

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

August 2020

What's On in August

Ongoing: Quidhampton community online art exhibition. It has attracted several hundred viewers and lots of complimentary comments. If you haven't looked yet go to www.quidhamptonwiltshire.com to see the work of thirteen village artists.



New: an exciting photo competition run by The White Horse to produce a smart calendar for 2021 with the winning photos. Zoe says: we want this to be a fun competition to lift people's spirits after lockdown.

The twelve categories include different subjects for different age groups so everyone can take part - you don't need an expensive camera. You may even enter a photo you have taken already as long as it has not been published elsewhere.

Full details on the website: quidphoto.co.uk **Entries can be submitted electronically from 1 August to 20 September.**

There is an entry fee of £1 or £2 depending on category to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care and the Quidhampton Nature Project. (see page 2)

Wednesday 15 August: VJ Day. This marked the day when the second world war truly ended, with the surrender of Japan. Covid regulations still prevent any big village event but there will be an important act of remembrance at 11.00 organised by the British Legion at the National Memorial Arboretum. It will be broadcast on BBC1. Veterans and descendants can also submit messages of remembrance which will be fixed to poppy posies laid at the memorials. Details are on the British legion website.



Quidhampton memorial plaque in the White Horse garden

Message from Howard Rowley, chair of Quidhampton Parish Council

Six months after the first real signs and four months after enforced lockdown we Quidhampton villagers are still living with the effects of Covid-19. **It has not gone away.**

But we are finding some normality: a drink in the pub, kids in the playground, a virtual art show and the successful doorstep garden show. And wonderful good news stories such as the ladies making face masks who raised over a thousand pounds for charity and the formal and informal support networks that help with just about everything. The parish council tries to provide silent support you are not always aware of. We opened the playground on the first day we could, we now have a defibrillator and very soon we should own a Speed Indicator Device. We also give expertise and funding to the village Covid-19 support group. I would like to thank all the parish councillors and our clerk who so freely give their time to make things better for everyone's benefit.

Most importantly please continue to follow the guidance of wearing face masks in public places, safe distancing and washing hands more frequently.

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)

The White Horse: open Thursday lunchtime to Sunday with six tables inside the pub. Maximum of two households per table. Two sittings for Sunday lunchtime roasts. The pub has been newly painted inside and feels spacious and safe. You can sit in the garden where more households are allowed round a table, but all drinks must be ordered from tables – no bar service is allowed. Go in at the front door and out of the back.

Cream teas: Saturday afternoons. £5.95 per head. Both sweet and savoury versions are available

Fish and chips takeaway: Usually available Thursdays to Saturdays, lunch and evenings, must be booked in advance.

Cheesecakes and desserts can now be ordered to eat at home. Seven days notice is needed. Full details on the pub website or ring : 744448

The playground is fully open, not just the grassed area.

Volunteer drivers urgently needed for the link scheme which offers transport to people who are elderly, disabled, isolated, single parents and unable to travel independently to medical appointments, shops etc. Many experienced volunteers cannot continue because of restrictions on people over 70. Call 01380 722 241 if you can help.

Salisbury Cathedral is now open; booking essential

Salisbury Museum is open from 1 August. Entrance free for a limited period.

Pre-booking advised, online only. The café is open every day 11.00 – 15.00 and is part of the 'eat out to help out' government scheme giving you up to £10 off the cost of food and non-alcoholic drinks Monday to Wednesday.

A dead black cat was found at the top of Footshill on 18 July. Contact editor if you think it was yours.

The community fridge at St Michael's community centre Bemerton Heath is open again 11.00 – 14.00 weekdays except Wednesdays. Just go along and help yourself.

Outdoor cinema: Mamma Mia at Salisbury Racecourse 14 August; Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban at the Cathedral 30 August. Booking essential

The Quidhampton Nature Project is an informal village group that wants to promote nature and wildlife within the village and local area. Their first job was to get the playground cut, the equipment and cleaned and ready for opening. Now they hope to develop insect friendly wildflower areas there as well as bug boxes, fruit trees, and a willow structure for children to build and play in. The parish council has given approval subject to costings.

There are already some active guerrilla gardeners in the village and lots of people who care about the environment. If you want to join the Quidhampton Nature Project contact parish councillor, Mandy Whelan: amandawhelan@me.com If you don't have email contact the newsletter editor.

Thank you to Camilla Burgess and friend who gave the postbox a much needed wash and clean recently. A few days later it was re-painted!

An elderly villager asks: is there anyone who can weed the bus shelter?

VILLAGE GARDEN SHOW : prize winners and report will be in the next newsletter

Community speedwatch: our great volunteers are back in action

Sandie Smith reports: the police have so far supported 3 volunteer shifts. On one visit the police had their own speed gun and stopped speeding drivers. "I thought it was 30 guv," was one response!

The deputy Police and Crime Commissioner also supported the team at the White Horse pub.

2 further volunteers are waiting for a training date.

At their last meeting the parish council supported the principle of buying a Speed Indicator Device for the village. They will make a decision about which one to buy at a special meeting on 26 August. *This was a very welcome decision and will mean no more hassle about sharing a SID that is now out dated and never worked properly.*

Facemasks: the tree at The White Horse has finished but Sandie Smith is still making masks, individually packed, and in a clip box kept round the corner of the wall at Still Waters, one of the white houses at the eastern end of the village, south side of Lower Road. Donations of £3 suggested.

Sandie herself has now taken £520 in donations which makes the village total £1195. Thanks to the main makers (Sandie, Linda Robson and Elizabeth Heeley) and everyone who donated, some people giving more than the suggested amount, and many coming from outside the village

Be safer with your mask:



If you want to eat, drink or do any activity when you have to remove your mask then remove it completely.

Trussell Trust collection Nick and Tat were very pleased to be able to deliver a large box and a bag of donations to the Trussell Trust at the end of June and want to say a big thank you to everyone who donated. Tat says she would like to do it again and suggests before Christmas as a good time.



Bemerton Film Society is cautiously re-starting with a screening of *The Birdcage* on 12 August. Numbers are restricted to about thirty and places must be booked in advance. Couples can sit together, otherwise there will be a distance of at least 1.5m between seats. Facemasks must be worn throughout.

The film is a popular comedy starring Robin Williams and Gene Hackman. Contact the editor if you want further details of the film or the restrictions of a screening at this time.

News from Bemerton Church

08.00 services at St Andrews began on 12 July. Only 12 people can be accommodated so ring Gillian Newton on 01722 505692 to leave a message that you intend to go. Regular attenders need only tell her if they are not going. 10.30 services at St Michael's began on 19 July but will be held only every fortnight on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. On other Sundays there will be a Zoom service (ID 763 459 685)

Salisbury library will be opening on Tuesday 4 August with safety measures in place to ensure social distancing. You will be able to browse for 30 minutes, borrow books and use the computers for 45 minutes (booking essential for computers). Toilet facilities will not be open. Opening hours: 10.00 – 13.00 and 14.00 – 16.00 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Contact details must be given as part of the covid-19 test, track and trace system.

Items you already have on loan will be renewed automatically until the end of September. Further details online.

Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre will also open next week for advance bookings only. The creche and café will not be open. *As we go to press a government announcement suggests this may not happen next week.*

Gardener wanted: please contact Rachella on 07778 102086. Could suit student who is in the village until term starts.

Waste and recycling dates Aug 2020
Household waste Mon 3, 17 & 31
Recycling & Garden waste Fri 14 & 28

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