

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

September 2020

What's on in September

Tuesday 22: Quidhampton Parish Council virtual meeting (by Zoom) 18.30

Members of the public are welcome to attend and invited to speak at the beginning of the meeting. If you do intend to speak please advise the clerk of this before the meeting.

Contact details on back page.

Ongoing: photo competition. See page 5

There may not be much to put under What's On but two very positive things happened in the village in August.



Defibrillator

The Quidhampton defibrillator has been installed by the back door of the White Horse, in a locked cabinet for safety. If you need to use it call 999 to get the code to unlock it.

There are instructions by the defibrillator and information on how to use it will be circulated to every home. It is very straightforward to use. The machine talks you through what to do step by step. There is also a video on the internet showing one being used. (That one is not in a locked cabinet.)

www.heartsafe.org.uk/how-an-aed-works
Everything you need will be with the machine.

Defibrillator now installed behind the White Horse

The Parish Council is very grateful to Scottish and Southern Electricity Network for a grant for the defibrillator from their Community Resilience Fund. And the village is very grateful to the three parish councillors who organised it: Viv Bass, Fiona West and Mandy Whelan. Thanks also to Zoe and Nick Hoare who agreed (indeed were delighted) to have it on the wall of the pub.

Please make every effort to watch the video. If you do not have a device on which to watch it ask a friend or family member to show it to you on their phone. Training will be held in the village hall when restrictions allow.

Speed Indicator Device for Quidhampton

At their meeting on 25 August Quidhampton Parish Council agreed to buy a SID, a roadside Speed Indicator Device that shows drivers how fast they are going.

Sandie Smith, tireless and enthusiastic leader of Quidhampton Community Speedwatch (CSW), says:

"Lower Road is a rat run and always will be until Churchfields is relocated. Meanwhile villagers have to contend with many drivers exceeding the speed limit, with scant regard for pedestrians, runners, cyclists and even other drivers.

The SID will be used to reduce speeding in Lower Road and on the B3094 Netherhampton Road. As well as displaying the speed of a vehicle coming towards it SID records a lot of other data that will help us show officials exactly how much traffic comes by and through the village and how fast it goes."



Commitment to buy

Howard Rowley, chair of the Parish Council, adds: "SID is part of a series of measures being pursued to make the village safer from speeding traffic. The data will help inform the police of the best times to provide effective support to the CSW team, and will be published on the Quidhampton Parish Council website."

SID won't be here immediately; there is a delivery time and the Highways Agency must approve the sites where it will be installed. But this decision is what many see as the most important step to make the village safer. Costs total £2400 including posts.



Emily 12 & Sophie Rees 9

Bug house weekend event

On the last Friday and Saturday in August 24 children of various ages enjoyed making bug houses in The White Horse garden. Organiser Mandy Whelan prepared tins that when filled with bamboo canes became somewhere insects may hibernate. They also learned about solitary bees who do not live in shared nests like hives and who might nest in the canes next year.



Emma Lovell and son Rex age 3

Attractive information sheets were provided and will be sent with the next village email. Despite the rain on Friday everyone seemed to be having a very good time at a safe social distance. Jo Rees said she was thrilled to be out with her children like this and other parents were overheard to say how great it was to be able to get out and meet people.

Thank you Mandy. You've made bugs and people much happier!

Mandy organised this as part of the Quidhampton Nature Project. If you want to help promote nature and wildlife within the village contact Mandy amandawhelan@me.com or newsletter editor if you don't have email.

Village Hall Cleaner wanted

Only three hours a month at the moment
Ring village hall treasurer
for more details 07545 281301

The village hall committee thanks Philippa Colman for doing such a good job for the last two years. She says she enjoyed it but has to leave now because of domestic commitments.

Bemerton Film Society at St John's Place

The first screening after lockdown was so successful that a programme has been announced for the rest of the year. Facemasks must be worn throughout the screening and booking must be in advance through bemfilmbooking@gmail.com If you cannot access email then contact the newsletter editor who will let you have further details.

9 September: To Be or Not To Be with Jack Benny and Carole Lombard

Community email catch up

Information from August's community emails that is still relevant, not mentioned elsewhere and does not depend on an internet connection. If you want to join the community email send your email address to the editor (details back page)

Message from the Covid-19 support group: take care with hand gel / sanitisers.

First: washing your hands regularly with soap and water is the best thing to do.

Only use sanitisers when you cannot wash your hands.

- There is alcohol in hand gels so keep them out of the reach of children. *Some brands are now made with an unpleasant taste but it is safest to put all hand gels where children cannot get them.*

- Use only a small amount and always rub your hands together until they are dry. There have been a small number of cases of burns when gel coated hands came into contact with a heat source such as a gas ring or static electricity soon after sanitising.

- try not to leave bottles of gel in direct sunlight particularly in a car.

Cream teas are served on Saturdays at The White Horse. Sweet or savoury scones available, and either tea or coffee. £5.95 a head.

Salisbury Museum is open Thursdays to Sundays 11.00 – 16.00 and admission is still free. Take facemasks. The café is open every day 11.00 – 15.00

Screening of Mamma Mia at Salisbury Racecourse: the date was wrong – it is 14 August 2021 !

Two important messages from the Covid-19 support group

1. If you arrive in the UK you may have to quarantine (self-isolate) for 14 days, whether you live here or are a visitor.

If you are in a household with possible or confirmed coronavirus you must also self isolate.

The rules are stricter than those under lockdown and no-one in the above categories should leave their home, even for exercise.

Help is available. The village volunteers will do your shopping, collect prescriptions and do other tasks (within reason!). Call the support group as before:

John Cater 744079 and Jane Morgan 07880 550321 for shopping etc; Jane Taylor 744534 for social or personal support

Remember: Rachella Michaels is a qualified counsellor happy to listen to people who feel very low or alone. Call or text 07778 102086 to arrange an appointment

2. Getting a test for coronavirus

If you have symptoms or have been asked to have a test and have problems using the internet call 119. There is a testing centre at the Beehive park and ride near Old Sarum or you may be able to administer it yourself at home. If other people you live with have symptoms you can order tests for up to three of them.

The main symptoms are: high temperature, a new continuous cough and a change in your sense of smell or taste. You may not have all these symptoms. You can get advice from NHS 111.

From the Horse's mouth Zoe Hoare, landlady of the White Horse writes:

CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

Due to the ongoing social distancing requirements and Covid-safe trading restrictions, we're still restricted to a **maximum 2 households (or support bubbles) per table** indoors. **Outdoors, we can host groups of up to 6 people.** We know this is restrictive, but these are the rules we must observe.

White Horse Events

Thursday 3 September: Pasta Night

A pasta-lovers dream menu! Whether you're into spice, seafood, creamy sauces or a traditional Napolitana dish, we will have something for every taste bud, including vegetarian and gluten free options.

***Friday* 4 September: National Fish & Chip Day**

Available from 12 noon until 14.00 and 17.30 onwards. Cod and haddock available, as well as fishcakes, salt and pepper squid and more... Mushy peas, garden peas or no peas at all – you decide. Eat in or take away, with delivery in the village for those who pre-order. That's before 10.30 for lunch and before 15.00 for supper.

Saturday 19 September: Smoked Chicken Sharing Platters

Smoked right here on the premises. Succulent chickens will be served hot from the smoker with a selection of salads, potatoes, dips and bread. Ideal for 2 people to share, or for three as a light option.

Thursday 24 – Saturday 26 September: Seafood Event

Due to the success of our August event and continued demand the *Fruit de Mer* platters will be back with lobster, crab, scallops, mussels, crevettes and more besides.

There is always a selection of dishes for those who don't want to crack claws or have a showdown with a shell, as well as a few meat and vegetarian options. Full menu nearer the time when the fishmonger confirms availability and seasonality.

As ever, booking is required, and some menus will require a pre-order to guarantee dish availability.

Editor's comment: What a shame we can't have the usual get-togethers – Quiz Nights, Sovereign Set lunch, harvest festival etc. But we have to accept that and thank Nick and Zoe for running such a safe place for us to eat. I have been to a few others but none feel as safe as The White Horse.

And the smoked chicken sharing platter (see above): Wow! The editor shared one last week and everything about it was outstanding. And yes it was a whole chicken. We took the rest of it home, enough for 2 more delicious meals each.

Looking out for each other

The Covid-19 support group asks that we keep on looking out for our neighbours. Last month a car was deliberately damaged in the road by Coronation Square one night, used cooking oil was stolen from the White Horse in broad daylight, and there have been other smaller incidents. It is always worth reporting these to the police because they may be able to link them to others.

The Quidhampton Photographic Competition



Organised by The White Horse to produce the 2021 Quidhampton Calendar from the winning photos.

Entries can be submitted electronically up to 20 September.

The twelve categories include different subjects for different age groups so everyone can take part .

Literally “everyone,, everywhere” is invited to send in photos and/or order calendars.

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: guidphoto.co.uk

Entry fee of £1 or £2 depending on category to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care and the Quidhampton Nature Project.

Calendars £10 or £8.50 for advance purchases ordered before 31 October.

There are four independent judges : Head judge Alan Jeans will be joined by Audrey Catford, Martin Cook and a representative of Macmillan

Categories

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| Five and under— | 1. Nature drawing 2. Photo |
| Eleven and under— | 1. Wildlife, 2. Pets, 3. Quidhampton* |
| Twelve to seventeen— | 1. Wildlife, 2. Flowers trees and plants, 3. Quidhampton* |
| Adult/All ages— | 1. Superclose up (detail/macro), 2. Sunrise or Sunset
3. Behaviour of animals. 4 Water. 5 Quidhampton Life* |

(* Quidhampton categories - residents only)

Community Bus

Did you know there is a community bus from Quidhampton to Lidl and the Tesco on Southampton Road? It leaves every other Monday at 08.45 from Sovereign Close, returning around 11.45 when it goes to every shopper’s house and the driver will carry your shopping in for you.

There was a time when there was a waiting list for places but the numbers have not built up since lockdown and more shoppers are needed to join. It costs £17 a year. For more details ring 01722 410123 to leave a message for the organisers or speak to Eve Warton (742258) who goes most weeks and says it is very friendly.

Looking for furze-pigs

by Nick Tomalin

I have long wanted to write about hedgehogs (or furze-pigs!) and intended to do that in autumn when they are fattening up for hibernation, and piles of leaves and bonfire stacks are perfect places for them. So I was delighted when one August night I saw a hedgehog outside my house! It was the first one I had seen here, though neighbours said that they have frequent hedgehog visitors to their gardens.

Then imagine my surprise when I spotted my second the following night! This one scampered across the road

near the postbox, and dashed for cover before I could spend any time watching it. When I was young I used to sit at my window at night and watch up to four hedgehogs in the street. Gradually the numbers dropped and a hedgehog became a rare sight. These days it's very rare indeed, so I am thrilled to find they are making use of our garden. The population decline has been significant nationally, but there are a few simple things that we can do to help.

What to look out for in September Hedgehogs obviously! You may be lucky enough to have regular visitors in your garden, or see them crossing the road, or even see the sad remains of a flat hog. On an evening walk after dark watch out for a scampering hog, or stand silently in your garden and you might hear tell-tell rustling in the undergrowth.

What can you do to help? If you want to leave food out for hedgehogs, use meat-based cat or dog food, cat biscuits or specially made hedgehog food. Avoid bread which is not good for them and give only water to drink, never milk - they are lactose intolerant.

Where are the hedgehogs in the village?

If we know where hedgehogs are we can work out whether we have a healthy population, and perhaps target areas to encourage them.

If you're happy to share your records then please report any hedgehog sightings to me at nicetouch14@hotmail.com, giving your name, the location of the hedgehog (an address or grid reference), the date (can be rough if it was a while ago) and any details of your observations (was it alive or dead, just one or a pair, what it was doing etc).



Photo from The Old Farmhouse night camera

Can you identify this cat?

Audrey Catford asks if anyone knows anything about a cat who has happily roamed at the back of Wyllye Close for at least two years but recently seemed to be very hungry and went after her food for the first time. She says it is very pretty, mostly white but with darker markings that are not quite tortoiseshell nor exactly tabby on its back. Contact the editor if you can help.

Mandy Woodford who has moved from Edgam Place wants to thank all Quidhampton's 'lovely residents' and Nick and Zoe. She is sad the house she rented is being sold: "The two years I spent there will always hold a very special place in my heart. Everyone made me feel so welcome especially as I moved there on my own. Hope to see you again, maybe in the pub." Although she regrets leaving the village Mandy is now living in a newly built house in Salisbury – with her own parking space!

Parking! Always a problem. A resident of Sovereign Close says it is so much safer to get into Lower Road since traffic cones were left by the workers who painted the postbox and thanks people for not parking so close to the corner. At the western end people continue to park on double yellow lines which makes congestion worse.

VJ Day 15 August Sadly Covid-19 regulations and increased traffic meant it was impossible to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the second world war with a village gathering but it was good to see some houses with their own tributes, notably Jackie Peters at the east end of the village whose father, like the editor's, was in Burma on that day. Her father was a prisoner and in 2016 his granddaughter Zoe cycled 217 miles in Burma in his memory to raise money for Help for Heroes.

Congratulations to Archie Young who was awarded the A level grades he needed to get to Loughborough, his first choice university, as was Graham and Elizabeth Heeley's grandson, Sam Maddock, who is going to Warwick. It has been a tough time like no other for these students and they deserve to do well after all the uncertainty.

Church news

Bemerton Church Parish is pleased to announce that Rev Kevin Martin has been appointed as the **new Rector of Bemerton**. His installation will be later this year, once he and his wife have moved to the Rectory.

Meanwhile, the **weekly 08.00 communion services** have resumed in St Andrew's, maximum congregation 12, so if you are not a regular attender please let Gillian know beforehand if you are thinking of coming: 07811505041.

10.30 Communion services in St Michael's on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month, Sunday services on Zoom in the other weeks.

The café and Community Fridge in St Michael's Community Centre have a steady stream of customers and are open 11.00 – 14.00 Mondays to Thursdays, with safety precautions in place, so if you fancy soup and a roll or coffee and cake and haven't ever been to the café why not venture up there one day?

Thank you to Gillian Newton, the only remaining minister on the staff. Rev Kevin Martin comes from a rural ministry at Semley and the Donheads, near Shaftesbury. He is married to Liz, a psychotherapist, and they have four adult children.

Vacancy: Dani Fox-Rennie has resigned from the parish council. If you are interested in joining as a co-opted member contact the parish clerk, details on back page.

Trees at the junction of Raceplain Road and the A3094.

Over the last few years, Wilton Estate has undertaken various tree surgery works to the mature trees on the triangle on safety grounds. However, several trees have deteriorated substantially and a recent survey indicated that, unfortunately, the best course of action is to fell them, with the intention of replanting.

As the trees are surrounded on all sides by roads there is a major safety issue. Wilton Estate spoke to Wiltshire Council and the Forestry Commission about the proposed work, which recently began and has been timed so that the field behind can be used to drop the timber into.

There will be a temporary closure of the slip road during the work. The area will be replanted with low storey trees and shrubs.

Thanks to Clare Churchill, parish clerk, for letting us know what's been going on.

Flash flooding / runoff

Very heavy rain has been more frequent this year. Have you had a problem with flash flooding or runoff?

The floodwarden asks : please take photos and tell me. It may be possible to get better drainage where the need becomes clear. Evidence is vital.

Experiences of lockdown and other Covid-19 restrictions: the editor is still working on this (i.e. trying to find the time!). Please keep sending or telling her your thoughts.

Waste and recycling dates Sept 2020

Recycling & Garden waste Fri 11 & 25
Household waste Mon 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

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