

Quidhampton Village Newsletter

June 2021

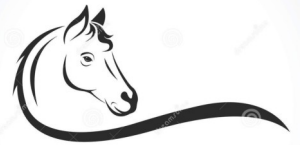
What's On in June

All events depend on the government's plans for coming out of lockdown. If there are changes to the plans for fewer restrictions from 21 June then events may not take place as advertised

The White Horse is open inside and out with Covid restrictions in place (no standing at the bar or mixing between tables, wear masks unless you are seated etc).

Open every day except Mondays, also closed Tuesday lunchtimes.

Karen and Les want to thank everyone for their support in making the pub a success.



Monday 7: weekly yoga classes with Polly begin in the Village Hall 19.00 – 20.00 People of all levels of fitness and experience welcome. Numbers limited. Email Polly for details: yogawithpc@gmail.com *This class is almost fully booked but there may be places available on Zoom.*

Monday 7: all pupils back in school for the last term of the school year

Monday 28: staff training day Bemerton St John's school

Tuesday 29: Quidhampton Parish Council in the village hall: extraordinary general meeting to approve accounts ready to be sent to the external auditor 18.30

Dates in early July

Thursday 1 July: the White Horse monthly charity quiz begins again. Booking advised

Saturday 3 July: annual village garden show. See page 3

Sovereign Set lunches These bi-monthly lunches at The White Horse for women of all ages began after the village Women's Institute stopped meeting and became very popular. If you would be interested in attending them again ring Susie Bale 744279 or Viv Bass 742483. If there is enough support, and government regulations allow, the first lunch will be organised before the end of June, on a Wednesday as before.

What's On in Lower Bemerton

Every Friday at St John's Place: weekly yoga begins again 09.15 – 10.15 Bring your own mat. Details louisepitmanyoga@gmail.com

Wednesday 9 Bemerton Film Society St John's Place The discreet charm of the bourgeoisie 15 certificate Subtitles in English. Masks must be worn throughout, limited places, booked essential email bemfilmbooking@gmail.com

Friday 25: Bemerton Live exercise classes for older people begin again at St John's Place. 10.30 – 12.00 including coffee break

Sunday 4 July: Open Gardens in Lower Bemerton 14.00 – 17.00 12 gardens, many with riverside views, will be open with a plant sale and exchange at St John's Place where teas will be served. Donations of plants and scones etc very welcome.

Church services at St Andrews in Lower Bemerton

Holy Communion Fridays 10.00; and Sundays 08.00;

Evensong 18.00 on first and third Sundays – welcomers needed. Contact Lesley Burton for details 01722 321771

Holy Communion 12.00 Weds 10 June and 17 June

2Quiddy Club

Several people are wondering if and when 2Quiddy Club will begin again. The idea of tea or coffee and delicious cakes while chatting informally to local people seems very attractive but current regulations mean tables would be limited to six people, there can be only two tables which must be spaced apart and the cakes and drinks must be brought to the table. Not quite the friendly social mixing we are looking forward to.

Once regulations allow there will be a tea/coffee morning for everyone, and perhaps a chat about how 2Quiddy can start again. Volunteers will be needed, and an organiser to make up the rota etc.

Community Speedwatch

Joy Wagstaff is now the organiser of the Quidhampton Community Speedwatch and says she is looking forward to working with the volunteers to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. She is delighted with the parish council's SID but wishes Wiltshire Council would hurry up and get the other sites ready so it can be used on the Netherhampton Road and the eastern part of Lower Road.

Joy would also like more volunteers. Can you help? CSW happens about a month and you sign up for the times you can do.

Full training is provided.

Interested? Contact Joy on 743080.

The Village Hall and Zoom

Sabine Dawson, booking secretary, reports that she has had several enquiries about booking the hall now people are looking forward to getting out again.

There is still a limit on the number of people who can be there but a way is being found to get round that which is to run meetings or classes that are also on Zoom. At least two organisations will be doing that, thanks to the hall's excellent internet access and wif-fi.

And that is thanks to a grant to get it going two years ago from Wiltshire Council's South West Area Board, Ken Taylor for putting it in place and Bob Phillips for subsequently keeping costs down.

Different sections of the British Legion Band will also be using the hall for practice sessions.

Book and plant swap

This has now been moved to the disused telephone box. Many thanks to John Cater for cleaning it and finding the cubby holes for the books. Thanks also to the donors who paid for them and who want to remain anonymous. Great job! Please do not try to mend the automatic door closing mechanism. The door needs to stay open while people browse – the phone box is not very big.

A large number of teenage books, mostly fiction, are being donated by Ty Andrews who recently moved to the village. He says: feel free to take these, no need to return them. Thank you Ty. More plants are being donated now. If the phone box looks full please leave plants in the bus shelter as before.

Are you artistic? Can you make a sign: "Quidhampton Book Swap"? Or provide some drawings or paintings to put on the walls? Some finishing touches are needed.

The Quidhampton Summer Garden Show Saturday July 3rd - Village Marquee

*Cream teas by The White Horse
Evening BBQ, band and singer*

Entry Forms available outside Withy House
opposite the pub from 25th June Entry fee 25p per entry.

Entry forms to be handed in at Withy House
by 18.00 Friday July 2nd with entry fees.

Categories

Flowers

- Marigolds
- Sweet Peas
- Rose: Specimen, 4 Blooms and Cluster.
- Single garden flower (other than a rose. Photo accepted).
- Flower arrangement (anything to do with sport)



New for this year.

Lockdown Craft: any craft (not paintings); up to three entries per person
Children and adult sections.
Under 16's put age on your entry

Age 16 and under (put ages on entry)

- Miniature garden
- Homemade loaf

Age 10 and under

- Vegetable monster / bird
- Chocolate cake

Vegetables

- Beans, French and runner
- Carrots, Long and stump rooted
- Onions (incl. garlic)
- Lettuce
- Most wonky veg.
- Courgettes



Cookery

- Showstopper cake (any theme)
- Bread



Preserves

- Chutney
- Jam
- Marmalade



For rules and conditions, details of cups and prizes
and show day timetable see flyer to be delivered 25th June.

All trophies from previous years to be returned by 2 July.

Admission 50p, children free
Contact Clare Herring for further details tel 741469
Or email theherringfleet@gmail.com

Identification of swifts, swallows and house martins.

The monthly column by Nick Tomalin

We are lucky to live in a village where swifts, swallows and house martins return every year to nest and breed and I have been asked to help people tell them apart. They are usually seen only in flight which makes identification more difficult.

Swifts are the largest and fastest of the three. They tend to appear uniformly dark (brown/black), and have a unique shape, with a long thin body and crescent shaped wings which beat rapidly. I think they look like a carrot with two bananas for wings (in shape, not colour!). The stubby forked tail is small and difficult to see. They never land, except when flying straight into their nests, which they do at great speed. The easiest way to spot them is to find 'screaming parties' where groups of swifts fly at great speed at rooftop height whilst screaming to one another.



Swallows are delicate looking birds with a forked tail and long outer tail feathers, like streamers. They appear mostly dark (navy blue) with a white belly and a small red patch on their throats which you can see if you get a good view. They chatter frequently, and will fly low to the ground, especially near animals that are disturbing insects from the grass. Sometimes they will sit on telegraph wires or other vantage points, giving a clearer view of the red throat patch.



House Martins are the smallest of the three and more compact. The wings and forked tail (with no streamers) appear squashed and robust. Like swallows they have dark wings and a white belly, but also have a white rump (bum!) You need to see the bird from above to spot this, but they twist and turn so much in the air it is usually possible. They perch from time to time, and can sometimes be seen on the ground at puddles gathering mud to build nests (swallows also do this).



What to look out for? Try to identify the species above!

What can you do this month? Enjoy Springwatch! Catch up on iPlayer, or watch live.

Quidhampton Nature Project Update by Nick Tomalin

Swift boxes: QNP has installed seven swift boxes in the area around the pub. Thanks to everyone who donated towards the cost and allowed them to be put up on their houses, including the White Horse. Thanks also to Salisbury and Wilton Swift Group for providing and installing them. Swifts like to nest near other swifts so we grouped them together. (I have also installed a housemartin's nest. You can buy these or make one yourself)

Hedgehogs A leaflet was delivered to every home in the village in April with information about how to get involved with helping our hedgehogs. It would be great to get more people to open up holes in fences or gates to allow movement of our resident hogs through the village. Contact QNP if you can help.

The hedgerow in the playground has been greening up since the rains arrived, and the mix of native species should, in time, provide much needed shelter and food for birds, insects and small mammals.

Bemerton St John school

Masks All visitors to the school site are asked to wear masks, including when dropping children off and picking them up.

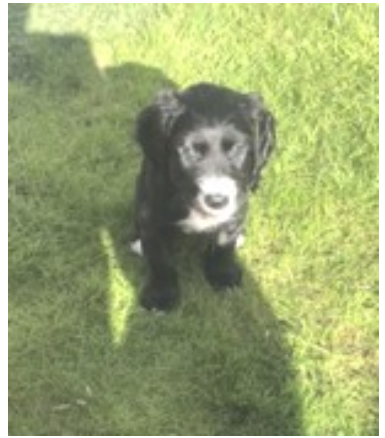
Uniform Now shops are open again pupils are expected to wear school uniform.

Mabel, the school puppy, is settling in well and will be allowed round the school site a little more after her second injection. She has already helped a couple of children who were struggling emotionally.

Volunteer Readers any parents who have some spare time during the week and are interested in listening to children read are asked to contact the school office. This help is really valued because so many children were out of school for months and may have missed some of their regular reading practice. The school recommends reading at home with an adult at least five times a week.

School library Help is also needed to get the school library back up and running. An hour or two each week or just as a one-off would be a real help.

Donations Now the building work has finished the school is concentrating on the garden. They have enough plants but would welcome donations of small watering cans, old paint brushes, clean plastic spray bottles, clean pump dispenser bottles (the kind that holds liquid soap) and screw top plastic containers (not bottles).



Quidhampton Angel works with refugees

Holly Angel, daughter of Tanya and Simon of Melrose, has returned from her arduous volunteering work in refugee camps on the Greek island of Lesbos.

Her mother writes:

It was certainly an experience. Holly looked after refugees from Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Somalia. She helped to run a scabies treatment programme, provided emergency cover overnight for the 7,000 refugees in the camp and health promotion to women as well running primary care clinics.

As well as this, whilst in queue for a coffee one day, Holly and her colleague successfully resuscitated a

local Greek man. He was waiting outside a nearby bakery and suddenly collapsed. They started CPR

immediately and he was taken by ambulance to the local hospital. Holly found out later than he had been discharged home after a short stay in hospital – they were at the right place at the right time!

What an overwhelming experience it must have been. After her period of isolation Holly returned to work in A and E at Salisbury Hospital last week.

Notes from the Quidhampton Parish Council (QPC) annual meeting in May

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

The new parish council: all councillors were returned unopposed at the recent elections so the new parish council consists of Paul Cripps, Pauline Donne, Tim Duncalfe, Howard Rowley, Ken Taylor and Fiona West.

Sandie Smith was also re-elected but has since resigned because she will soon be leaving the village.

Also present: Anisa Doubell, parish clerk, Melanie Camilieri, clerk mentor, and 3 members of the public.

There are three vacancies for co-opted councillors. Contact the clerk if you are interested.

Howard Rowley was unanimously elected as chair and Paul Cripps as vice-chair. Pauline Donne was thanked for the very considerable amount of work she had done to see that the elections ran smoothly.

Areas of responsibility or liaison were allocated:

Recreation ground: Fiona West

Marquee: Howard Rowley

South West Wiltshire Area Board and Flood Warden: Ken Taylor

Climate change work group: Howard Rowley, Ken Taylor

Lower Road traffic calming group: Paul Cripps, Ken Taylor

QPC website: Paul Cripps

Defibrillator: Fiona West and Mandy Whelan

Speed Indicator Device: Tim Duncalfe (with Carlo Donne and Joy and Steve Wagstaff), Paul Cripps to analyse data

Parish Steward liaison: Parish clerk

Community Speedwatch: to be decided. Joy Wagstaff has taken over leadership of the group in Quidhampton.

Salisbury Cycle Network and Quidhampton Nature Project: Tim Duncalfe

Phone box purchase: Pauline Donne

Parking at Hampton Court junction: a villager raised this with Pauline Church. In Pauline's absence it was decided to leave it until the next meeting.

Next meetings, both in the village hall

Extraordinary general meeting 29 June 2021 at 18.30 to approve the end of year accounts and audit.

Ordinary parish council meeting 27 July 2021 at 19.30 details in next newsletter

FOR SALE

girl's bike, suitable for 3 – 6 year olds and a child's toy twin stroller. Both very good condition and £5 each

large wood frame mirror 4 ft by 3ft 2inches. The wood is a light pink shade like rose gold. Could be painted.

Phone Viv Thomas on 01722 556890

Lower Road traffic calming: highways technician Paul Shaddock walked the length of Lower Road with Paul Cripps, Ken Taylor and Howard Rowley to discuss the current proposals. He advised some changes to the outline plans:

- **the speed limit of Skew Road** could be reduced at least to 40 mph, and perhaps to 30 mph. The speed of the traffic must be measured first and a speed hump should not be considered until the reduced limit is in place. A metrocount has been applied for.
- **Lock's Lane : a priority waiting system** would be better than a chicane. This would involve a build out on the south side of Lower Road with priority given to traffic travelling east.
- **at The White Horse:** the road could be narrowed by building the pavement out on both sides where the crossing is. This should slow the traffic down without the need for a raised speed table.

Once the revised proposals have been published on the website the date of a public meeting will be announced. All villagers will have the chance to attend and comment.

Thank you from Archie Young:

On May 5th I jumped out of a plane at Langar Airfield near Nottingham to raise money for the Stars Appeal. It was a great experience that I was lucky enough to share with six of my good friends. I am currently studying Product Design Engineering at Loughborough University. Through a Loughborough Students Union RAG event, almost 100 students are sky-diving, and have raised over £55,000. I raised £650 for the Stars Appeal. I would like to thank all the Quidhampton residents who generously donated to this great cause.

And thank you to Viv Bass

For more than ten years Viv Bass has delivered this newsletter in the village and she has decided the time has come to retire. Her round is being taken on by Jan Barnes who already delivers to others on the south side of Lower Road. Thanks Viv for all the deliveries you did, often at very short notice.

Celebrating Age is a country wide project that supports the well-being of vulnerable older people by providing artistic experiences for them. You may have seen two musicians playing outside a number of homes in the village last month and this month there will be some Noticing Nature art workshops in gardens for small groups. These events are for people who are socially isolated or vulnerable and who are usually house-bound. If you'd like to know more about what Celebrating Age Wiltshire can provide contact Jane Taylor on 744534.

St John's Place improvements

Blackout blinds, essential for Film Society summer evening meetings, have been installed, and there are now pathway lights along the path to the main entrance. They look great as well as providing more light to make walking safer. Thanks to the Salisbury Area Board, Bemerton Film Society and the Friends of SJP for covering the cost of these improvements.

Dogs and cats: walking in Boyes Wood and Lock's Lane. If you know your dog chases cats please make sure it is on a lead before you come out of the woods into Lock's Lane, or go down Lock's Lane into the woods. Several cats live there and some have suffered injuries while trying to escape a dog that has been allowed to run free.

Contact details during the coronavirus pandemic

If you need someone to talk to ring Jane Taylor 744534

If you need shopping or prescriptions collected or transport to medical appointments ring Jane Morgan 07880 550321 or Zoe Hoare 07747 717877.

For free counselling call or text Rachella Michaels 07778 102086

For other help call the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub 0300 003 4576 who can refer you to a range of other services.

Opening hours 09.00 – 17.00 Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 16.00 Saturday.

Email: wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

This month's newsletter was paid for by Tanya Angel "in memory of my lovely mum, Marilyn, who was such a lovely, kind and selfless person and did so much for everyone else. Miss you lots.xxx

If you enjoy the newsletter and would like to contribute to the cost of printing it contact the editor. An 8 page edition costs £40 but any amount is very welcome. Some people have used it as a way of showing appreciation for all the help they have had during the pandemic from people in the village. Contact the editor for details of how to donate (BACS preferred).

Waste and Recycling June 2021

Recycling and garden waste

Friday June 4 & 18.

Household waste

Monday June 7 & 21

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Quidditch Club: occasional activities by and for parents and children of all ages.

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