton Road where it is positioned. It was purchased jointly with five other villages using a grant from the area board and there was a suggestion at the parish council meeting that a more expensive but better quality device would have been a better buy. Get the latest news on this at the parish council meeting on 24 September.

Traffic Survey : there was an excellent 50% response and the council expressed thanks to the collectors. An extra issue to emerge was pollution. At a later meeting a working group was formed to look at the responses, and make proposals. Paul Cripps, Sandie Smith and Ken Taylor volunteered to serve on the group with clerk Clare Churchill. Their first report will be at the Parish Council meeting on 24 September.



Adventurous travels

Last year **Linda Robson and Richard Story** cycled the length of New Zealand's two main islands. 'This year,' Linda said, 'we wanted another cycling adventure so decided we should do our own country. We took the scenic back roads from Land's End to John O'Groats and covered 1,300 miles in 29 days. We thoroughly enjoyed it and met so many interesting people en route.'

It sounds so simple, put like that! They are right, our own country has such a lot to offer, usually with the bonus of not having to fly.

Helen and Steve Wales of Fisherman's Reach spent their holiday in kayaks off the coast of Greenland! Helen said they had an amazing time; it was a unique opportunity for them and they have some lovely photos. More details in the next newsletter.

Doing your bit: recycling

Did you know that Neal's Yard in Salisbury town centre will accept and recycle all toiletries and make up containers that you cannot put in your own recycling bin? That is all brands, not just their own. And Rymans office supplies next to Well Natural health food shop will recycle all pens.

Other Parish Council matters from 23 July 2019 *This is not a full or authorised account of the meeting. Minutes will be posted on the parish council noticeboard after the next meeting.*

Present: Viv Bass, Paul Cripps (vice-chair), Dani Rennie, Howard Rowley (chair), Ken Taylor and Fiona West.

Apologies: Richard Mullett

Sandie Smith was welcomed as a co-opted member of the council.

One vacancy remains.

Wiltshire Councillor Pauline Church attended and told the meeting she is now cabinet member for Children, Education and Skills as well as South Wiltshire recovery.

Netherhampton road development: the council will repeat the objections it made in 2017 adding that current and predicted traffic through Quidhampton was not been included in the developer's traffic surveys and model.

VE Day 75th commemoration 8 May 2020: the May bank holiday will be moved to Friday 8 May to enable communities to commemorate this. It was decided to hold a meeting of all interested villagers in September, Howard to fix a date to be put in the newsletter. Bea was asked to send an email before that asking people to get in touch with Howard if they were interested in co-ordinating any part of it.

Next meeting 24 September

A second Wilton History festival is taking place from 15 – 22 September. Events include

Monday 16: Simon Forman: St Thomas's church alchemist? A talk by Alan Crooks. *Whether Simon Forman was the alchemist of St Thomas's church or not he was born in Quidhampton in 1552 and went on to become the 'notorious astrological physician of London' and our most famous villager (so far). Alan's talk focuses on his early life in this area.* Wilton Community Centre West Street 19.30

Friday 20: Wilton Town Council Chambers open day A rare chance to see inside the historic building with its fascinating past and historic treasures. Open 10.00 – 18.00 Stairs involved, wheelchair stair lift available Full details are on www.wiltonhistoryfestival.org.uk All events are free.



Quidditch Club toy swap in July Five families swapped toys and books and all children went home happy with something new. It is on a loan basis so people get their own stuff back in the end, with the exception of some things that were kindly donated.

Changes to postal collection: the last/only collection from our Quidhampton post box is now made no earlier than 09.00. (9 a.m.) on Mondays to Fridays and 07.00 on Saturdays. The latest collection in the area is from the delivery office in Fisherton Street at 18.45.

Have you heard about the popular **free clothing exchange at Bemerton Methodist church in Roman Road?** First Saturday of the month, then Fridays 09.30 – 11.30 Mostly for ages 0 – 9 years.

You can take clothes without bringing some in. *"We rely on trust and honesty – some weeks you may take and bring nothing, other weeks you may bring clothes in and not find anything you want."* Refreshments provided.

Term time only

Summer Garden show 27 July 2019

Once again the sun shone and villagers and friends gathered in the pub garden for a pleasant social afternoon at the summer garden show. There were flowers to admire from single stems to stunning arrangements and hanging baskets (how did the judges choose the best?), fruit and vegetables, preserves, children's entries and the truly show stopping cakes. Photos cannot do them justice – you had to be there.

Clare Herring again organised it in a really professional way and deserves thanks for reviving this village event so successfully. And there were teas and the best cakes Quidhampton has to offer made and served by Susie Bale, Maureen Goff, Elizabeth Heeley, Sarah Spinney and Joy Wagstaff, five of the hardest working people of the afternoon. Throughout all this the mellow tones of saxophonist Graeme Budd played in the background. Thank you Nick and Zoe for arranging that.

After the prizes came the popular dog show, ably compered by Gervase Clifton-Moore.

Teas made £85 and the raffle £120 (thanks to people who always buy raffle tickets and to people who give prizes). Adding in entry fees and taking away expenses that left £217 cash for the village hall.

Prizewinners Names are in the order of 1st, 2nd and 3rd with joint winners indicated. Competitors could enter several times so some won more than one prize in a class. Any mistakes or omissions that are pointed out will be corrected in the next newsletter.

Judges John Hutton and Una Spence

Flowers marigolds: Tanya Angel, Jane Taylor, Jennifer Tyler; **sweet peas:** Tanya Angel, Katie Emmett, Pauline Donne; **roses:** Maureen Goff, Bea Tilbrook, equal third Rachella Michaels and Joyce Harvey; **single garden flower (not rose):** Pauline Donne, Pauline Donne, Jennifer Tyler; **hanging**

basket: equal first Nick Hoare and Tanya Angel, Nick Hoare; **flower arrangement:** Maureen Goff, Clare Herring, equal third Katie Emmett and Herring family; **single rose:** Lily Newman, Zoe Hoare, Nick Hoare

Vegetables beans: Viv bass, Jennifer Tyler, Joy Wagstaff; **carrots:** Jane Taylor, Katie Emmett, equal third Jennifer Tyler and Joy Wagstaff; **lettuce:** Jane Taylor, Jennifer Tyler; **most wonky veg:** Viv Bass; **courgette:** Jennifer Tyler, Joy Wagstaff, Joy Wagstaff; **cucumber:** Viv Bass

Fruit: Lily Newman, Katie Emmett, Katie Emmett

Children's veg monster: Tilly Jackson; **any loaf:** Stella Bennett; **miniature garden:** equal first Stella Bennett and Tilly Jackson

Preserves chutney: Susie Bale, Katie Emmett, Jennifer Tyler; **jam:** Katie Emmett, Katie Emmet, Joy Wagstaff; **marmalade:** Jennifer Tyler, Joyce Harvey

Baking showstopper cake: equal first Rosa Herring (The Galaxy) and Katie Emmett (Pimms cake), Maureen Goff; **miscellaneous:** Katie Emmett, Jennifer Tyler, Lily Newman



Trophy winners with Zoe Hoare except Stella Bennett and Lily Newman whose mother Margaret (seated) is holding her trophy.

Trophy winners

Garden shield for the most gardening points: Jennifer Tyler (2nd year in a row); **most points overall** with 23 points: Katie Emmett (2nd year in a row); **rose cup:** Lily Newman; **floral cup** for the most beautiful flower: Pauline Donne; **children's cup:** Tilly

Jackson age 4; **china cup**: this year for bread: Stella Bennett age 9; **showstopper cake trophy**: Rosa Herring for "The Galaxy" shared with Katie Emmett for "Pimms cake"

Doggy classes: judges Nick and Zoe Hoare

Doggy fun classes: **best sausage catcher**: Eddie with Charlie and Kim; **best trick or agility**: Daphne with Mark and Liz Van Vogt; **waggiest tail**: Jess with Dani and Pete Rennie; **most like or unlike owner**: Maisy with Alan Dutfield and Karen Pollard; **film dog**: Henry with Michelle and John Goodson; **best veteran** (over 8): Chalkie with Mavis and Keith Singleton
Show classes: **best bitch**: Daphne; **best dog**: Lenny with Jim and Charlie Gale; **best overall** chosen by Gervase: Brewin with Nick and Zoe Hoare

The village hall committee thanks Clare and her helpers who made the garden show such a success and donated such an excellent amount of money towards the upkeep of the village hall.

Clare saw judge John Hutton recently and he told her he'd judged another important local show where the standard of the vegetables was incredible but Quidhampton beat them when it came to flowers. That's great praise!

Autumn will soon be here and that means **bonfires**. Please be a good neighbour and be considerate of others, in the timing and length of your bonfire. It doesn't take much to have a word with them.

New to Quidhampton in 2019

Village Hall Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 21 December

All trees welcome

Trees can be made by individuals or groups and can be on a theme or just fun.

Already promised: a tea party tree, a book club tree, a Quidhampton tree, a First World War remembrance tree and traditional trees.

Other ideas: show what your group does (e.g. a choir or fitness group), show off your hobby (e.g. crochet or sport), illustrate a favourite TV show, book or film, or be clever and make e.g. the smallest tree or go into the attic and find the oldest tree.

Joy Wagstaff would love to hear your ideas: ring 743080



New manager for St John's Place : Paula Johnson

Paula's will be a familiar face to many residents of Quidhampton. She once lived here and still loves The White Horse. She says: "I'm delighted to be managing such a wonderful community space with such a rich history and a strong connection to Quidhampton. I'm really looking forward to welcoming Quidhampton friends and residents to events at St John's Place". Paula moved to Wilton in 2016 and is also a Wilton town councillor. How good to have someone with such strong local connections.

Welcome to Jasmine who is moving into 1 Haviland Cottages with her 5 year old daughter Pearl. She has lived in Salisbury since she was nine, went to Godolphin School and then Plymouth University. She now teaches young children in Salisbury and has a horse called Cru and a dog called Lucky. She says "I enjoy sports and keeping fit and we are very

much looking forward to moving into Quidhampton and being part of the community!" Jasmine (Jaz) is interested in the history of her house and would love to see any photos people might have of it. Tony Bolger, who lived there before Jaz, always used to say it was the oldest house in the village.

7 Does anyone know any more about it?

Congratulations to Kim and James Howarth of The Alders who welcomed baby Harry into the world on 6 July, weighing 10 lb 3 oz, a not-so-little brother for Brooke and James. Lovely to have more children in the village.

For sale: Black Russell Hobbs table top fridge as good as new.

Capacity 17 litres, small freezer on left hand side of top shelf.

New to buy £90.00, selling at £65.00. If interested call 07787424699.

WYLYE VALLEY MEATS

A butcher on your doorstep with locally sourced meats

Every Thursday opposite The White Horse 17.30 - 18.00

For special orders phone 743853 or go along and choose from the stock Tom brings with him

Tom has a shop in North Street Wilton and his mother and grandmother live in Quidhampton.

The sausages are specially recommended

Waste and recycling dates September 2019

Household waste Mon 2, 16 & 30

Recycling Mon 9 & 23

Garden waste Fri 13 & 27

This month's newsletter has been paid for by donations from the parish council, and three villagers who wish to remain anonymous.

Donations of any amount to the cost of printing the newsletter are always welcome. At the moment there are enough to pay for the next 12 months but if you wanted to commemorate a special event or memory that could be fitted in.

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