

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

November 2020

What's on in November *Written before government announcement on 31 October*
Watch for email and the notice board for changes



Wednesday 11 Remembrance Day: Act of Remembrance at the parish war memorial, St John's lychgate, Lower Road. 10.45.

Masks to be worn. Go into the churchyard by the gate opposite the school and walk back to the lych gate. You will be guided to stand well distanced from others. There will be no refreshments afterwards.

Remembrance ceremonies this year will be unlike any that have happened before. It is hoped wreaths will be displayed again on the homes of the eleven Quidhampton servicemen who died as a result of the first world war.

Wednesday 11 Bemerton Film Society The Last Station 2009 film with Helen Mirren and Christopher Plummer about the last days of Tolstoy's life. Facemasks to be worn. Numbers restricted, book by email: bemfilmbooking@gmail.com Entrance £6

Tuesday 24 November virtual meeting of Quidhampton Parish Council. 19.30

Zoom ID 384 268 0725. Public welcome and may speak if they wish. Please advise the clerk beforehand. Before the meeting begins there is a short period of time for statements or questions on matters relating to the village. Agenda will be on the parish website and noticeboard.

Saturday 28: Bemerton Film Society and Salisbury Civic Society The Great White Silence A special showing of the film made by Herbert Pointing during Scott's 1910 Antarctic Expedition. Booking arrangements as before (see 11 November). Film starts 18.30 Entrance £6 cashless preferred.

Church News

Evensong returns to St Andrews at 16.00 on the first Sunday of every month from 1st November. Numbers are limited to 12 in the small church so places must be booked. Contact Hilary Bird: 07484 758011. November's service is already full.

Holy communion continues at St Andrew's every Sunday at 08.00. If you are not a regular attender ring Gillian Newton 01722 433366



The New Rector Rev Kevin Martin will be inducted on Monday 17 November at St Michael's church at 19.00. Numbers are limited; let Hilary Bird know if you want to attend. It will be possible to watch it via Zoom; let Hilary know and you will receive the zoom details later. Thanks to Gillian Newton for sending details of the church news every month.

Sad news for the village *from Nick and Zoe:*

Some of you may have noticed the rather bright pink board above the pub, and you've probably guessed we will be leaving.

When we returned, our intention was always to eventually purchase the freehold, as being back in the village was a long term plan. Very sadly, we were faced with an unpredicted change in family health circumstances a couple of months ago, and we decided we must put family first.

Our notice period takes us almost to the middle of 2021, so we will be here for some time yet and in the meantime it's business as normal (as normal as COVID allows).

We promise to update you when we have more news. Nick & Zoe xx

Reasons to be cheerful: celebrating success

Hugh Baker of Blenheim, now in hot and sunny Djibouti, writes:

Ginnie Baker, youngest daughter of Hugh and Liz, graduated this summer from the University of Edinburgh with distinction in her veterinary medicine & surgery degree, and is now 'Dr Virginia Baker BVM&S MRCVS', already working full time as a Veterinary Surgeon in Backworth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Mum and Dad are so proud of her and all of her achievements.

Hugh continues: I read the newsletter with pleasure, and despite being thousands of miles away in a very different part of the world, I always enjoy reading what is going on in Quidhampton, and feel a little bit closer to home.

Ken Taylor has, for the second year running, had a portrait accepted for the annual exhibition in Bath Society of Artists. Of course it is online this year, but it means everyone can see it. Google their online exhibition from 2nd November. That is quite an achievement for someone who took up art only when he retired.

These are both stunning achievements but it's good to celebrate more ordinary successes too. Do keep sending them in.

Welcome to Rob, Kate, William and Annabel who moved to Boyeswood House from Farnham a couple of months ago. Village life is different these days but we hope you are enjoying it.

And welcome also to Helen and Wendy who moved in to Meadow Glen from Salisbury with their two dogs last week.

Quidhampton Art Exhibition 2020 The village artists are preparing a new exhibition of their work to be launched in late November. New contributors - artists or craftspeople - are welcome to join in. Contact Ken Taylor immediately (details on back page) www.quidhamptonwiltshire.com takes you to the site of the first online exhibition launched in July.

The photo competition had over 170 entries. Can't wait for the calendar.

Community Speed Watch news

Sandie Smith writes: **Quidhampton CSW will be supporting the No Need to Speed campaign**

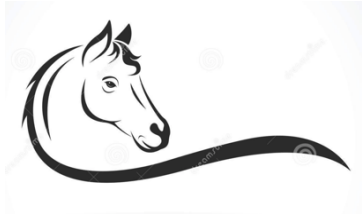
The theme for UK Road Safety Week 2020 has been announced as 'No need to speed'. Coordinated by Brake, the road safety charity, Road Safety Week 2020 will take place between November 16-22 and will encourage everyone to learn the what, why and where of speed, highlighting that the speed of traffic matters to people's safety.

'No need to speed' was chosen as the theme for Road Safety Week 2020 following a survey called 'How safe are the streets where you live?' conducted online by Brake over the past year.

Sadly, nothing to report yet about when or where the speed indicator device can be erected

And something not so cheerful: Have you noticed the hedges along Lower Road as you go to Bemerton? Two villagers have reported to Wiltshire Council the way the hedges have been slashed, not cut, which can damage future growth, and removed many berries, important winter food for birds. Download the new MyWilts app to report it yourself. It helps to have as many reports as possible.

From the Horse's Mouth
Zoe Hoare writes:



Hello Autumn...

While we miss the glorious sunny days we were blessed with this summer, it is rather lovely to have chilly days with the wood burner lit, the smell of woodsmoke, the fabulous colours of the trees from the office window and a menu of warming and comforting dishes.

Homemade pies are back on the specials board (this week it's steak pie, chicken, leek & ham pie and a potato topped fish pie), along with dishes like homemade curries and slow roasted lamb shanks. For pudding, there's delicious homemade crumble or sticky toffee pudding with custard, and you'll still find the ever-changing cheesecakes on the menu as well.

Do remember to book!

If it's sunny the garden can be enjoyed in the daytime but if you want evening drinks or a meal, it's vital to book. We can serve you only when you are seated at a table. To book call 01722 744448. If plans change, we ask you to let us know, so someone else can enjoy the table.

Takeaway Fish & Chips

We have fresh haddock delivered daily, for our main menu, so we can still offer 'Fish & Chips' takeaway. We will happily deliver to village addresses when we can. Early ordering is recommended as it's always subject to availability.



COVID Safety

The current situation isn't much fun, is it? Masks, distancing, sanitiser, staying seated, one-way system... a whole new way of working for us, as much as for our guests. We'd like to say thank you for your acceptance of the new rules. We're very lucky, as most folk are understanding and accommodating of the changes. Our full COVID update will be published on our website.

Christmas

Christmas will be different this year, there are no two ways about it, but we want it to be festive, joyful, and full of good cheer. Reservations are already being made, so it's essential to book ahead if you have a specific date in mind.

We are taking bookings according to current legislation, but everything is subject to change at short notice if government guidance changes.

The Christmas menu is served, pre-ordered only, from late November until 23rd December. Subject to legislation, tables are limited to a maximum of six people. Larger groups must be on separate tables, remaining distanced. We promise to find a seating solution to suit your group. You'll find the menu on the website, and on the pub notice board. Our full Christmas opening hours will be published later.

Lily Newman has written this loving obituary of her mother, Margaret, who died at home on 5 October



Margaret and Ron's wedding day

Margaret Hutchins 1930 - 2020

Mum was born in Laverstock, the youngest of six. She lost a brother at an early age but kept in very close contact with her four sisters. She lived in and around Salisbury all her life, the furthest away being in Codford. She helped my Dad with his property business and also did the paperwork for his car parts business on Southampton Road (Contact which is now the carpet shop).

In her spare time she liked her garden including her greenhouse, walking the dog and she volunteered for many years at Abbeyfield House where she would go in weekly to make the residents their tea.

Mum was very family orientated. Unfortunately about 20 years ago we lost my brother Simon to a car accident and with a subsequent family break up she did not get to see his children grow up. This was very difficult for her;

however she had a great relationship with my children Rachael and Thomas. They educated her in takeaway meals, facebook and computers and much more.

We moved to Quidhampton in 2011 as a family. When I was a child we lived at Cricket Field house, now the large hotel on Wilton Road.

Mum suffered with ill health for many years and although she looked glowing she had many issues but it did not stop her living life to the full. She had two rides in an air ambulance: one for a fractured spine and then, a few years ago, she and I were airlifted off Lundy Island as she was seriously ill with a chest infection and sepsis.

As I worked and was out all day I arranged with Zoe for mum to have her main meal at the pub every day at lunchtime. She enjoyed meeting people and finding any gossip to bring home and tell us. Zoe would make sure she was ok and I knew she was looked after well. Mum was a keen member of the WI and enjoyed meeting up with the local ladies.

As she became frailer she was unable to visit the pub so we arranged for Katie Emmett, a local carer from the village, to be with mum. This started with Katie cooking her tiny meals fit for sparrow and developed into trips to Mudeford to walk along the quay, making Christmas puddings, cakes, and her favourite fair nuts. After a trip out she usually had a tale to tell about her day.

We really hope you enjoyed the flowers we put on our wall following her funeral. They were so beautiful we wanted to share them with everyone. We would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers that we received following her passing on 5th October. We had so many from the village, thank you.

Many villagers will miss Margaret. She was always interesting to talk to and one of the reasons I'd go to the pub for lunch – I knew there would be good company there.



At her granddaughter Rachael's wedding April 2019

Rachella Michaels has lived in the village for two years. You may have seen her walking her foxy red labrador through the village.

Feeling anxious, alone, helpless? It's the Spectre of Coronavirus in Quidhampton

I've been a counsellor for more than 25 years and can say with certainty that if you've felt any of the above feelings you're not alone. They are natural feelings, experienced by many people up and down the country, and with good reason.

This is a frightening time, more so if we are elderly, and/or cut off from relatives and friends through regulations or being in a vulnerable group.

We face so many uncertainties that could arouse anxiety in anyone.

So, to my fellow villagers struggling with these feelings, I say that although disturbing they are totally normal. Talking about them can be the best and healthiest way to reduce them, and I am happy to listen and support anyone who would like to be listened to.

Support would be by telephone or online, whichever works best for you. Just call me or text on 07778102086. Any conversations are in total confidence and free apart from the cost of the phone call.

Let's show this virus how we can pull together!

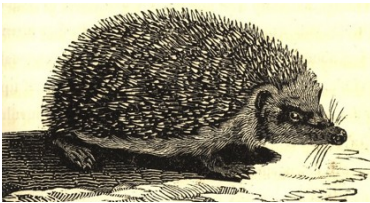
Conservationist Nick Tomalin's regular column is not about birds this month.

At the moment other things are more important.

Remember, remember....

It's that time of year when pumpkins, fireworks, and bonfires are at the front of many of our minds. Sadly, much of the usual joy of Halloween and bonfire night will be lost amid the current restrictions but there could be some good things as a result.

We know fireworks frighten pets so imagine what they do to wildlife. Studies show stress levels in wild animals are higher during firework displays. The same is true for some people, especially those suffering from PTSD. And fireworks themselves cause air pollution and release chemical toxins.



Remember too that many hedgehogs will be preparing to hibernate at the base of bonfires.

Firework displays and roaring bonfires are as much a positive part of children's upbringing as the natural world. I have been stunned by amazing displays I've seen in the past (particularly from the bar at the Shard in London one year!), **so enjoy Halloween and**

Bonfire Night, but make sure you check your bonfires for sheltering animals before lighting them, and please consider animals, domestic and wild, when planning home events.

What to look out for in November? Dog poo! I've seen more of it recently than in previous months. I wonder why. Perhaps our dog population is increasing. Perhaps dogs are being walked more frequently or are inexplicably more likely to defecate during October. Maybe dog owners get cold hands picking up after them, and so are more likely to leave it lying when the weather turns.



What can you do this month? Pick up after your dog! I am continually having to guide my toddler around piles of the stuff, even in the playground. You can't assume that, because it isn't right in the middle of the footpath small children won't go towards it. I can't believe any dog owner doesn't know when their hound answers the call of nature, so please pick it up and don't leave it there for others to find.

This month's winter recipe, sent in by Clare Herring who says it is adored by her daughter, Rosa.

Paprika spiced potatoes with apple

- 500g potatoes, skin on, cut into chunks
- 300g Jerusalem artichokes or any other root vegetable
- Oil for roasting
- 1 tsp. caraway seeds
- 2 tsp. each of coriander seeds, cumin seeds and sweet paprika
- 4 tsp. smoked paprika
- Pinch of dried chilli flakes
- 1 dessert apple, skin on, cut into eighths.
- Parsley to garnish

Heat oven 180C/160C fan/Gas 4

Place potatoes and other veg. in roasting tray, drizzle generously with oil. Sprinkle generously with salt and scatter the spices. Toss well to coat.

Roast for 50 minutes, then add apple wedges and return to oven until everything is crispy and cooked. 10- 20 minutes.

Garnish with parsley, and serve with garlic mayonnaise.

It's great with sausages or chicken pieces or just on its own as a snack

No gardening tips this month. Instead Duncan describes the beauty of the last days of a glorious autumn. We will need those memories in the tough times to come - the best tip of all.

Quidtips in the November Garden by Duncan

The clocks have gone back, the evenings draw in, the rain and wind seem relentless. At this time of year I often think of the poem November by nineteenth century poet Thomas Hood:

*No sun - no moon! No morn - no noon
No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member -
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! -
No-venber!*



I couldn't disagree more! The colours are stunning at the moment and on a bright day the low sunshine penetrates the leaf canopy of trees and shrubs lighting them like a stained glass window. The colours melt from green and gold to orange and red.

Look at the ivy in flower now, teeming with bees, wasps and all manner of insects. Late flowers are still in evidence and some fruit trees still heavily laden. Berries iglow on the branches, an all-important feast for the blackbirds, thrushes and their incoming migrant cousins.

In my garden greenfinches, chaffinches and sparrows are showing themselves again, taking turns at the birdfeeders, while blue tits, great tits, and coal tits make fleeting visits to grab a sunflower seed, and retreat swiftly to the bushes and safety.

Listen carefully and you may hear the distinct twittering sounds of long tailed tits, often in family groups of ten or twelve. They descend on the fat balls and disappear as quickly as they arrived.

Keep calm, relax and continue to enjoy Autumn!

Community email catch up

Information from October's community emails that is still relevant and not mentioned elsewhere. **If you want to join the community email send your email address to the editor (details back page)**

Theft: Jackie Peters reported a theft from the shelters in her horse fields at the east end of the village between 14 September and 5 October. Items stolen included a mucking out fork, a brush, water containers for the horses, a tatty headcollar, half a roll of electric fencing tape and two packs of electric fencing posts still in their wrapping. She says: we are going to up our security and I won't be leaving anything in the field now except bales of haylage.

Local Pharmacy Information: deliveries

This information was produced by Wessex Community Action to help you set up a way of having your repeat prescriptions delivered to your home.

Information was correct on 13 October



Bishopdown Pharmacy: call 01722 324462 for local residents

Boots: register online or via the app

Co op Online Pharmacy: register online or via the app. Chat to your GP first to get codes for quick and easy set up online.

Pharmacy2u: call 0113 265 0222 or register online. Chat to your GP first to get codes for quick and easy set up.

Rowlands Bemerton Heath Surgery: delivery currently unavailable

Rowlands Harcourt Medical Centre: open air collection; limited local delivery available enquire 01722 323 250

Rowlands Millstream: delivery currently unavailable

Superdrug: call 01706 300210 or register online. Chat to your GP first to get codes for quick and easy set up online.

Tanday Pharmacy Fisherton House: no delivery available; open air collection

Tesco Superstore: delivery not available

Well Pharmacy, Winchester Street: register online or via the app

Black cat: a dead black cat was found in the Netherhampton Road on 18 October. Emma Lovell, who found it, took it to Vets Now (at Endells) on Endless Street so it could be identified by its chip and the owners contacted.

Quidhampton Nature Project: there is now a splendid website for the QNP, with some lovely photos which will lift your heart, update for the hedgehog survey and a recipe for rose hip syrup among other interesting things. New members are welcome.

Special request: have you got any wood, pallets, bricks etc lying around? Mandy Whelan would love to have any you can donate to build a bug hotel in the playground. She will arrange collection.

Mandy's email: amandawhelan@me.co or contact the newsletter editor if you do not have email.

People Friendly Salisbury: there is a lot of information online about the priority now given to pedestrians and cyclist in the city centre. **Blue Badge holders** can drive in but need a permit. Application forms are online or ring 01249 706131.



Contact details for support during the pandemic

- Ring Jane Taylor 744534 if you want someone to talk to.
- Ring John Cater 744079 or Jane Morgan 07880 550321 if you need shopping or prescriptions collected. There is no shortage of volunteers wanting to help.
- For free counselling call Rachella Michaels. See page 5

A local job opportunity: Wilton Town Council have a vacancy for a **town clerk**, 25 hours a week. For detailed advert and job description please see <http://www.wilontowncouncil.gov.uk/>. Closing date for applications 20/11/2020.

Salisbury Golf Centre, just west of the South West Sports Pavilion, is under new ownership and has been fully refurbished. The coffee lounge with homemade cakes and snacks is popular with parents who visit before they pick up their children from Bemerton St John school. A new local business worth a visit?

This month's newsletter is paid for by Nick and Tat who say: "we would like to thank everyone for their smiley faces, waves and chats on our walks through the village with Grace"

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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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