

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

November 2019

What's On: Quidhampton events in November

All events at The White Horse unless stated otherwise

Friday 1: Guy Halls – Nuevo Flamenco guitar from 19.30.

Saturday 2: Rugby World Cup Final 09.00, half time breakfast must be booked.

Saturday 2: Seafood Night. Booking and pre-order required.

Saturday 2: Firework display organised by Salisbury and South Wilts sports club

Please note Lower Bemerton recreation ground will be closed all day while the fireworks display is prepared. The car park will be closed from 17.00

Monday 4: all pupils back in school

Thursday 7: Charity Quiz Night from about 20.15. Food from 18.00

Saturday 9: Quidhampton Village Fireworks. Tickets still available but selling well

Monday 11: Remembrance Day coffee morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.30

Monday 11: Remembrance Day service at the lych gate St John's Place 10.45 followed by refreshments in St John's.

Wednesday 13: Folk Night in The Loft from 19.30

Friday 15: Rock & Roll Bingo from 21.00

Friday 22: The Steak Board at The White Horse. Fully booked.

Tuesday 26: Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 19.30

Weekly events

2Quidy Club every Tuesday village hall 13.00 – 14.00

Come and get to know your neighbours over a cup of coffee or tea with delicious home-made cake (gluten free available). That's it. No classes, no charity appeals, nothing except a friendly chat.

Pilates in the village hall Wednesday mornings 10.00 – 11.00

These successful classes for beginners continue with the new teacher Tina (who turns out to be just as great as Chiara). £8 per session. It is still a drop-in class for anyone who has been before but please contact Sabine (*details on back page*) if you want to attend for the first time as numbers have to be limited.

Bouncedance fit classes on Saturdays: sadly these have ended because there were not enough regular attenders. Thank you Natalie for persisting with the class.

Volunteers for Fireworks event

The most important volunteers are those who go out on Sunday morning to pick up litter, stray gloves etc. It's perhaps the best bit of community service you could do in the village and you can enjoy the warm glow that comes with that thought all the way to Christmas. If you are considering volunteering contact Jonathan Young 744066

Remembrance 2019 Quidhampton wreaths: if you displayed a wreath last year to commemorate a serviceman from the village who died in WWI and you want to display it again this year contact the editor (details on back page) who will deliver it to you.



QUIDHAMPTON'S FIREWORK EVENT 2019

Saturday 9 November Gates open 16.45

- Children's entertainment with DJ Kev Lawrence before and after the firework display
- Free sparklers for children 17.30 – 18.30
- Children's tuck shop
- Indoor and outdoor bar
- Barbecue and jacket potatoes
- Hot drinks and mulled wine



Family ticket £15 (2adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children)

Other adults £6, children £3 (adults are 16 or over, under 3's are free)

Bar menu served inside from 20.00 – booking essential

Some tickets still available from The White Horse

Fireworks and animals

Many animal owners dread this time of year because of the effect of the noise of fireworks on their pets or livestock. Sainsbury's supermarkets have stopped selling fireworks and other stores are promoting 'low noise' varieties which provide a stunning display without loud bangs.

Pets: good advice is on the RSPCA website, e.g. create hiding places in the home, draw the curtains and keep the tv or radio on to muffle the sounds. Vets and some shops can provide calming hormone diffusers. The RSPCA also provides (via the website) a pack called Sound Therapy 4 Pets to train dogs to be less scared of loud noises, and a leaflet called Fireworks Frighten Animals: help them feel safe.

The first suggestion is go to an organised event. How lucky we are in Quidhampton to have a professional display to go to.

If you must have a home display in your back garden please warn your neighbours.

Warning: on Saturday November 2 there is a big firework display organised by Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club. The fireworks are being set off in Bemerton recreation ground which will be closed all day.

Remembrance Day Coffee Morning

Monday 11 November 2019

We will be holding a coffee morning in the village hall from 10.30 to 11.30.

At 11.00 we invite you to join us in the country wide two-minute silence to reflect and remember the fallen. Jane Taylor and Joy Wagstaff

Village Hall

Fees Due to a steep increase in electricity costs the minimum hire rate has been raised to £15 per booking throughout the year. This avoids making a loss with bookings of one hour or less. The hourly hire rates stay the same: winter £10, summer £8. Booking enquiries via Sabine Dawson, details on the back page.

Kitchen roof: thanks to grants from SWWAB and the parish council and some private donations work will soon begin on replacing the kitchen roof.

Do you want to support the Village Hall? Then read on.....
Sunday brunch at St John's Place on November 17th includes a mini Christmas fair with tables selling Christmas cards, crafts, home-made jams etc.
No charge for tables, donation to St John's Place appreciated

Bea Tilbrook will have a table in aid of the village hall.

Already promised: knitted items (including Christmas golf club covers) and Sandie's cards etc.

Can you donate something? e.g. a jar of home-made chutney or jam, sweets, cakes, a handicraft item, gift tags ...

All items welcomed. Contact details for Bea on back page.

Contact Margaret on 07790 287062 if you would like a table

HGV on 23 October

Has there ever been a bigger HGV in Quidhampton? This amazing photograph was taken by Richard Story at 20.15 on Wednesday 23 October. The driver attempted to get to Churchfields by driving through Quidhampton from the west and discovered he could not get through the pinch point at Temperance Cottages.

That meant he had to do a 3 point turn using Nadder Lane and the Edgam Place track opposite. He did make it but only just, and traffic was held up for a considerable time.

Sandie Smith wrote to the transport company who said they instruct their drivers to get as close as they can to their destinations before using their satnavs. This begs all sorts of questions but the director says they will now "annotate our computer system with the information



regarding the weight restrictions and pinch points on this road in order to avoid a recurrence."

If you spot an HGV: make a note of registration number and company (or take a photo) and pass it on to Sandie who will contact the company on behalf of the village and send a copy to our local Police Community Support Officer. She has opened an email especially for this: cswquid@gmail.com

First Aid course on 19 October

Fiona West, parish councillor, writes:

This was a lively, interactive first aid training session for families provided by the parish council and led by Mandy Whelan from Lock's Lane. All the adults and children enjoyed the session which included practising resuscitation skills on the dolls which came in adult, child and baby sizes. Mandy also demonstrated how to use a defibrillator and led lively discussions on many areas of first aid.

All the families received a first aid kit, also provided by the parish council.

Mandy deserves everyone's thanks for giving her time to take the course, a very real contribution to the good of the community. She said it was great fun.

It is hoped there will be further first aid training sessions. If you are interested contact Fiona West directly at Meadow View, Locks Lane or via the parish clerk, details on back page.

What's On in Bemerton in November

All events at St John's Place except History society

Thursdays from November 7: NEW "Just Juju" singing and story sessions, suitable for 2 to 5 year olds, younger children welcome. 10.30 – 11.00 To book a place or for more information contact justjujuandted@gmail.com . See also the Just JuJu Facebook page.

Fridays Bemerton Live: gentle exercise classes for the over 55's with coffee and chat £5 (1 class) or £7 (2 classes) 10.15 – 12.00

Wednesday 6: Bemerton Talks Adrian Green, director of Salisbury Museum speaks about Heywood Sumner, an artist who moved to the New Forest in middle life and took up archaeology. 19.30 Free admission, retiring collection. Refreshments available from 19.00

Wednesday 13: Bemerton Film Society Three billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri. 2017 dark award winning crime drama. Doors open 19.00 Film begins 19.30 £6

Sunday 17: brunch and mini Christmas fair 10.00 – 12.00

Tuesday 19: Bemerton History Society Ian Newman 'A little grave humour' Hedley Davis Court Cherry Orchard Lane 19.30

Wednesday 27: Salisbury Military History Society Lost Roman Legions
Chris Hewitt talks about the annihilation of three Roman legions in 9AD by a coalition of German tribes. Members free (included in your annual subscription) .
Non members £10 cash only 19.30

And a December event. Please note tickets must be purchased in advance



St. John's Place
the heart of the community

Joanna Trollope *Updating Jane Austen*



St John's Place, Wednesday 4th December
Doors open 7:00pm, Talk starts 7:30pm

Refreshments may be purchased from 7:00pm and there will be a book signing after the talk.

Proceeds from this event will be split between Bemerton Community and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Tickets £12 must be purchased in advance

available from <https://joannat.eventbrite.co.uk> or ☎07790 287062

The Imrys Quarry is now owned by a London construction waste company so presumably the plans for London construction waste to be brought by rail and deposited there are still in place. Other rumoured development is therefore not likely to happen in the near future.

Re-wilding

Coronation Square resident Emma Lovell is a mother, yoga teacher, and passionate environmental campaigner. She writes here about re-wilding which can be done in a very small part of a garden or public space.



You may have noticed recently that many areas in parks, churchyards, and verges have been left uncut. This is to try to restore biodiversity, and encourage the return of wildlife, especially insects. It can happen very quickly; after re-wilding an area in my own garden, I have seen many varieties of butterfly, bee, moth and small birds that were not there before.

If you would like to try it, here are some tips:

Simplest is to choose an area and just allow the grass and other plants to grow. You can add your own native wild flower seeds but it is best to wait at least a year to see which wild flowers and grasses come up naturally. Cut back the plants at the end of the growing season and leave the cut plants resting on the soil for a week so the seeds can spread. They should then come up again in the spring.

As it is autumn now you could start planning your area and researching wild flower seeds. Remember not all wild flowers will be suitable for your soil type.

If you're combining flowers and grasses, or flowering up an area of existing grass, you will need to reduce the strength of the grass or it will take over. To do this plant some yellow rattle. It fixes its roots onto the root system of grass and weakens it which allows wild flowers to thrive.



A good local source of advice and seeds is Bright Seeds in Burcombe.

If you want wildflowers only, you could prepare the soil now e.g. if you don't want nettles or dandelions dig them up. Both are very beneficial to wildlife but no-one has to have them in their garden.

Finally, remember the aim of re-wilding is to restore the richness of plant and insect life, not to look pretty although this is often a welcome outcome. Long grasses are just as important as colourful wildflowers and can be very attractive.

For more information see <https://bluecampaignhub.com/gardeners>

Harvest Supper and Auction at The White Horse 15 October

Landlady Zoe writes:

Huge thanks to everyone who donated and attended this great traditional event. We had lots of fabulous lots (including the obligatory marrows!) and we raised a magnificent £250, which was split between St. Michael's Church and MacMillan Cancer Support.

Special thanks to our fabulous locals who dropped in donations throughout the day, (especially to Bill and Fiona for the smoked trout and Hannah for the smashing flower arrangement), to Irene Kohler for the donation of jams and chutneys and to Gillian Newton for her help in bringing the evening together.

And to the two women staying at a local b & b while they worked in Salisbury who came out for a quiet night... thanks for joining in the spirit of the evening!

December dates and events

It helps to get dates straight for Christmas so here are the special Christmas dates for Quidhampton that are known so far

Tuesday 3: Christmas menu available at The White Horse. pre-ordered only.

Friday 6: Bemerton school Christmas bazaar St John's Place 14.15 start

Saturday 7: annual Christmas tea and fun. village hall 15.00 – 17.00 - see below

Tuesday 10: Christmas carols in The White Horse

Wednesday 11: Sovereign Set Christmas lunch

Wednesday 11: the Quidhampton mummers at the White Horse

Sunday 15: Christmas raffle in The White Horse from 16.00

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22: Christmas Tree Festival village hall - see below

Saturday 21: mulled wine, mince pies, carol singing, 16.00 village hall

Thursday 27: Gemma Leanne live music in The White Horse

Sunday 29: Sloe Gin competition

Tuesday 31 New Year's Eve party at The White Horse

Quidhampton Village Christmas Festivities

begin with the

Annual Christmas tea and fun in the village hall

Saturday 7 December 15.00 until 17.00

The party is funded by the **Village Entertainment fund and other sponsors** for the benefit of all adults in the village.

There will be a raffle but we do not need prizes – just buy a few raffle tickets.

It would be helpful for numbers if you contact Maureen 743587 or Joy 743080

However, there is always plenty of cake if you turn up on the day!

Over many years this has been a very enjoyable event. Do come and join us.

Christmas Tree Festival, Carols and Mulled Wine in the Village Hall Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 December 2019

Are you thinking about or already making a Christmas tree for the December festival?

Preparations: Friday 20 December the hall will be open from 18.00 to 19.00 to set up your tree.

Saturday 21 December the hall will be open for people to look at the trees from 15.30.

Mulled wine and mince pies served from 16.00. Carol singing from 16.30 to 17.30.

Sunday 22 December tea and cake will be available 14.00 to 16.00.

Trees to be taken down after 16.00 on Sunday.
There will be a collection to support the village hall funds.



From the Horse's Mouth

Landlady Zoe writes:

Goodness, what a busy time we have had since the last time I wrote. It seems to have been a blur of rugby, charity quizzes, coffee mornings and auctions!

The Rugby World Cup has captured the attention of many in the village, with some matches being shown on the big screen in The Loft. The next game is the final on Saturday the 2nd. Half time breakfast (full English) with unlimited coffee and tea are available, but please book this in advance.

Our Macmillan coffee morning was incredible! I was overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people: those who gave delicious homemade cakes and crafted items to sell or raffle, those who gave their time to make endless cups of tea and coffee, serve the cake and sell the raffle tickets, and of course, everyone who supported the event by coming. There was a real village buzz: "it's so good to see everyone!" was heard again and again. We raised a magnificent £425 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The fundraising is catching on! On October 19 we hosted a 21st birthday party, and the birthday girl encouraged us all to 'go pink' for 'Breast Cancer Now'. There were pink decorations and clothes, we gave £1 from each meal sold on the day, and along with donations from the bar and other diners £160 was raised. Well done, Carrie! Thanks to everyone for your support with all our events, it's very much appreciated. Total raised for Macmillan Cancer Support is now well over £2000.

We held a **'Steak Board' night** recently which was a hugely popular and will be repeated on Saturday 22 November. Our butcher, Kevin Hawkins, brings a whole bone in sirloin (cutting T-bone steaks from one side and sirloin steaks from the other), a whole rib-eye and a whole fillet. He can explain everything you've ever wanted to know about the different cuts of steak and once you've decided on your chosen cut, he will cut it for you to the exact size you want. Then it's whisked into the kitchen to be seasoned and prepared, and cooked to your liking by Karl. If you're a steak lover, it's a fabulous way of seeing exactly where our steak comes from and learning a little more about it.

Editor: since this was written the evening has been fully booked but I have left this interesting description in so more villagers can see exactly what happens on steak night and book quickly next time if they want to take part. It's great that we have such an enterprising landlord and landlady who take the quality of food so seriously.

Christmas Raffle Tickets now on sale, £1.00 each. Draw takes place 15 December at 16.00

A minimum of 100 prizes will include: laptop computer, power tools, household appliances, electronic gadgets, toys and games, wine, spirits, beer, cider, lager, perfume, chocolates, sweets and lots more.

Free rabbit food

Mrs Jennings' elderly rabbit sadly died recently and she has two large packs of quality rabbit food to give to another rabbit lover. Call 07709 545847

This month's newsletter has been paid for by a villager in loving memory of her uncle born 11 November 1894.

He survived the great war and was a wonderful uncle and a great man.

**Public meeting 16 October
Commemorating the end of the
second world war
Howard Rowley chair of parish
council writes:**

Thirteen villagers attended to decide whether we should commemorate the 75th anniversary of the peace in Europe on 8 May 1945 (VE day) and the end of world wide hostilities on 15 August (VJ day). The decision was to support both occasions with two different events being organised.

For the 75th anniversary of peace in Europe a three day national commemoration is planned beginning on Friday 8th May which in 2020 has been declared the early May bank holiday. As part of this the thousands of pubs throughout Great Britain are asked to toast the peace and the war's heroes at 15.00. The meeting decided to organise an afternoon get together in the marquee from 14.30. It will probably be a 'bring something to the party', the village taking part in the toasting and then sharing a late afternoon buffet. Exact details should emerge when the volunteer group next meet.

For the 75th anniversary for the end of all conflicts in WW2 the meeting decided to hold an evening of music, food and dancing in the marquee on August 15. There will be a charge for tickets to cover the cost of food and music.

This initial meeting was to start the planning process, decide which commemorations to support and put dates in social diaries, the next meetings will provide the details on both events. Watch the newsletter and noticeboards for details of the two events.

**Waste and recycling dates
November 2019**

Recycling Mon 4 & 18
Garden waste Fri 8 & 22
Household waste Mon 11 & 25

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Quidditch Club: occasional activities organised by and for parents and children of all ages. Contact Abi by email for details of the what's app group: abi.kingston@talk21.com

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