

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

June 2020

What's on in June

Virtual art exhibition: some village artists are getting together this month to display their work online. If you would like to join the group with art or craft work please contact Ken Taylor 742456 or kentayloris@hotmail.com. Watch the village email for details of how to access the exhibition.

Advance notice: doorstep garden show 11 July

See separate flyer. Vegetables and flowers only. There will be a separate event for baking later in the year

A message from Chris Edge, villager and Dorset and Wilts firefighter:

We have been stretched to breaking point.

The warm dry weather raised the Wildfire Severity level to Extreme. A major fire in Wareham Forest affected an area the size of 200 football pitches and took two weeks to control and extinguish. We believe it started with a disposable barbecue.

The advice from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service is clear and simple:

Do not have barbecues anywhere except your garden.

Do not light a bonfire on a windy day.

There are some powerful videos of the Wareham Forest fire on YouTube, search via the Fire Service website.

COVID-19 update.

From the 1st of June the government is relaxing some of the measures of the lockdown.

Please remember if you have underlying health problems or are over seventy you still need to keep 2 metres away from people not in your household.

Disposable gloves are now available for everyone in the village if you need them from the boxes outside these houses:

Howard: The Stables, Lock's Lane: in the porch during the day

John: Osier House Fisherman's Reach on the left when you get to the bottom of the drive: gloves are next to the logs

Ian: Footshill Cottage adjacent to Footshill House, next to the bus stop: by the front door.

Village shop and pub: message from landlady Zoe Hoare

There is lots of industry chatter and speculation about the date pubs can re-open. We don't know any more than anybody else at the moment. We don't know how we will be allowed to trade. Just a beer garden? Can we serve food? We have lots of questions and very few answers, so we're trying to come up with solutions for every eventuality. We need to do a lot of preparation so our 'pop up shop' service will end on Saturday 6 June and bread bags will be delivered for the last time on Monday 8 June. This gives us time to bring our staff safely back into the workplace to prepare. The village volunteers will do essential shopping for vulnerable and self-isolating people: contact John

Cater 744079 or Jane Morgan 07880 550 321. See also moo2me delivery service in the community email catch up opposite.

We expect strict requirements which will lead to a very different style of trading, certainly in the first few months. Hopefully by the time the next newsletter is published we will be able to tell you more. Watch this space!

We look forward to seeing everyone soon. Until then stay safe.

Special thanks to Lily Newman, Marie, Archie and Daisy Young and Chris, Sam, James and Rosa Herring for their help with deliveries.

Takeaway meals will continue Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday evenings until further notice

The whole village and beyond (Lower Bemerton and Harnham) owe Zoe and Nick a big big thank you. Who knows how many people they kept safe by enabling us to order groceries and fresh produce without leaving our homes? They are a couple who really do put community first.

Other village contacts: Jane Taylor 744534 if you are worried or lonely and want to chat to someone. Or if you are worried about someone else.

Rachella Michaels 07778 102 086 if you want to talk to a qualified counsellor

Wider help is offered by the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub 0300 003 4576 who can help with financial and other problems.

Good news: Quidhampton Recreation

Ground The play equipment is still cordoned off because of covid19 restrictions but the recreation ground itself is open.

There will be daily checks on the fencing round the play equipment to see it remains secure. As long as it is secure families can enjoy the grass area while keeping to safe social distancing behaviour.

If the fencing is damaged or taken down the whole recreation ground will be closed again. The grass is long so watch out for ticks. The parish council will arrange mowing as soon as it can.

Thanks to Zoe and Nick and Howard for putting up the fencing.

Ticks can be infectious and spread Lyme disease. For information go to [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) and look for Lyme disease in the A-Z health section.

The false widow spider which can give a serious bite has been seen on the south side of Lower Road. This spider is now more common in the UK but there have been no reports of death caused by the bite in this country.



Two scarecrows were spotted in the village as part of the Salisbury care worker scarecrow project. This one was outside Wylde Close. Well done, Lilia and Rosanna Kimnell.

Community email catch up

Points from community emails from May that are still relevant. If you want to join the community email send your email address to the editor (see back page)

Car parking charges in Salisbury began again on 1 June with exemption for NHS and key care workers.

Salisbury cathedral 800th anniversary art exhibition go online for a tour of the entire exhibition or walk round The Close for your daily exercise and enjoy the art works in the grounds of the cathedral.

Wiltshire Council's Active Communities Resource page has a wide range of ideas and exercises of all sorts to help you stay active and sane. For adults and children

Money problems? Have you thought about the Wiltshire and Swindon credit union? It costs £2 to join and you can apply for one of their new Family Loans of up to £500. Credit unions are non-profit organisations that are different to traditional banks and building societies. Phone 01793 522216

Recycling centres: now open for waste you cannot recycle and cannot keep at home. Entry is restricted according to your postcode. All Quidhampton homes can visit on alternate days from Monday 1 June. Salisbury centre is open evenings Mon, Tues, Weds and Fridays: 17.30 – 19.30 and Sat and Sundays: 09.30 – 18.30. You can put extra recycling kerbside beside your bin in a secure container.

Salisbury market : now open every Saturday 08.00 – 15.00. Restricted access using barriers. Social distancing applies. Contactless payment please where possible.

Telephone helplines:

- young people under stress 07480 635 513 from 09.00 – 16.00
- their parents or carers: 0300 247 0090 from 09.00 – 17.00
- new out of hours domestic abuse helpline: 01793 610 610 from 17.00 – 09.00
- daytime domestic abuse service Monday to Friday: 01225 775276 from 08.00 – 17.00 (Splitz Support service)

Milk and more: moo2me, the milk delivery service used by many people in the village can now take new customers. They deliver early on Tuesdays and Fridays, and offer a range of other things, including fruit, vegetables, bread and basic groceries. Phone 01373 831489 or go online.

Looking for plants? There is a stall on the pavement outside 94 Britford Lane with an honesty box. Runner beans, courgettes, tomatoes, geraniums, petunias and maybe more. The owner usually supplies market traders.

Chichester Festival Theatre: some of their most popular shows can be seen free on YouTube. Beauty and the Beast is available until 19 June

Wondering how you can help? We know some volunteers are feeling under-used in this wonderful village of ours where neighbours and friends look out for each other but there is something you can do from your own home, even if you are over seventy or vulnerable:

Wiltshire Sight is looking for friendly volunteers to join their new telephone befriending service to support people living with sight loss. The lockdown is particularly challenging for them and a regular friendly call can make a huge difference to someone's wellbeing. Call Becs on 07849 833 047.

Harcourt Medical Practice is now back in its own buildings in Crane Bridge Road.

Other Parish Council News

Quidhampton Parish Council (QPC) held a virtual meeting on 26 May. All councillors and three members of the public attended.

This is not a complete or official account of the meeting. Minutes will be posted on the QPC noticeboard and online.

Continuing appointments: in normal circumstances there would have been elections for chair and vice chair and other appointments made (e.g. flood warden), but new legislation allows the existing appointments to continue until May 2021. QPC agreed that this should happen.

Lower Road traffic calming proposals It was clarified that the process for these proposals is as follows

- A £4000 topographical study. A more detailed design will give a better idea of exactly what is feasible and how much it will cost.
- Any vertical deflections (speed bumps, ramps, tables and cushions) go through a formal statutory consultation which will offer opportunities to comment
- Horizontal deflections (buildouts, road narrowings) do not have the statutory requirement for a consultation but it is good practice to do it
- When the design work is completed QPC has the opportunity to do further consultation work, make comments etc.
- Funding will then be decided and applied for.
- When all this is completed it will be discussed at a QPC meeting, and the proposal will be clearly stated on the agenda.

Note: cycle routes and footpaths are getting priority at the moment. A surveyor has been seen working in the village although he did not know which project would be using his results.

Cycle routes and footpaths Following government advice Wiltshire Council asks parishes to consider all their footpaths and cycle routes. Discussion included the following points:

- The signage in Quidhampton could be improved
- Footshill and Skew Road would benefit from marked footpaths as in Church Lane, Lower Bemerton
- The pavement to Lower Bemerton beside the frequently flooded area of Lower Road. There seems to be great difficulty in preventing the flooding which this year resulted in slippery and sometimes frozen mud covering the pavement for months. Mandy Whelan suggested that the possibility of building a raised structure over that part of the pavement be considered. It would enable more walking as well as make journeys to school easier.

Defibrillator: it was felt this should be situated at the pub in the middle of the village rather than on the village hall. It is ready to be installed when possible.

Community Speed Indicator Device (SID) This (the existing device) will go up as soon as restrictions are lifted. The recent increase in traffic has led to more drivers going well over the limit and that appears to be common elsewhere.

The parish clerk asked that people keep a note of any incidents they see (recently a driver swerved and went into the walkway). No prosecution is possible in most circumstances but a log of incidents properly dated and described would carry weight.



Quidtips in the June Garden by Duncan Witt

I'm writing this in the garden under a large sun umbrella. It's not often we can say that in a British summer let alone late spring. Since lockdown we have enjoyed some of the most wonderful weather that I can remember. Imagine if it had been our usual grey, wet and dismal offering. Somebody on high must be looking after us!

Is it the clean pollution free air or just the favourable weather, but the airborne insect population seems to be more prolific, doesn't it? Great news for the birds. Dozens of swallows and martins are plying the skies over the meadows to the south west of the village. And swifts, performing their dramatic acrobatics like so many spitfires! Take a moment and look one evening; it's the most I have seen for years.

So to the garden. It is a really difficult time due to the lack of rain. Young plants newly put out need lots of water and regular re-wetting or they will fail. Never let the root ball dry out. It can do so after planting without your knowing, then no matter how much you try it is almost impossible to rewet it.

Don't stress about browning lawns though; they will look after themselves and recover later.

In the vegetable plot, runner beans should be well on their way up the poles by now; my tip is to pinch the main runner when it is half way up the poles to encourage more shoots lower down and the lower laterals to produce flowers meaning more beans lower down too. Water copiously and don't forget to feed them. Tomato food is not just for tomatoes but for anything on which you want flowers or fruit so it is ideal.

Tomato plants are also growing fast due to the warm weather; pinch outside shoots on all except bush varieties, leaving one main shoot to tie in to form a cordon.

It is important to keep them evenly moist and to start feeding every 10 days when the first truss has set.

Keep potatoes well earthed up and water them well as the little tubers are formed.

Sow salad crops at regular intervals to ensure a succession of leaves.

The light is shining at the end of the tunnel... carry on gardening.

Special birthdays in lockdown

Margaret Stokes was 80 – see her standing beside her special card.

Janes Herring was 21 and Archie Young was 18, both on a Thursday. People who were out clapping sang Happy Birthday to them afterwards.

This month's birthdays

4 June Pauline Thompson

5 June Nick Hoare

6 June Jayne from White Horse

7 June Rosanna Kinnell is seven

21 June Margaret Hutchins 90th birthday

Margaret is still in hospital but is slowly improving.

28 June Zoe and Nick's 14th wedding anniversary



The 75th anniversary of VE Day

Big village events were not possible so the anniversary was commemorated in various ways. Some houses displayed red, white and blue bunting and other patriotic decorations. Perhaps most moving was the window of a house in Temperance Cottages with photographs of relatives who had fought in the war. Elizabeth and Graham Heeley (see photo) were not the only ones to set out a traditional English tea table.

They and many villagers raised their glasses for a toast at 15.00, while others took some quiet time to remember relatives still fighting in different parts of the world on 8 May 1945



A very special act of commemoration took place in Quidhampton before 8 May. Martin Hudson was photographed for the virtual parade organised by the British Legion and chose to stand outside the village hall. The screen grab is faint but unmistakably Quidhampton. Thank you Martin.

Twenty five years ago there was no pandemic and Quidhampton put on a VE day show like no other. Here's a little bit of the legacy they left, polished back to life by Nick Hoare in the pub garden. There's a plaque for VJ day too, 19 August 1945, when the war finally ended.



Remembering those who died in WW2

Now we know so much about the WWI victims several villagers have asked about the men from the village who died in WW2. Research by the editor (= asking everyone I can think of) suggests that no-one remembers anyone dying as a result of the second world war. So perhaps none of the men named on the memorial at St John's are from Quidhampton.

Sad news for 2Quidy

Hannah Kimnell is sad to report that she will no longer be able to run 2Quidy club. She has been given a year's full-time contract at Clarendon Infants School, Tidworth from September. She would have preferred part-time but it wasn't available. Hannah says: *I am really sad that I can no longer be involved but I very much hope that between you all it will carry on running every week, when it can finally restart. I realise now that the lovely 2Quidy (and my!) birthday celebration was in all likelihood my last one so I'm very glad I ended on such a high note! I want you to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and support in running 2Quidy, especially how you all stepped up to help once the other Hannah left.*

People have said: Hannah, you have done a really marvellous thing with the regular meetings of 2Quidy. Cementing community. I'm sure it has helped us all cope with the pandemic in a better way, and its positive effect will be felt for a long time. It always amazes me the energy you put into all the things you do, along with your hectic family life. You are a fantastic example to your girls. I hope we will be able to carry it on - I am sure there are enough people to work something out. it was such a great idea of you and the other Hannah and everyone enjoys it. Thank you for getting the venture off the ground and soooo deliciously too!

Something that was stolen in the village last year was this lovely painted stone. It was outside Park Corner Cottages and reflects the history of the two houses which were built for gamekeepers on the Wilton estate. Tony and Barbara Leverton, who have lived in the cottage nearest Quidhampton for over thirty years, want the old name to be used. The stone also featured wildlife from the rural setting and a poppy to remember Charlie Gasper, who grew up there and was killed in the first world war. Tony says they will find another stone and bolt it to the fence when the long awaited cycle path is constructed.



The Trussell Trust, like all charities, suffers during the lockdown. They cannot hold fund raising events but they face an increased need for food parcels and they don't get as much from in their supermarket collections because people aren't shopping so often.

Does that include you? Well you can donate in the village right now! Nick and Tat Tomalin of 21 Coronation Square (facing the field) have put a box outside their house for donations. They will empty it every night and take it to the Trussell Trust on 1st July.

What is needed now: tinned potatoes, carrots and peas, instant mash potato, sponge puddings, and tinned rice pudding and fruit; also shampoo, shower gel and deodorant. **They do not need:** baked beans, cereal, pasta, tea or pasta sauce

Bemerton Parish Church: services continue at 10.30 on Sunday mornings on zoom. Contact the parish office for the link: 328031
St Andrews in Lower Bemerton continues to be closed.

School news

Some children are going back to school as the newsletter is being written. Teachers and other staff have been busy preparing their schools in ways they have never been prepared before. Here are some photos from Bemerton St John:



It is hard to imagine isn't it?

More about special birthdays: after clapping for James Herring's 21st birthday Chris Anderson of Fisherman's Reach suggested the newsletter should have interviews with people to ask where they were on their 21st birthdays. And he told his story.

He was with his parents in the queue in London to see the lying in state of Winston Churchill in Westminster Hall. More than 300,000 people filed through the hall to see the coffin but that number didn't include Chris and his mum and dad in the end. Just before three in the morning his parents decided the January cold was just too much for them and left the queue which at that time was a mile and a half long.

Lovely newly painted bright white lines and 20 mph roundels help motorists see our road and footpath marking and speed limit reminders. Thank you Wiltshire Council.

Another thank you to Wiltshire Council: an elderly villager had a phone call from Wiltshire Council to see how were managing during the lockdown. Fine, was the reply but what I'd really like would be a perching stool in my bathroom. Not really our department, replied the council (social services presumably), but three days later a perching stool arrived. These strange times do produce some lovely stories.



Mask trees: last weekend there were two sales of good (but not medical) quality facemasks. Custom was brisk at both and Sandie Smith sold out, making £210 for the Salisbury hospice.

Linda Robson organised the mask tree at the White Horse (go around the back) and she sold 'make your own mask' kits' as well. Most of her masks were made by Elizabeth Heeley with donations from the Salisbury Makers Hub.

The mask tree at The White Horse will be there all week or until they sell out.

Both Sandie and Linda would be glad of good quality cotton to make more masks e.g. pillow cases, sheets, men's shirts. And donations of elastic. The price of elastic has risen as much as hand sanitizer did in March.

For more information about masks see the flyer.

A second message from firefighter

Chris Edge: please put something in the newsletter about walking dogs in the heat. The ground is hot, burning their little paw pads and they may become dehydrated in the sun. I've seen quite a few on my work travels around the countryside, in the heat of the day. It may be great for us but not so much for them.

Our woodland.



Many villagers wonder how they would have managed without Boyes Wood. Seeing new signs of spring every day gave some of us a pleasure we had never properly known before. Now in full leafiness, with birdsong and a softly flowing river they still comfort us as we dream of holidays or a day out with family and friends or a sociable drink in the White Horse.

Despite a loyal group of litter gatherers (from Lock's Lane, Lower Road, dogwalkers and others) litter is beginning to spread and spoil it a bit so the parish council asks: **If you enjoy walking in Boyes Wood could you pick up any bits of litter that you see?** Wearing gloves of course. There's a bin bag at the first entrance on Lower Road where you can leave it.



MORE FROM BORIS (the lamb, not the PM - thankfully/I'm afraid*)

It is two months since Boris the lamb arrived at The Alders under the care of Liz and Mark Van Vogt. So how were we able to hand rear a lamb?

Some background: a few years ago, Liz helped on a Hampshire farm during lambing season and last year she delivered over 40 lambs in Fovant. When walking our spaniel, Daphne, she always takes a keen interest in the flocks around the village and often contacts farmer Mark to tell him of any issues with his ewes. She has even been known to leap over the fence to help a lambing ewe in distress.

So when farmer Mark agreed Liz could hand-rear the tiny abandoned lamb that became Boris she wasn't a complete beginner.

It wasn't even clear whether Boris had had his mother's special first milk, colostrum, full of nutrients and antibodies. So, once he was safely beyond the reach of the local foxes, Liz contacted her Fovant friend to borrow a feeding bottle, colostrum and some lamb formula milk. (That was an essential journey, Mr PM Boris).

Daphne's puppy crate came out and Boris drank his much-needed colostrum. What next? It was Easter weekend and lamb formula milk could not be had anywhere. Special thanks to Zoe, who put out a shout on the pub's Facebook page. A sheep farmer near Shrewton answered, dropping off a further supply to last until the shops reopened. Quite a roller-coaster ride for all concerned!

Boris was soon guzzling down milk, putting on weight and frolicking around the garden like, well, a spring lamb!

Now he enjoys his outdoor pen and the lovely weather, although he needs his sunshade after 10 am (diva!). He is often seen resting against his "comfort football" - we don't know why; he's a lamb... Very much part of the village, he also joined our VE Day celebrations sporting a dapper red, white and blue bowtie. He is definitely growing up, but Daphne is not amused by his frolicking and even less with the 'playful' headbutting. Liz has said farewell to her potted plants this season, as Boris is rather partial to a spot of "salad" when he comes out of his pen to stretch his legs. Boris is being weaned onto sheep pellets in preparation for his return to the field. No doubt we will hear more about that in another edition. He has also been "banded" (ouch) – we will hear no more about that! Liz and Mark have secured Boris's future: he will not go to market, but remain with farmer Mark's flock for the rest of his days. Facebook friends far and wide love the updates and videos, and (non farmer) Mark is considering adding "Shepherd (Small Flocks Only)" to his CV, while trying to curb Liz's enthusiasm to acquire a field and a flock of sheep.



All told, he has been a very welcome distraction and local, national and international attraction during lockdown. Stay safe, people.

* Delete as required...

Birds in June by Nick Tomalin

One thing I've enjoyed during lockdown is chatting to people around the village, exchanging greetings even over six feet or more.

It's clear to me that daily exercise for many people is made richer by their enjoyment of the natural world. And this chatting means I get to find out what others have seen or heard.

Reports included hooting owls, a robin's nest found and monitored, a cuckoo calling (from three different sources), and house martins returning to nest under the eaves.



I would love to hear the cuckoo calling but I'm very pleased that the village hosts breeding house martins, as well as swifts and swallows. These tiny birds fly huge distances every year on migration, and are faithful to the area where they were born but they are suffering from lack of nest sites. When barns are converted modern building techniques leave no gaps or crevices for them to use, and humans object to having their houses daubed in guano (bird poo).

I understand it may not be exactly what you want, but it is perhaps a small price to pay for sharing your home with such wonderful birds.

House martin and swallow nests can be bought or even made, and new buildings can include special 'swift bricks' which build a hole into the wall. It

wouldn't take too much for us to allow this charismatic species to breed.

What to look out for in June? In gardens watch for birds carrying food to nests; you may have already seen fledglings. If you find a young bird on the ground, unable to fly, the chances are its parents are nearby and know where it is. It is best not to move it, unless you think it's in danger, in which case put it in the nearest vegetation, preferably off the ground, to give it cover. If you know where the nest is, you could return the chick to the nest.

What can you do this month? If you can, let the lawn grow. Longer grass provides micro habitat for all kinds of bugs and beasts, many of which are food for birds. Mow areas you use but leave borders and edges uncut where you can.

Ten years ago in the newsletter

How to report potholes.....anyone interested in forming a book group (it did form and is still going strong)....the new bus timetable is running smoothly....and a report from rural community policeman Pete Jung. He and his PCSO Sam Spacey had delivered letters to all the businesses on Churchfields asking for their help in directing lorries away from Lower Road. How we miss Pete Jung! He won awards for his excellent community policing but he was moved into Salisbury in a reorganisation in 2016. They called it something else but it was a result of austerity cuts to the police. I still won't leave anything visible in my car when I park it in a vulnerable place, afraid that if it is broken into I might have to face Pete who told us so many times to put things away in the boot. Anyone know where Pete is now?

Inexplicably missed from the May newsletter

Welcome to Jan and Dave Edwards who moved into Millington Cottage at the end of January. They lived in France for twenty three years and have returned to be closer to their family.

Jan says: we are keen to be involved in the community, as we do not know anyone in this area, just our friendly neighbour.

We are just over 70 years of age, we love our garden, and being creative. We do photography, painting and paper making and have joined the water meadows society and Plain Arts Salisbury. We are keen on protecting the natural environment and trying to continue our eco lifestyle. We are looking forward to the flower and produce show!

Apologies for leaving this out. By now the Edwards, in the best tradition of the village, are keeping an eye on an elderly neighbour during the pandemic. They will also be taking part in the virtual art show.

Can you help with some light gardening? This is not part of the essential services offered by the volunteer group, just an appeal to anyone in the community who might be able to help one of our oldest residents. Contact: Jane Taylor 744534

Waste and recycling dates May 2020

Recycling & Garden waste Fri 5 & 19
Household waste Mon 8 & 22

The newsletter is paid for this month by the Covid-19 group and a resident of Lower Road

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