

JULY & AUGUST 2019

SEMINGTON VILLAGE FETE



Saturday 6th July 1.30pm
St George's School

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Village Hall

Mondays	7.30pm	Bingo
Mondays & Thursdays	9.30am – 12.30pm	Post Office
Tuesdays & Fridays	9.00am – 1.00pm	Bridge Club
Thursday	10.00am – 12.00pm	Coffee Morning
Fridays	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Semingtones*
		*No choir in August
Thursday 11 th July	7.00pm	Semington WI
Sunday 14 th	7.30pm	Village Quiz
Wednesday 17 th July	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 8 th August	7.00pm	Semington WI
Wednesday 14 th August	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting

Somerset Arms

Friday 12 th July	7.00pm	Stuart Saye in the Garden
Tuesday 23 rd July	8.00pm	Book Club
Saturday & Sunday 24 th and 25 th August		Music Festival
Monday 26 th August	8.00pm	Pub Quiz

St George's School

Wednesdays	6.30pm	Zumba Fitness
Saturday 6 th July	1.30pm	School Summer Fete
Thursday 18 th July	1.30pm	YeHa!
	6.30pm	YeHa!

In and Around The Village

Wednesday 3 rd July	10.30 - 10.50am	Mobile Library at Village Hall
Wednesday 17 th July	10.30 – 10.50am	Mobile Library Little Marsh
Saturday 27 th July	2.00 – 5.00pm	Canalside Cream Tea
		Semington Dock
Wednesday 31 st July	10.30 - 10.50am	Mobile Library at Village Hall
Wednesday 14 th August	10.30 – 10.50am	Mobile Library Little Marsh
Wednesday 28 th August	10.30 – 10.50am	Mobile Library at Village Hall

Further Afield

8 th to 13 th July	6.00pm	Romeo and Juliet
		Cleeve House
Saturday 27 th July	6.00pm	Quiz Night
		Studley Methodist Church Hall



Our summer fete cover this year features some of the fabulous pupils at St George's School, saying thank you in every possible way to you all. That's each and everyone of you; be you a parent, a sibling, a grandparent, a teacher, a dinner lady, a cake baker, a tea pourer, a tombola titan, a guardian of granny's attic, a beholder of the book stall, a skittles steward or indeed part of the village faithful that come to the fete each year.

Every year the fete raises funds for the school, the church and a nominated charity. Since 2012 the fete has raised over £20,000 and has donated to the following charities Breakthrough Trowbridge, Julian House Trowbridge, Carer Support Wiltshire, Stepping Stones Trowbridge, Hope for Tomorrow and Wiltshire Air Ambulance. These are all local causes doing great things in our immediate communities.

This year the nominated charity is The Life Education Bus. This is a specially equipped mobile classroom that visits primary schools across the county. It offers local school children an interesting and interactive learning experience, teaching them how to make healthy choices in their lives in a fun and exciting way.

Please look out for details coming through your door on how to donate raffles prizes and come rain or shine (no football matches, no royal weddings to interfere with the day) we'll see you at St George's School on Saturday 6th July with the doors opening at 1.30pm.

Save The Date – Harvest Supper

Bev Woodward

A little advance warning that this year's harvest supper will be on Saturday 14th September, full details will be in September's Parish magazine.

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Christians in Semington

Bev Woodward

Housegroup - join us to drink tea/coffee, chat & have a laugh, and finding out more about the Bible using material from the Bible Society. You'd be very welcome. We'll be meeting on 9th and 23rd July and then 13th and 27th August, 7.45pm (venues still to be decided). For more information phone Bev/Jack 870784, Pam/David 870030 or Victoria 871936.

Christians in Semington - Wednesdays 3rd July and 7th August, 7.45pm – 9.00pm, 9 Somerset Way. Join us to pray for our community.

Messy BBQ - This is Church for anyone - all ages. We will be at Brook House on Sunday 28th July, 4.00pm - 6.00pm. We will have games, hopefully swim, have a celebration service and BBQ. You don't have to have a child to come...but all children must bring an adult. Please let Bev/Jack know on 870784 or 07922 105084 if you can come so that we BBQ enough food! (We ask for a donation of £1 per person.)

For August church service details please visit the benefice website.

Editor's Note

Gillian Airey

At the time of writing it would appear we are all more in danger of getting trench foot than sunburnt! I do hope you enjoy the double edition of the magazine for the summer. We'll be back before you know it with the September edition for which the deadline is Friday 23rd August.

New contributors are always welcome. Email me at semparmag@icloud.com
Please note notices must be presented in portrait format.

We have had number of people join the waiting list for advertising space so at the moment we're not able to offer permanent advertising slots, but remember if you wish to have small one off advert then for a donation to the magazine we'll look to accommodate you. Email address for adverts is semparmagads@icloud.com



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This month I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For

Gilly Airey

In fairness even Bono would be flummoxed by the challenge gorgeous hubby and I faced recently. We recently had a cheeky week away in Greece on the island of Crete. Booked through a reputable travel company, we presented ourselves to Bristol Airport at the ungodly hour of 5.00am, then sat on the tarmac for an hour and half because 'we missed our slot'. So far so normal, as holidays go.

When we arrived to check in to our apartment we found out we were not staying where we thought we were and when challenged the staff looked at us blankly as if the place booked didn't exist. No amount of challenge, and trust me gorgeous hubby is scarily good at complaining, got us to be accommodated in our intended place. Only the Aireys could end up staying in a self catering apartment in the middle of an all inclusive resort. We were, I can confirm, the only people around the pool with no wristbands.

Ever the optimists though we embraced the holiday and settled down to play swimming pool poker. It runs along the same lines as picnic poker, but this time it's not about food. Once upon a time it was all about the quality of the holiday book, no points for Jacqui Collins, loads if the book had a 'Costa Award' sticker on the front, now it appears to be about the quality of your phone! I awarded points for co-ordinating flip flops with bikini with bonus points given if your wrap/pool bag and lilo all matched. Seriously we saw that too!

Of course when you're people watching the key is not to look like you are people watching.... Gorgeous hubby says I have two volume settings; loud and louder, which means my whispering is more like a stage whisper than a real whisper. I think I may have got away with it, but apologies to the lady in the mis-matched bikini and flip flops if I didn't....

Every time we went out we scoured the surrounding area for clues and signs to the location of the mystery 'Scaleta Villas'. A week and no sign, not a whiff. 'Why didn't you Google it?' I hear you cry – trust me I did. They say that it is almost impossible to disappear completely from the internet in this digital age – well I beg to differ, it would appear possible.

I shall of course wreak my revenge, I'm going to go rogue on TripAdvisor and review the resort that never was.....

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Book Club

Angela Grodzicka – 870756

The bookclub met on Thursday 13th June to discuss 'Wilding: the return of nature to a British farm' by Isabella Tree. We were given some information on the author who was adopted at 6 weeks old by the Director of Christie's auction house and her adoptive father was heir to a fortune. The author was brought up in a castle and became a journalist.

The book was a challenging read as it was not like a novel but more like a documentary in print. There were quite a lot of statistics and detailed science statements which people either loved or skipped over and not everyone finished the book. However it provoked an excellent discussion; looking both at the overarching position on farming and the environment and the local issues of what we can do to help wildlife in our own gardens.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd July at 8.00pm in the pub to discuss 'The Burgess Boys' by Elizabeth Strout. All welcome.

Great Bulkington Railway

Nev Boulton – Station Master

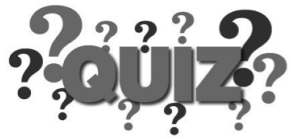


The Great Bulkington Railway will be open to the public on Bank Holiday Monday August 26th from 1.00pm to 4.30pm when we will be pleased to offer rides to children and adults of all ages. Light refreshments will be served by the ladies from Christ Church Bulkington. We take no expenses whatsoever and all profits from the railway will be sent to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. (we just sent them £500!).

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The railway and village hall may be hired for private birthday parties with BYO Party Food for £140.

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The Marathon in the June quiz was to identify all the states in the USA. Team 'I doh! No' – Helen, Howard, Pam and David - scored 38 points to win. Congratulations to them, and many thanks to Angela, Gaye and Bill for setting the quiz. There were only 3½ points between all 4 teams in the main quiz.; two teams tied for 2nd place on 58 points and the winners, with 60½ points were, once again, Team 'I doh! No', so very well done to them.

There were a couple of pot luck rounds, one on science and nature, one on things beginning with D, sport and, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D Day, a round on World War 2. So, do you know the date of VE (Victory in Europe) Day? Or in which sport might you get a googly? Who sang the song Secret Love in 1953? If so, then why not come and join in? If you come alone, we can easily put you in a team, so please do give it a try. Answers as always below!

The next dates for the Village Quiz are on Sunday 14th July and on Sunday 15th September 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start – there is no quiz in August.

Answers: 8 May 1945; Cricket; Doris Day.

Down at the pub, we had a record number turnout for the late May bank holiday quiz with 12 teams pitting their wits against quizmaster Simon Tyler. With a theme of May we had a whole round of mayonnaise questions. I never knew I knew so much about mayo and learnt some stuff I didn't know ...!! It really is a versatile product....

With the holiday theme, the round of anagrams of Spanish destinations tested even the strongest 'anagrammers'. It was a close run battle but the seemingly unstoppable 'Orchard Pigs' were pipped to the post by 'We are Family' consisting of Zips, Wiggy, Carol, Norm, Ben and Tracey. Small coincidence that the all of the team had at one point lived in Spain....!!!!

'We are Family' picked the crisps so it's a rollover for the August Bank Holiday quiz. See you there! Book your table now.

This is Emily Dickinson's poem, the unusual ...

Answer July

*Answer July —
Where is the Bee —
Where is the Blush —
Where is the Hay?*

*Ah, said July —
Where is the Seed —
Where is the Bud —
Where is the May —
Answer Thee — Me —*

*Nay — said the May —
Show me the Snow —
Show me the Bells —
Show me the Jay!*

*Quibbled the Jay —
Where be the Maize —
Where be the Haze —
Where be the Bur?
Here — said the Year —*



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At The School Gates

Pip Hunt – Head of School

We can hardly believe how quickly this academic year has flown by – it feels like only yesterday that we were welcoming back the children to a new school year last September! It has been a fabulous year for the school and this term has been particularly busy with SATs for our Year 2s and Year 6s.

Now the preparations have begun for our gorgeous Year 6s and their exciting transition onto secondary school and a whole new world of friends to meet and experiences to be had. We will miss them all greatly as they have been amazing role models for the rest of the children to look up to and we hope they will be regular visitors.

Rehearsals have begun for the KS2 end of year production – YeHa! Performances will be on Thursday 18th July at 1.30pm and 6.30pm. If you are a fan of a western film and some very corny jokes, you are very welcome to come along and join in. Just remember to put on your jeans, cowboy boots and Stetson on to add to the authenticity of the show!

In other exciting news, we are very excited about the second phase of extending the playground timber trail for the children (thanks to the amazing fundraising talents of FoSG, our PTA). Fun playtimes are one of the key factors that impact children's enjoyment of their time at school. Therefore, we have heavily invested, and will continue to do so, in improving the outdoor play facilities the children have. Phase 2 is going to be added the first week back in September and so will be something to start the new school year with a bang!

On a personal note, I am coming towards the end of my first year as Head of School at St George's and I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this village once again. It has been an honour to lead the school and join in with community projects and we hope to build on this next year and continue to strengthen local community links even further.

Parish Council Minutes

Abridged minutes from meeting held on 12th June 2019

Present: Councillors R Oglesby (Acting Chairman), P Bowyer, M Kasasian, S Rimmer, W Scott and the Clerk, Roger Coleman. There were four members of the public present initially.

Apologies: Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Councillors B Smyth (Chairman), P Smith (Vice-Chairman), C Wade, Wiltshire Council Cllr. J Seed and PCSO Maggie Ledbury.

Community Policing: PCSO Ledbury of the Community Policing Team had sent the Clerk the May monthly report. The Clerk stated that the Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr. Smyth and PCSO Ledbury had met recently and had discussed a range of issues. The Chairman sent the following written report to the Clerk (shown in italics): *We had a general discussion about the bus gate and cameras and I brought her up to date on the situation. I also spoke to her about the incident at the Village Hall where the planters were thrown over the fence into the neighbour's garden. She confirmed that if CCTV were to be installed then it is likely to be sufficient for them to prosecute (although in certain circumstances like mental illness this may not be straightforward). I passed her details on to the Village Hall Committee to enable contact to be made directly. We also talked about the incident at Littlemarsh where it was alleged two cars were stolen in broad daylight. PCSO Ledbury explained to me that after a police operation to recover stolen cars locally they also recovered two stolen cars that had been "hidden" amongst the parked cars at Littlemarsh. It was in fact the police recovery contractors that the witness saw loading the cars onto the transporter. The car belonging to the local employee that had been stolen from the same location was a separate incident on a different day.*

Cllr. Bowyer stated that there were now a total of eight Neighbourhood Watch signs that needed replacement in the village and he had still to confirm whether or not the replacement cost of £30 per sign included affixing the new signs. Cllr. Bowyer was asked to investigate obtaining grant aid from Wiltshire Council for these signs and if it were possible to make a grant application. The Clerk suggested that he may wish to contact Cllr. Seed regarding grant applications. The Clerk was asked to put this subject on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Planning: The planning application 19/04362/FUL (Mobile Home Aidans Field Farm, Devizes Road BA14 6JD) for the erection of an agricultural workers' dwelling. The Parish Council has no objections to this proposed development provided the dwelling referred to above is occupied by an agricultural worker.

Finance: Total balance in hand at 12 June 2019 £28,023.91.

Highways/Environment: There were no highways/environmental issues that had been reported to Wiltshire Council.

The Parish Council noted the action that had been taken by a parishioner regarding the inspection of local Public Rights of Way and thanked him for his detailed and comprehensive report that he had sent to Wiltshire Council and copied to the Parish Council. Councillors noted that the report and associated map identified rights of way that needed attention if they were to be brought into regular use again by parishioners. Concern was expressed regarding the apparent lack of signage for these paths where they cross the A350 and A361 roads and Cllr. Scott offered to undertake a survey of those paths to establish exactly what signage existed with a view to inviting Wiltshire Council to erect suitable signage if it were absent. Councillors agreed that a longer term project was to establish a Working Party or Parties to clear these Public Rights of Way subject to agreement with the respective landowners.

Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that the Memorial Bench has been delivered and subject to the receipt of a replacement slat it was ready for installation. He commented that the wording for the commemorative plaques had been agreed and he would be deciding, subject to agreement by the Parish Council, on how and when the bench is to be installed and the nature of the ceremony to accompany the installation.

Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that the additional information for the Information Boards in the telephone kiosks that would include details of the commemorative oak tree planting is currently under discussion.

Semington Village Website. Councillors noted that this was an outstanding action and Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that he had contacted the webmaster to expedite a meeting with him. He added that Cllrs. Scott and Kasasian had indicated their intention to also attend that meeting.

Tennis Court and Wessex Close Play Areas. Cllr. Rimmer suggested that a Working Party should be established to clear the overgrown vegetation from the perimeter of the Tennis Court. It was proposed that the work should take place in the early Autumn. The Clerk stated that he had nothing further to report in respect of the repair of the unserviceable play equipment – the ‘Tornado’ – at Wessex Close.

Dates of Next Meetings: 17th July 2019 – Ordinary PC Meeting.

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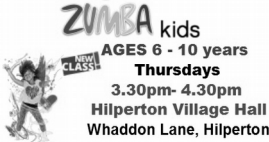
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Jonathon Seed 07770 774463

As our summer continues we have much to appreciate about the lovely county of Wiltshire in which we have all chosen to settle. The beauty of our Wiltshire countryside takes a great deal of beating and we enjoy some of the finest market towns in the country as well as a wonderful historic city of Salisbury.

It is also apparent from moving around the county that there is an inherent pride in our county that is often seen in the way that our residents give freely of their time to maintain the tidiness and order of our towns, villages and countryside. This is a "good thing" not only because community volunteering promotes community spirit but also because it is increasingly apparent that the funds are simply not available for Wiltshire Council to maintain our county as they did in bygone days.

Wiltshire Council is reviewing its provision for all children with special educational needs. There are currently six special educational needs schools but we need to create more places as numbers of children with SEND are increasing. The council is proposing combining three schools in the north of the county and investing £32m to create a modern purpose built facility based on the current Rowdeford site.

As well as offering state of the art facilities, with dedicated medical support, this will also provide an additional 120 special needs places. The new school will also support children at mainstream schools who have learning difficulties. This means 3,500 children will benefit from this exciting new initiative. Whilst these changes are unsettling for current pupils and families, the new school will support the needs of our children with the most complex needs, and improve their outcomes.

Finally congratulations to all those Wiltshire folk who were recognised for service to their country and communities in the Queens Birthday Honours list and especially those who were honoured for their exceptional contribution to the recovery of Salisbury after last years appalling terrorist attack.

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From The Church Register

Victoria Shackleton



The marriage of Christopher William Mullins to Rachel Catherine Humphries took place at St George's Church on Saturday 25th May 2019.

We pray that God will bless this marriage and wish Christopher and Rachel great happiness.

Semington Social Club

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The social club is looking for bar staff to cover Monday and Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Please contact Gerald for further information.

Crafternoons

Barbara Johns



Crafternoon will be taking a summer holiday and starting again on Wednesday 25th September. We're probably going to stick with Wednesday going forward, but we'll let you know in the September issue of the magazine.

Paws for Thought



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Semington WI Meeting

Deb Hurn



On Thursday 13th June we tried our hands at board games. Some playing by the rules, others making them up as they went along!

On Thursday 11th July we will be going to the Lansdowne at Derry Hill for afternoon tea, 2.30pm for 3.00pm. Then at our next meeting on Thursday 8th August. Magnet making is our challenge. Nothing to bring but yourselves. Instructions will be given. Start is as usual at 7.30pm.

To all those going on holiday, have a good one – enjoy!

Quiz Night in Aid of NCH Action for Children

Eric & Helen Clifford 01380 870922



There will be a quiz night on Saturday 27th July in aid of NCH Action for Children, Entry is £2.50 per person with teams of four. Refreshments will be available on the night. If you have raffle prizes you would like to donate please contact either Eric or Helen.

The event is being held at Studley methodist Church Hall, between Calne and Chippenham SN11 9NH. There will be parking available at Studley Sawmills.

Romeo and Juliet at Cleeve House

Gill Morrell

Shakespeare Live's 31st summer production is set in the murky world of Victorian London, with shocking violence and tender love scenes, full of energy, fast-moving, accurate, lyrical, and, above all, entertaining.

The audience watch from the covered stand, with every seat having a good view of the action, so the show goes on regardless of the weather. Parking is easy and there is disabled access. Gardens open 90 minutes before each performance for picnics and there are bars, hot drinks, cakes and ice creams available.

The performances run Monday 8th to Saturday 13th July. Full details and tickets at www.shakespearelive.com

Down The Local

John, The Landlord, John

Another month has flown by at the Somerset Arms. Life in the pub has been steady serving up breakfast, dinner and tea. Since the last issue the highlight has to have been Magic Steve wowing the punters with some unbelievable tricks. He's doing a stint at the village fete so be sure to catch him.

Speaking of the fete if you don't have yourself in a tug of war team yet or you want to build a team of 6 with friends get in touch. Be sure to check out the **What's On** page for some dates but coming up in the summer we have the soloist Stuart Sage in the garden in July and another Bank Holiday musical extravaganza with some great bands. A few old favourites as well as some new.

Look out for details of the Duck Race in aid of the school over the Bank Holiday as well. Ducks will be on sale soon. We love the summer as the beer garden is a lovely sun trap for an early evening beverage or a nice bit of al fresco dining.

The football team have been training hard in preparation for a rematch against the 'Semington Pros' in September. If you fancy a kick about why not join us at the Semington Stadia 6.00pm every Tuesday.

Don't forget, you need never be 'carded' again by a courier, you can use the pub to have your parcels dropped off and if you run short of essentials there's always the Somerset Arms pantry that can put you right!

That's all for now. I'm sure we are in for some sunshine as the schools break up so head down your local and see what's what

Catholic News

St. John The Baptist Trowbridge & St Bernadette's Westbury (inc villages)

St John the Baptist Trowbridge :

Sunday Masses: Sat: (Vigil) 6pm; Sun: 10.30am & 6.00pm

Holy Day of Obligation: See Newsletter

Weekday Masses: Mon: 9.00am; Tue: 6.00pm; Wed: 12.00 noon Fri: 6.00pm; Sat: 9.00am

Rosary: Weekdays before Mass.

Confessions: Sat: 9.30-10.15am; 5.15-5.30pm and on request.

St Bernadette's Westbury

Sunday Mass – 9.00am

Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Weekday Mass: Thursday 10.00am

Confessions: Thursday 9.15am – 9.30am and on request

Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury takes place this year on Sunday 14th July. All are welcome. A coach will leave St. John's Primary School, Wingfield Road at 10.00am and will return at 6.30pm. The cost is £10 person, £5 for children under 11. Rosary 11.30am, Exposition and Adoration in Our Lady's Church from 12noon-3pm. Reconciliation and prayers for healing in the Abbey Grounds 12noon – 3.00pm. 2.15pm Rosary Procession. Mass celebrated by Bishop Declan Lang 3.30pm. Please let Fr. Tom know if you wish to use the coach.

Holy-Land Pilgrimage for Young People: Clifton Vocations Ministry and Downside Abbey are arranging a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for those aged 18-35 (ish) 24th July – 2nd August 2019. For prices, full itinerary and further booking details, please contact rinabird@outlook.com.

THE NEW 300 CLUB 2019 - Subscriptions: £50 annually - £13 quarterly - £4.33 monthly. New members are most welcome to join at any time. **Monthly Prizes are: £200-£70-£50-£10.** For information and application form contact Francis Geraghty 01380 871083 email: f.geraghty303@btinternet.com

Mass Times At Nearby Catholic Churches

Immaculate Conception, Devizes (01380 723572) Mass on Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 10.30am and 5.00pm.

St Anthony Melksham (01225 702128) Mass on Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 9.30am.

Bradford on Avon (01225 862739) Mass on Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.30am.

STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS

Alison Wilson – 01380 871345

SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER (12A)

Saturday 20th July 2019 – 7.30pm

Village Hall in Steeple Ashton

Written by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and directed by Carl Hunter, this is a British film starring Bill Nighy with an impressive supporting cast including Jenny Agutter and Tim McInnerny.

Who would have thought that a mystery film could evolve around the game of scrabble?

Bill Nighy plays Alan, a retired Merseyside tailor. Alan is a quiet, intelligent man who has retreated into habits and eccentricities to shield himself from the cares of the world. Long ago, Alan's elder son left home and never returned. Alan has searched for him for decades, a quest that affected his other son, Peter (Sam Riley) who feels that he was always second-best.

Alan is fixated on one thing in particular, the fact that his son stormed out over an argument about a word during a game of Scrabble. Now Alan is obsessed with playing Scrabble and he has become a master of the game. Playing Scrabble online, Alan encounters a virtual opponent whose style he recognises – and who uses the word that caused the rift at the time. He wonders if perhaps someone is trying to get in touch?

“A beautiful film. A story about a family struggling to connect after loss. Quirky set designs and visually beautiful. The cinematography and scenes are sumptuous - all to beautiful effect. The soundtrack uses silence deliberately and effectively. All of the small cast of characters deliver strong, emotive, individual performances. The film is quirky but is beautifully consistent, and never falls over. Bill Nighy anchors the film with his strong, flawed and complex character role. A first class directorial debut. I could see it again.”

Tickets £6.00 available from Steeple Ashton Village Shop or may be reserved in advance. Please ring Alison Wilson on 01380 871345.



Thought From The New Curate

Joy Albone

Hi, my name is Joy; I am the new curate in Canalside working alongside John Rees who will be my training minister. (Curate is an old title meaning trainee vicar!) I am married to Kevin, and I have lived in Melksham for the last 20 years, although I grew up in rural Norfolk, where my brother and sister still live. Kevin and I have two grown up children, our daughter is married and lives in Trowbridge with her husband and their two lovely little girls, one who is 3 and the baby who is 5 months old. Our son lives in London with his fiancée and is getting married next year!

I have spent the last 3 years studying theology in Sarum College, Salisbury, and also providing childcare for our granddaughter when her parents were at work. The childcare will continue when my daughter goes back to work at the end of her maternity leave later this year. Before I started studying I worked a number of different jobs, including for the local council, when we lived in Kent, as a primary school teacher, and more recently for a small independent company selling maps and travel guides in Melksham through the internet.

I will be one of the oldest people being ordained deacon in Salisbury this year, which means I bring a wealth of experience of parish life to my role in Canalside. A deacon is a person who is called by God to serve in a particular parish, as a minister of the church. As a deacon, I will be able to preach and lead services, including funerals, but I cannot preside at Communion services, although I will be able to assist the priest. Next year all being well I will be ordained again as a priest after which I will be able to take Communion services, baptisms and weddings as well. I will remain your curate for up to four years, so I hope to get to meet and know as many of you as possible, but please be patient with me as I learn your names, and remind me who you are if I am forgetful! I am very friendly, so say "hello" when you see me, and tell me something about yourself!

So as I begin my new life as an ordained person, I recognise that there are many of you who are also experiencing or about to experience new beginnings, in school, work or family life! So my prayer for all you is that wherever you may find yourself you may know the love and help of God in your life.

With my prayers and blessings

Rev. Joy Albone

St George's Church Semington



Services July 2019

SUMMER FETE -6th July

7th July - 6.00pm

Evening Songs of Praise

Rev John Rees and Joy Albone

14th July - 9.30 am Methodist Service

Eric Clifford

21st July - 9.30am

Holy Communion Rev John Rees

Sunday 28th July

MESSY CHURCH BBQ -

4pm

Brook House



Morning Prayer 9.45am
Thursday 11th, 18th, 25th

Contact Details for The Canalside Parishes

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Church Warden – Mr David Wildsmith

Lay Pastoral Assistants are co-ordinated by Marilyn Stubbs. Please contact Marilyn on **01225 753118** or John if you would like a visit.

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