

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

February 2020

What's on in Quidhampton

Starting Saturday 1 February the White Horse is showing Six Nations Rugby every Saturday and Sunday (not Feb 29) Matches start at 14.15 and 16.45 on Saturdays and 15.00 on Sundays. Special meal offer on Sunday from 14.00: pre-match traditional Sunday roast and 3 pints £20

Tuesday 4 and every Tuesday except 18 February (half term): 2Quidy Club meets in the village hall for good cake, coffee and conversation (and tea) 13.00 – 14.00 Everyone welcome

Thursday 6: monthly charity quiz 20.00 at The White Horse

Wednesday 5: pilates in the village hall 10.00 – 11.00 with Tina

Wednesdays 12, 19 and 26: gentle exercise and movement in the village hall 10.00 - 11.00 This temporary class has been arranged instead of pilates while Tina is away. For more details contact Sabine Dawson – see back page for email and phone number

Wednesday 12: Extraordinary meeting of the parish council in the village hall 19.00 (note earlier time)

This meeting has been called for the council to discuss the proposals of the Lower Road working group relating to traffic calming and pedestrian safety in the village. Members of the public have the right to attend and to speak about traffic calming and pedestrian safety at the beginning of the meeting.

Wednesday 12: Guy Halls performs Nuevo Flamenco at The White Horse

Friday 14: Valentine's Supper menu at The White Horse

Monday 17 - Friday 21 : school half term

Wednesday 26: Sovereign Set lunch at The White Horse 12.00 for 12.30 menus have been distributed. If you haven't got one or would like to join the group for the first time contact Viv Bass on 742483

Friday 28: White Horse closed for a private party, evening only

Saturday 29: Rock and Roll bingo

It's that dog problem again

Jeremy Sainsbury of Sovereign Close has told the newsletter of his disappointment about consistent dog fouling along the grassed path to the rear of the close: *This is a real shame: the culprits are likely to be local people walking their dogs and considering it acceptable to leave dog mess directly outside fellow villagers' homes.*

Please ensure you tidy up behind your dogs along this path and in the wider village. Someone else has complained about dog fouling by the post box and in front of Alexandra Cottages. Again it is likely to be a local person putting the community at risk with unpleasant deposits and a potential health risk.

Not clearing up after your dog is an offence and you can be prosecuted.

What's on in Lower Bemerton all events at St John's Place, Lower Road

Wednesday 5 February: Bemerton Talk by Professor Alice Roberts: **sold out**. The next talk on 4 March is called 'A Very Expensive Poison: Russian murder and espionage from Litvinenko to Skripal' and will be given by the Guardian journalist Luke Harding. No tickets – just turn up.

Every Friday Bemerton Live: coffee mornings with sessions of gentle exercise 10.15 – 12.00

Wednesday 12: Bemerton Film Society : Duck Soup doors open 19.00 Madcap Marx brothers comedy entrance £6

Sunday 16: Bemerton Brunch 10.00 – 12.00

Friday 21: Bemerton Live followed by a talk about nutrition in older life and a bring and share lunch

Wednesday 26: Salisbury Military History Society: Could the British have won the American war of independence? Free to members £10 cash for non-members 19.30

Deaths

It is sad to have to report the recent deaths of 3 ex-villagers whom many of us will be thinking of at this time.

John Bowden, aged 67, died on 12 January after a long illness. He lived in Temperance Cottages for many years and moved to a bungalow at Barford St Martin about three years ago. His funeral is at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 5 February and the family ask people to wear casual dress, no black. Donations to the Stars Appeal can be made through Chris White Funeral Directors at Wilton.

Sandy Morris lived in Wylde Close and was once the oldest inhabitant of the village. She died in Gracewell care home, Wilton Road, aged 99, on 19 January. Her funeral is at Salisbury crematorium on Tuesday 18 February and afterwards at Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club at 13.30. Her daughter says everyone is welcome, please wear bright colours.

Dorothy Humphries, who died in Chester on 18 January aged 104, was born in Quidhampton and lived here until 1986 when she moved to Crane Lodge. She was the youngest sibling of William Stokes who was killed in the First World War. A memorial service will be arranged later and is likely to be on 4 March.

It is hoped to write more detailed obituaries in a future newsletter. Please pass on to the editor any memories of John, Sandy or Dorothy that you would like to share.

Our oldest inhabitants: the editor knows of four people in the village who were born in 1923 and so will be 97 this year.

Audrey Catford with a birthday on 22 February is our oldest villager. Stella Garry will be 97 in August; Ted Thornton on 9 December and Eve Warton 30 December. Ted and Stella were born here.

It does seem remarkable to have four people of such a splendid age in our small community. Let us celebrate them now and not just when the time comes to write their obituaries!

Since writing this the editor has learned that Stella Garry has moved into a nursing home because her brother-in-law and carer John Gape is ill.

Stevie Paul and Alan have left Millington Cottage and moved into Salisbury after nine happy years in the village. Stevie writes: *We shall enjoy having the convenience of being near to the theatre, cinema, shops and cafes as we get a bit older! We will be close to the Cathedral and Elizabeth Gardens so there will be lots of walks for Barney.*

Any old dolls? Mavis Singleton

asks: *If anyone has any dolls they no longer want and are planning to throw out could you pass them my way instead as I dress them to give to charities at Christmas. The condition is not important as I clean them thoroughly before dressing them. All sizes welcome. Thank you. Ring: 07743 262237.*

Village Hall Funds: the organisers of the November fireworks evening decided to split the money made between the village entertainment fund and the village hall. That means the village hall now has a welcome extra £500 to help maintain the historic community building. £127 was collected for village hall at Christmas events.

Used stamps: Kate Lush reports that the hospice was very grateful for the big bag of stamps she took recently but they said they will not be collecting them anymore. Details of charities that do accept used stamps can be found online.

Doing your bit: waste free shopping at your door

Local company Blueberry Den delivers food cupboard essentials (rice, dried fruit and seeds, sugar, herbs, nuts, pulses etc), cleaning products and some toiletries. You choose how much of each item you want and they deliver on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. Dry goods are in compostable paper bags but you should have refillable containers ready for any liquids you order. Full details are on their website:

blueberryden.co.uk They use local suppliers where possible so reduce food miles too.

Salisbury Residents are invited to a Community Climate Change Forum in the Guildhall on 26 February at 18.00. There will be discussion of local initiatives to improve walking and cycling in the city, plant more trees and reduce food waste. It is organised by Salisbury City Council and the Salisbury Area Board.

**Make a friend, be a friend
A South West Wiltshire community event at Wilton Community Centre
Monday 10 February 18.30**

This is an informal gathering of volunteers and representatives working with older people and carers to learn about a new project called "Make a Friend, be a Friend".

The project aims to connect some of the most isolated and lonely over 65 year olds in the Wilton and Barford St Martin area to local activities and support.

If you are connected with a local group or volunteer formally or informally with older people do think about going along. The organisers are keen for you to understand what they are doing, not to ask you to do more.

RSVP to karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

Free Grandparents' cot: an old fashioned wooden child's cot complete with clean mattress needs a new home. It has been passed from one set of grandparents to another and is ideal when young grandchildren come to stay. If you can make use of it ring 742456.

Free Christmas tree stand: good quality stand/support for a living Christmas tree with integral container for water. Ring 742456

Police Nicola Clark is now training to be a fully qualified Police Officer. Our new PCSO is Matthew Smith

An unseasonal report: Christmas events

These were not included in the last newsletter but deserve to be mentioned. Some were more successful than ever, others less so, and the organisers would like your comments. Read on....

In the village hall

Village Tea Party Joy Wagstaff

writes: this was the ninth village tea party and a sumptuous spread was enjoyed by all who came.

A lively-pass-the-parcel was followed by carol singing accompanied by Sophie Eden. Huge thanks to Maureen Goff, Elizabeth Heeley, Viv Bass, Alison Witt, Susie Bale, Sylvia Smith and Joy Wagstaff for their hard work in making this event possible.



We are looking for ideas and comments to help us plan the tenth and possibly the last tea party. Do contact Maureen 743587 or Joy 743080 with any comments or ideas about time or programme of the party etc.

This began as a generous attempt by a group of friends to do something for older people in the village. After several very successful years numbers dropped so all adults were invited. The village entertainments fund, private donations and income from the raffle support it so there is no charge. For many it marks the beginning of the Christmas season but attendance is not as great as it was.

Christmas mulled wine and mince pies

Joy writes: about 40 villagers aged from one to 96 years came to the village hall for a family get together on the Saturday before Christmas. The theme was The Alphabet Christmas and 26 people were involved in saying what each letter stood for. There was confusion at times in remembering the alphabet (perhaps Ron Smith was doing too good a job at keeping glasses topped up!) and the brussel sprouts were almost forgotten. There were also superb solos by several villagers and the perfect pianist in Sophie.

This friendly informal gathering began in 2013 when the pub was closed and the parish council felt villagers should have the opportunity to meet at Christmas time.

It continued because it was popular with families whose young children could not go to the pub. The village entertainments fund has taken over these costs too so there is no charge.

Quidhampton's first Christmas tree festival : open for the mulled wine gathering and on Sunday afternoon

Joy writes: WOW! A collection of 19 trees in amazing shapes and forms, all of which are worthy of mention.

One was made of driftwood with baubles and photos of villagers, there were crochet and knitted decorations, trees made from wine corks, a pile of books and even scraps of material as well as traditional trees, edible trees, a lovely handprint tree made by

Quidditch club children and more. And one commemorating the eleven Quidhampton men who died in WWI.

Luckily it wasn't a competition as I don't think any judge could have picked one that was better than the rest. Thank you to Katie Emmett for the raffle prize of an edible tree won by Eve Warton. Sadly few people came on Sunday afternoon.

Trees were made by Jan Barnes, the Young family, Elizabeth Heeley, Maureen and Clive Goff, Lily Newman, Katie Emmett, Jane Taylor, Joy Wagstaff, Alison and Duncan Witt, Jennifer Tyler, Sandie Smith (10!), Susie Bale (2), Sylvia Smith, Sarah Spinney and Bea Tilbrook, Hannah, Freya and Lilia Kimmell and the children of Quidditch club.



Why was the Christmas tree event so badly attended?

In 2017 the weddings and art exhibitions were very successful and it was hoped this would be too. It does well in other communities. *(It certainly deserved to be seen by many more people. I saw only photographs but they were stunning: editor)*

Was it the wrong day, the wrong time of year, or was there some other reason?

There are still people in the village who are willing to put on events! Please talk to them (via Joy Wagstaff 743080) or the newsletter editor about why you think this idea didn't work and any ideas you may have before they begin planning for 2020.

In the White Horse

Zoe Hoare writes: The carol service was led by Gillian Newton, with Gareth, brother-in-law of Gervase Clifton-Moore, kindly playing keyboard along with Howard from St Michael's on guitar. The pub was jam-packed and it was probably one of the busiest carol nights ever. Thank you everyone who supported the evening, raising funds for the church and Macmillan Cancer Support.

We were delighted to host **the Quidhampton mummers** once again and their special mix of history and humour delighted a full pub.

Pub Raffle: thank you to everyone who supported the 2019 Christmas raffle. It was a tremendous affair and by far the biggest turnout for the draw we have ever known. We ended with 150 prizes!

Sloe Gin competition Fiona West writes:

There were 21 entrants and it was a very lively affair. All tasters had a scoring sheet to mark each gin out of 10. They also had to try to identify their own gin but only one person did this correctly.

All the tasters agreed the standard had improved from previous years, and unusually everyone agreed on the best gin. Landlady Zoe announced the top 5 in reverse order. 5th Pete Rennie, score 132.5; 4th Fiona West, score 133; 3rd Alison Thake, score 147; 2nd Dani Fox Renni, score 151; 1st Bill West score 164

Congratulations Bill – an unanimously agreed winner!

Zoe says: sincere thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to enter. It will be back next year, and we can do it all over again!



Parish council news

The parish council met on 28 January. Pauline Church, Wiltshire councillor, and five members of the public also attended. Councillors Paul Cripps and Mandy Whelan sent apologies.

This is not a complete or official report of the meeting. Minutes will be posted in due course.

Pauline Church reported that she has asked for the entire chain link fence along Lower Road by Boyes Wood to be replaced. It took some time to establish that the responsibility was Wiltshire Council's.

She reminded the council that foster carers are urgently need in Wiltshire to keep up with the demand for places. If you foster a child you receive training, support and payment.

Traffic issues on Lower Road: the Wiltshire Council's engineers report on the Lower Road working group's recommendations was circulated shortly before the meeting. It gives the viability and financial costs of the working group's list of proposals. It was agreed that the working group (Paul Cripps, Sandie Smith and Ken Taylor) would meet as soon as possible to consider it and submit a list of suggested priorities for the council to consider at an extraordinary meeting in February. Other councillors to send their comments to the group by 2 February.

**Extraordinary meeting of the parish council : Wednesday 12 February.
This is to decide which specific proposals for traffic calming measures and pedestrian safety they will recommend.**

Members of the public can attend and are allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

Have you seen the working group's report with proposals for traffic calming? It is online. Go to the Quidhampton Parish council website and click on 'blog'. Contact the editor or parish clerk if you have problems seeing the report. You can send comments to the parish council (details on back page) and/or speak at the beginning of the meeting on 12 February.

Obstruction of the marked footway in the east of the village. Some cars are still parking across this and forcing pedestrians into the road. The police have the power to ticket or remove a car that is parked in that way but only if a complaint is made by someone whose way has been obstructed.

Shared Speed Indicator Device Once again the manufacturers say the device is working now and can be set to different speed limits. The clerk has arranged for it to be checked and collected. It will be tried in the village again and if it fails again the council would like to return it and look at alternative arrangements. The SID is an integral part of the traffic calming measures but is an expensive item for an individual parish to buy.

Defibrillator The group (Viv Bass, Fiona West, Many Whelan) presented a report. They are considering a different provider and listed the pros and cons. They will report to the next meeting with a recommended choice.

Recreation ground The need for a new bench was discussed. *Benches are often donated with a plaque in memory of family or friends and the editor wonders whether any villagers may feel they would like to do this.*

Great British Spring Clean: the village will again take part on Sunday 29 March 10.00. Bacon sandwiches and hot drinks provided in the village hall afterwards.

Flooding if you think your home is in danger of flooding contact the flood warden (see back page) for help with sandbags. Please note this must be part of your living accommodation; sandbags are not provided for garages or gardens.

Next regular meeting: 24 March

Thanks to the parish council for paying for the smart **new housefinder list** on the back of the parish council noticeboard. It helps delivery drivers no end.

The correction of Wylie (a river on another continent) to Wylze is being considered. (ref Wylze Close and Wylze House)

At the time of writing the list is still sporting its smart Christmas decorations! They certainly brought it to everyone's

The Salisbury Repair Cafe is still going strong. They calculate that since November they have fixed over a quarter of a tonne of stuff, things that have been brought back into use and not put into landfill or recycling (which uses a lot of energy). There is also a great emotional gain for people who have had broken heirlooms mended so they can use them again.

The next Repair Cafe is from 10.00 - 14.00 at The Friends Meeting House on Saturday 15 February.

Garden help: an experienced gardener will be available during February and March for Quidhampton and the local area. He can do other small maintenance and repair jobs as well. Call John to discuss on 07563 915010

**Salisbury Jazz Club:
Live Jazz in Wilton**

14 February Sunset Café Stompers
Michael Herbert Hall South Street Wilton
Doors open 19.00 Music 20.00 – 22.30

Dancing and raffle

Bring your own drinks and glasses



Recycling 1. A message from an annoyed but well-informed villager: *Having had a second black box lid “disappear” recently I would like to point out to villagers that replacement recycling boxes and lids can be ordered online through the Wiltshire Council website. It’s pretty easy to do and they are quick in delivering. (Not sure I’ll be able to order another one so soon though!)*

Recycling 2. There is still no date for start of the changes in recycling. Everyone will receive a leaflet before the changes take place. Basically you will still use the blue bin and the black box but more things will go into the blue bin.

Waste and recycling dates

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Household waste Mon 3 & 17
Recycling Mon 10 & 24
Garden waste Fri 14 & 28

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Community Speedwatch

HGVs: please send the registration number and name of the company of any HGVs you see in the village to Sandie Smith, speedwatch team leader. A photo would be great
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