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SEMINGTON PARISH



MAGAZINE

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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
Wednesday 12 th	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 13 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Alzheimers Support
	12.30pm	Ploughman's Lunch & Pudding
	7.30pm	Tickets £6.00*
Sunday 16 th	7.30pm	Semington WI
Saturday 22 nd	8.00pm	Village Hall Quiz
		Salad Night Tickets £10.00*

*Tickets available from Semington Social Club or Gerald Taylor

Somerset Arms

Thursday 13 th	8.00pm	Book Club
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St George's School

Tuesdays	10.00am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Wednesdays	6.30pm	Zumba Fitness
Saturday 6 th July	1.30pm	School Summer Fete

In and Around The Village

Wednesday 5 th	10.30am – 10.50am	Mobile Library at Village Hall
Wednesday 12 th	7.00pm	Wiltshire Air Amb. AGM
		WAA Airbase
Saturday and Sunday		Wessex Midsummer
15 th and 16 th		Vintage Show
Wednesday 19 th	10.30am – 10.50am	Mobile Library at Littlemarsh
Tuesday 2 nd July	10.00am – 12.00pm	Independent Living Centre
		Coffee Morning

Further Afield

Saturday 1 st	7.00pm	Mary Poppins Returns
		Steeple Ashton Film Show
Tuesday 4 th	9.30am	The Quiet Garden
		Great Chalfield Manor

Christians in Semington

Bev Woodward

Christians in Semington - Wednesday 5th June, 7.45pm – 9.00pm, 9 Somerset Way. Join us to pray for our community.

Housegroup Tuesdays 11th & 25th June, 7.45pm - 9.15pm. Join us to drink tea/coffee, chat and have a laugh, and find out more about the Bible. Using resources from the Bible Society; biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible these sessions are for anyone, with a Christian faith, or none. For more information, including venues, phone Bev/Jack 870784, Pam/David 870030 or Victoria 871936.

No messy church this month

Your Magazine Needs You!

Julia Wade

We need a volunteer to take over delivery of the Semington Parish Magazine in The Orchard. The Bressington family have been doing this for several years and we are very grateful to them for doing such a good job, but they anticipate moving house in September, so we will need a volunteer to take over from the end of August.

Ideally it should be someone who lives in The Orchard but it could be someone from elsewhere in the village. The voluntary role involves delivering 31 magazines towards the end of the month, for 10 months of the year. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Julia Wade on 01380 870137.

Editor's Note

Gillian Airey

I'm not sure what the collective noun for Bank Holidays is (bonanza?) but I do hope you enjoyed the long weekends in May. The deadline for the July/August edition is **Friday 21st June**. New contributors are always welcome. Email me at semparmag@icloud.com Please note notices must be presented in portrait format.

The stars on our cover this month are the rather fabulous Semington Slog Committee who work tirelessly each year to raise funds for our precious village school St George's - thank you from each and every one of us!

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This month I've Been in Awe

Gilly Airey

I have not, I must admit, ever been the most athletic of people, actually I'll qualify this even further, I am not remotely athletic. Built for comfort not speed my Grandad used to say. At school I was okay-ish at swimming and netball, Wing Attack seeing as you ask, all women remember their netball position, it's a fact, but when it came to the summer and athletics took over I used to despair. The hardest working muscle then and now has always been my brain.

The sport I struggled with most was running, I know the idea is to put one foot in front of the other at a speed quicker than walking but somehow my feet, lungs and brain never aligned. I remember at school being particularly proud of my 1500m personal best when I broke the ten minute barrier only to find out that you didn't get points in the 'Five Star Athletics' awards for 9m 59s.

The closest I get to taking part in a running event is marshalling at The Semington Slog, I love it. Gorgeous hubby and I set up camp at the corner of Pound Lane and the High Street and we cheer them out and encourage them up the last little hill back to the school. There are two things in particular which make this event so special.

First, I am in awe of the runners, each and every one of them. The guys who come back in first, barely out of breath, looking as fresh as a daisy. There are runners of all ages, runners daring themselves to achieve something they never dreamed possible and runners who are 'ours', the people who live in the village. I'm not going to lie I am just a little partisan and villagers get the biggest cheers, especially when young Miss B sliced 26 minutes off her previous time and then had the energy to come back and find her pal to support her on the last hundred metres. Speaking of friends much respect too to the kids on the 2k fun run, urging their friends on – I'm looking at you Miss T!

The second thing I love is the sense of community the Slog engenders in the village, with people from all over the village coming together to make it happen each year. We had a photographer, a drone camera man, prize-givers, cake bakers, marshals and sweeper bikers. Best of all I can say I took part in a running race – I simply don't have to explain exactly what I did!!



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Nev Boulton – Station Master



The Easter weather was really magnificent and the first customers walked into the garden about half a minute after opening time. The afternoon was probably the busiest that we have ever seen and both passenger carrying trains were nearly always fully loaded at departure. By 1630 hours, when we actually closed, we (the crew) were absolutely whacked out!

We sold quite a number of '£5 Season Tickets' and took just under £300 for Wiltshire Air Ambulance funds. The ladies from Christ Church Bulkington who kindly provided the catering sold everything, paid for the village hall hire and kindly gave us a donation.

We have a number of children's birthday parties booked over the next few weeks and hope to send more donations to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Book Club

Angela Grodzicka – 870756

Ten members met on Tuesday 7th May to discuss *The Man with No Face* by Peter May. One member who was unable to be present sent her thoughts on the book. The book gave rise to divided opinions - seven members loved it and found it a gripping and chilling read with great descriptions and enjoyed the political theme.

Four members were not gripped and found it hard going with too much detail and no empathy with the lead character. However everyone agreed the idea of an autistic child seeing a murder take place and being able to draw the murderer, all but his face, was an excellent one. The book also highlighted how quickly technology has advanced since the 1970s when the book was written - no mobiles, no computers for example - and how essential they seem to modern life. It was also noticeable that everyone was smoking! Most people felt that they would read more books by this author.

The next meeting is on Thursday 13th June at 8.00pm in the pub to discuss *Wilding: the return of nature to a British Farm* by Isabelle Tree. All welcome.

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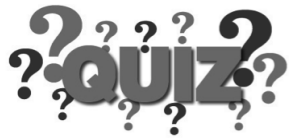
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Four teams took part in the May Quiz, and the difference at half time was only 8½ points between top and bottom. At half-time - 'The Unknowns', made up of Steve, Sue, Helen and Howard were in the lead. Well Done! They managed to keep their lead and won by 1½ points, those ½ points make all the difference. The second place went to 'Now we are 5', Helen, Vic, Angela, Bill and Gaye.

Pam, Sue and David were quiz setters this month. In a bid to find different rounds this month they included 'Cross-Dressing' and 'Hotels'. Two questions which made everyone dig deep were; 'Who is the female alter-ego of Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry?' and 'Which establishment was the setting for the classic 1960 Hollywood film based on a novel by Robert Bloch?' The Music round was a Glastonbury test, ready for this year's festival – 'Name the Artist and the first year in which they headlined. Points were awarded for 2 years either side allowing a 5 year shot! The Marathon round was 2 sheets, the first being 'Spot the Dog, made up of cartoon and film/tv dogs. The second was photos of breeds to be identified. The winners were Terry's Turnips scoring 47 out of 52.

The next quiz will be on Sunday June 16th, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start at the village hall. Give it a try whether you've lived here for a while or if you've only just moved into the village. There's always a team to join if you're on your own.

Answers; Claire, and Bates Motel in Psycho.

The Fete countdown has begun!!

Clear out for grannies attic - check; tomato plants coming along nicely for the plant stall - check; paperbacks read and piled up for the bookstall – check;

And this year something new - could it be magic? Do come along to this years fete... **Saturday 6th July at 1.30pm** at the school field and find out!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Any gifts/donations for the Silent Auction? Do get in touch with me... Sheralyn 870146

And don't forget this year's chosen charity is 'The Life Education Bus (Wiltshire)' that visits our local primary schools (check out their website).

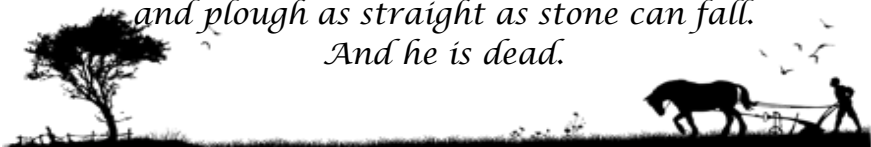
Nature's Notes

Earnest Rhys was originally a mining engineer in the Durham coalfield who went on to write books, essays, short stories, reviews, plays and poetry. In 1906, he persuaded the publisher, JM Dent, to initiate the Everyman's Library project – a series of inexpensive editions of world classics. By the time he died in 1946, almost a thousand books had been published.

This poem was published in 1918 in a volume of poetry called The Leaf Burners. It's a tribute to one of the many such men who would have lived in villages like Semington in times long past.

Jo's Requiem

*He had the ploughman's strength
in the grasp of his hand;
he could see a crow
three miles away,
and the trout beneath the stone.
He could hear the green oats growing,
and the south-west wind making rain.
He could hear the wheel upon the hill
when it left the level road.
He could make a gate, and dig a pit,
and plough as straight as stone can fall.
And he is dead.*



Somewhere in Semington

It would appear that wily Mr W has outfoxed you all as we had no correct answers to his photo puzzle last month. Even I don't know the answer so I'm relying on someone to enlighten me.

Send your answers through to me at semparmag@icloud.com

Parish Council Matters

Brian Smyth – Chair of the Parish Council

Proposed Planning Application for 26 houses: A planning application has been lodged by Pegasus and Greystoke Land Ltd to build 26 houses (50% affordable) on the land to the North of St George's Road [Ref: 19/02147]. This is essentially the same as the application by Oxford Law and Framptons in 2016 [Ref:16/3164255] which was turned down by Wiltshire Council and then refused on appeal [Ref: APP/Y3940/W/16/3164255]. As there have been no changes to material circumstances affecting the village's (unsuitability) for additional houses, the reasons why the appeal inspector refused it still apply. As such, the Parish Council have voted to object to the application on the following grounds;

- It is outside the settlement boundary and too many houses are proposed. It would extend the village into the open countryside.
- No benefits to the village.
- Too many houses proposed for a village the size of Semington.
- Affordable homes should be built where they are most needed.
- It is contrary to the approved housing development plan and core strategy.
- The council already has a 5 year supply of building land.

The Parish Council would urge parishioners to view the proposals on the the website www.wiltshire.gov.uk and send your comment via e-mail to developmentmanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk or via the online facility on the website. By the time you read this the "deadline" will have passed but the Council will receive comments after that time.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - Councillor Ron Robinson will be leaving the village soon and as a result there will be a vacancy. Parishioners who are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and getting involved in community issues are invited to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on **Roger.P.Coleman@btinternet.com** or by telephoning 01225 862770.

Incident of car theft - Recently there has been an incident of a particularly bold car theft in the village during daylight hours. Everyone is reminded to ensure their vehicle is secure and to report any suspicious activity to the Police by telephoning 101.

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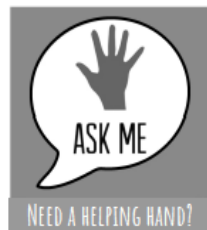
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Wiltshire Air Ambulance AGM

Jill Crooks

It is just over a year since we moved into our purpose-built airbase in Semington.

Our annual general meeting is on Wednesday 12th June at 7.00pm, which we are holding at the airbase. At this informal and welcoming event we will be looking back over the last year and looking ahead to what the future holds for our charity.

Some of our key supporters will be speaking about how and why they got involved with our charity.

If you would like to attend it would be very helpful if you could let us know by 3rd June, by email rsvp@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk to or by calling the charity team on 01225 300536.

Semington A Ladies Skittles

Marilyn Taylor



I would just like to say a big thank you to my skittles team. We have just finished our winter league, which started well then had a bumpy spell, (when we thought we would be going down a division), but we pulled ourselves up and managed to finish third in the league. Well done ladies.

Last week we had our end of season meal at The Well, which everyone enjoyed. The player with the highest aggregate was me, I also had the highest score in one game. Sarah Rosling played the most games in the season, all of them and the highest number of spares. Sarah and I were also runners up in the Ladies Pairs comp and finished in the last 4 of the singles. Also I would like to thank our sticker-up Tom Dowell.

Lastly I would like to congratulate Semington B ladies for winning their division and will now be joining us. Well done everyone!

Semington Social Club

Gerald Taylor 01380 870530

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.

Parish Council Minutes

Abridged minutes from meeting held on 15th May 2019

Present: Councillors B Smyth (Chairman), P Bowyer, M Kasasian, R Oglesby, S Rimmer, W Scott, P Smith, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman. _Wiltshire Council Cllr. J Seed attended (Part-time)._ There was one member of the public present initially.

Apologies. Apologies for non-attendance were received from PCSO Maggie Ledbury.

Community Policing: PCSO Ledbury of the Community Policing Team had sent the Clerk the April monthly report that he had subsequently sent to all councillors

The Clerk stated that PCSO Ledbury had suggested that she meets up with a Parish Council representative prior to a Parish Council meeting in order to brief that person on latest developments. The Chairman stated that he would contact PCSO Ledbury. There were no reported crimes in the month of April. Cllr. Oglesby reported that he had been informed by a parishioner that there had been recent car thefts involving a low-loader vehicle and he urged everyone to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Wiltshire Council Report: Cllr. Seed had given a general report on Wiltshire Council at the earlier Annual Parish Meeting: Recent Boundary review means the Council division which contains Semington will change in 2021 and Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Great Hinton, Berryfields and Broughton Gifford will stay in Melksham Community Area. The Melksham Area Board continues to support both the town and local villages and has supported Semington well over the years. Locally we are progressing the issue of illegal use of the canal bridge route to and from Melksham via the bus gate and hope to see an enforcement camera installed in the near future. Cllr Seed noted: On a personal note I have been your councillor for ten years but have been selected to be the Conservative candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner for Wilts and Swindon for election next year. This means I will remain as your councillor until elections in 2021 but I am unlikely to stand for re-election at that time. Cllr. Seed stated that work is progressing well to obtain and to install an 'enforcement camera' at the Bus gate and the cost will be borne by Wiltshire Council and not the CATG.

Planning: The Council noted the status of the following planning applications: 19/02290/VAR 1-12 Turnpike Close Variation of Condition 08 of 07/02532/OUT to alter restrictions for the use of the building as solely for affordable housing, this has been withdrawn. Land north of St George's, please see comment in article by Cllr Brian Smyth

Finance: Total balance in hand at 15th May 2019 £27,017.51. The Council resolved to make a donation to the Parochial Church Council of £135 towards the total cost of £270 for three gazebos that are available for community use. The Council resolved to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above including a payment of £31.71 to Shredit for recent shredding services.

Highways/Environment: The Chairman stated that he would request the Parish Steward to clear the weeds in the road/kerb. He commented that the build-up of litter at Littlemarsh, reported at the last meeting, had now been cleared. It was reported that there has been no further correspondence sent or received in relation to the Bus Gate, but Cllr. Seed had confirmed that progress is continuing in respect of obtaining an 'enforcement camera' for the Bus Gate and that the cost is likely to be borne by Wiltshire Council.

Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that the Memorial Bench has been delivered and subject to the completion of the hard standing for it that was currently underway it would be installed over the next week or so. In respect of the associated plaque, Cllr. Rimmer stated that he would send all councillors the possible wording to be used for their comments.

There ensued a discussion on the possible addition of names to the Information Board that was in the telephone kiosk and it was agreed to revisit this subject at a subsequent Parish Council meeting.

Semington Village Website: There was nothing further reported.

Any Other Business: Cllr. Rimmer – The lawn mower used to cut the grass at the football field requires repair and that the Sports Club may be seeking a donation towards the cost of repair from the Parish Council. Cllr. Rimmer stated that a parishioner requested permission from the Parish Council for his small agricultural vehicle to go through the Bus Gate. Councillors commented that it was a Highway/Traffic matter and not a Parish Council matter and that the parishioner should contact Wiltshire Council in the first instance.

There is to be a Canal & River Trust User Group meeting on 5th June 2019 (6.00pm to 8.00pm) at St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon. The diversion of Path 'Keevil 22' had been approved by Wiltshire Council.

Date of Next Meeting: 12th June 2019 – Ordinary PC Meeting.

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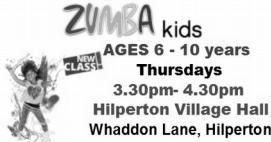
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Jonathon Seed 07770 774463

There is much talk about Leadership at the moment and where we will end up and how BREXIT will be delivered is confounding us all. What we do know is that those elected to make decisions in Westminster seem utterly incapable of delivering on their mandate and need to get their act together whether it be on delivering BREXIT or replacing a weak leader. Wiltshire is very different to Westminster and this is partly because decisions made in local government are delivered quickly and people feel the effects. We also do things differently in leadership terms.

For ten years Wiltshire Council has had a strong leader who not everyone agreed with but she has certainly delivered both stability and clear direction. Baroness Jane Scott has now decided to stand down in early July and the ruling Conservative group of Wiltshire Council needs to reflect and choose a successor.

This will not be easy as the original candidate, Councillor and Cabinet Member Jerry Wickham, has tragically had to withdraw due to a return of his terminal cancer. Jerry has been a great Wiltshire public servant with a distinguished Wiltshire police career followed by an outstanding contribution to the Council. Many will reflect on what might have been but we are all thinking of Jerry, as he spends a critical period with his family and friends.

Whatever happens, a new leader of Wiltshire Council will be appointed straight after the National Armed Forces Day in Salisbury. The bringing of the event to Wiltshire was a personal triumph for Jane Scott and is a fitting end to a difficult year for the city. The highlight of a week of celebrations, giving thanks to our magnificent Armed Forces, will be on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June in Salisbury. As a military veteran I will be there and hope many of you will join in what are free celebrations for the public.

Finally and on a personal note I have been your councillor for ten years but have been selected to be the Conservative candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon for election next year. This means I will remain as your councillor until elections will in 2021 but, although I have not finally decided, I am unlikely to stand for re-election at that time.

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Quiet Garden at Great Chalfield

Julia Wade - 870137

The Quiet Garden Movement offers people the opportunity to sit in a beautiful garden and reconnect with nature and discover the benefits of contemplation through the practice of stillness, silence, meditation and prayer. Your nearest Quiet Garden is at Great Chalfield Manor near Holt. It takes place on the first Tuesday of the month, except in January and August, so the next dates are:- Tuesday 4th June, 2nd July and 3rd September.

We meet in the church next to the Manor at 9.30am for coffee before an introduction at 10.00am. We then go into a period of silence. Although in the summer months we share the garden with National Trust visitors, this is a wonderful time to enjoy the peaceful gardens before they arrive. Bring your own lunch, which we have at 12.00pm, then there is a speaker at 1.00pm for about 30 minutes.

Silence resumes and we finish by 3.00pm. People can stay for as much or as little of the day as they want. There are books to borrow and space to enjoy the quiet. Anyone is welcome, whether they have a Christian faith or not. Any queries contact Julia.

Down The Local

John, The Landlord

One of the highlights this month has to have been the village football match with the Somerset Arms All Stars taking on the Semington Badgers / Magpies. To be fair for a pub team cobbled together on the back of a beer mat, we did okay. Holding the "pros" nil - nil for a good twenty minutes and ONLY losing 6-2 with the final 2 goals coming very late as general unfitnes and fatigue took its toll.

The event was very well supported up at the Semington Stadia with a gate of circa 100 and the following barbecue and karaoke at the pub was also very well supported. Above all we raised a whopping £366 pounds for the Independent Living Centre which was very well received. Look out for news of the pre season re match in September.

Another fab village event was the ever popular Semington Slog. Record numbers of entries this year and the post Slog party at the pub was well attended including music from Triple JD.

As the mag goes to press we are busy preparing for the Bank Holiday Festival and looking forward to some great bands and finishing off the weekend with a Bank Holiday Monday quiz. Read all about it next issue!

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MARY POPPINS RETURNS (U)

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(DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM FOR REFRESHMENTS)

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STEEPLE ASHTON

Boasting a stellar cast of Emily Blunt, Ben Wishaw, Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Julie Walters, Angela Lansbury and Dick Van Dyke, the story has moved on 24 years to the 1930s. Michael Banks is living in his childhood home with his three children and his sister, Jane. One year after the death of Michael's wife, the family receive an unexpected visitor. Mary Poppins, played by Emily Blunt, returns to rescue the family and inspire them with joy and wonder.

Most of us will remember the original Mary Poppins with great affection and the fun and happiness she brought to their home was something we all would have wished to experience!! Mary Poppins returns at just the right time to deliver a practically perfect, spoonful of sugar for all the family to enjoy.

Tickets £6 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop. Reservations can be made, please ring Alison Wilson on 01380 871345

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: **20th July 2019** – Steeple Ashton Films will be showing *Sometimes, Always Never*, starring Bill Nighy, Jenny Agutter and Tim McInnerny as well as other well known actors.

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Semington WI Meeting

Deb Hurn



At our meeting in May we were given a talk by Claire Gregory of Trowbridge Osteopath and Wellbeing Centre.

It was a very interesting subject and Claire was very informative. She was able to give us exercises to do every day to keep our backs fit and healthy, as backs, knees and hips appear to be the parts of the body that need a lot of attention.

It also became clear how important it is not just to treat aches and pains but the whole body including the mind. A happy person heals easier. Her centre is able to provide acupuncture, hypnotherapy and counselling as well as osteopathy.

On **Thursday 13th June** at 7.30pm we will be having a Games Night. Anyone who has a particular box -game they like playing please bring it along.

Action For Children

Eric Clifford



Lanterns - The fantastic sum of £500 has been forwarded to Action for Children (formerly National Children's Homes) as a result of the proceeds from the lanterns - home collection boxes for year ending 14th February 2019. We are now in possession of new design boxes so if existing holders or new box holders wish to avail themselves of same, please contact Eric or Helen 870922 or email; **eandhclifford9@btinternet.com** Thank you again to all lantern holders (currently 37) in achieving this wonderful amount supporting some of the UK's most underprivileged children.

Whist Drive - The magnificent amount of £456 has also been donated to Action for Children following the excellent whist drive at the end of April. Fourteen tables (56 combatants) enjoyed an exciting evening of mind challenging card playing. Thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes (over 40!) and it was good to see Semington winners.

Now to the CAKES! - A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who made such delightful cakes - they were exceedingly good much better than Mr Kiplings! So thank you again to ladies of Highfield Close, Somerset Way, Bowerhill, Corsham, Bromham, Marden, Studley Methodist Church, and Semington Messy Church who produced such scrumptious fare. As a reward you are excused cake making duties for 2020, but roll on 2021 !

Further details of Action for Children can be viewed from their website; **actionforchildren.org.uk** Eric and Helen can also provide literature - 9 Somerset Way.

Pat and Les Hiscocks



We would like to thank all our neighbours and friends at Littlemarsh and Semington Village for all your help during the time whilst Les was so ill. We are so grateful.

Thankfully he is on the road to recovery now.

PS. Also many thanks for all the cards, flowers and gifts celebrating my big 'o' birthday! Thank you, Pat.

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COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

10am—12pm

Come and join us for a drink, a piece of cake, and a tour of the centre.

The Independent Living Centre,
St. George's Road, Semington, BA14 6JQ
Registered charity number 10000659

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 SUMMER CAMPS -The Clifton Diocese Summer Camps are now taking bookings for 2019. A residential week of outdoor activities, catechesis, faith development, friendship and much more, all for £200 per child. 7-11 age group 12th to 16th August, 12 – 16 age group 19th to 23rd August. Information available at www.livingyourfaith.co.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER LADIES BREAKFAST - Saturday 8th June in the Civic Centre Trowbridge 9.00am -11.00am. Contact Gill Lee 01225 374247.

RUH Bath: Anyone who has a friend or relative in hospital, please contact Mandy Baker (a member of the hospital Chaplaincy team) text/phone 07775 895 814 or email: mandybaker@live.co.uk

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.

Armstrong's Angels Skittles

Rose Costello - Captain



An interesting season, with far too many health issues, work commitments and holidays. However we managed to finish joint 11th (or joint fourth from bottom) with 87.5 points. This year we definitely had a 'lady of the season' (rather than a man of the match) – Andrea Bowland who got the highest score (44), most spares (3), played the most matches (28), captained a number of matches, while I was away, and stepped in to do the board when needed.

Sally Rigg had the highest average, 30.14 pins, which deserves a special mention as halfway through the season Sally underwent a major op but came back playing just as well. Newbie Lyn Cobley, who signed on as 'just a spare' ended up having to play seven games and we're hoping Lyn will become a regular player as she too got an average of 30.14 pins.

We were pleased to welcome back Ann Barnett and Mary Wiscombe to the team, unfortunately Mary had to have a new hip halfway through the season but says she ready to play again in September. While we're talking about hips Jane Cotterell needed a new one as well, but managed to play a couple of games towards the end of the season. We also welcomed Laura Parsons to the team, who is definitely going to be an asset putting some of us 'more experienced' players to shame.

We had a bye in the first round of both the Knock Out and Front Pin First cups, but managed to win our second round matches – finally losing in the next round.

Someone in the team suggested that we add our lowest scores and number of ducks to our results table – but as we only celebrate successes I am not going to mention who had the lowest score and a number of us, who shall remain nameless, each got two ducks!

My thanks go to Andrea Bowland as Vice Captain, Tyler Bowland for being our sticker up and to Sally Rigg for doing the board (and Andrea on occasions). We hope that next season will be a healthier one – and on that subject Vicky Bodman has been an inspiration. Vicky has shed many pounds (stones actually) during the last year and we have watched her shrinking before our eyes, nor did it affect her playing as she finished 4th in the averages!

Thought From The Rectory

Anne Rees

The Churches of the Canalside Benefice offer a variety of opportunities for worship for the children of our Church Schools – Hilperton, Staverton and St George’s Semington - and their families. I’d like to take this opportunity to share a little of what we do.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP. Collective Worship is more than just a gathering of students and staff in school – an ‘assembly’. Collective Worship in schools aims to provide the opportunity for pupils to worship God, to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs. A team from our churches leads worship in our schools nearly every week of term time, either one person leading on the theme of the Christian Value for the term, such as Truthfulness or Humility, or through Open the Book. We hope that this helps to develop shared values and reinforce positive attitudes.

OPEN THE BOOK. Once or twice a term, the Open the Book team leads Collective Worship in the three schools. Open the Book, which is a national scheme, has been going for 20 years and is organised by the Bible Society, who provide lots of resources. Our Open the Book team, aided by some of the children, read and act out Bible stories from the Lion Storyteller Bible using costumes and props. After the story, there is short time of reflection on the message of the story. The children love it when Open the Book comes into school and we get lots of positive feedback from children and staff.

MESSY CHURCH. Messy Church is a form of Church for adults and children that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore our theme for the day, a short celebration time involving a story or short film, a prayer, a song and finishing with food. It takes place on Saturday mornings 4 or 5 times a year in Hilperton School and in St George’s School, Semington. The theme is always Biblical and may be seasonal such as Christmas, Easter or Harvest. Do get in touch if you would like to come – full details are on our website .

There are Foundation Governors from the churches on the Governing Bodies of all three schools.

We are grateful to the three Headteachers for allowing us to come into their schools so regularly.

St George's Church Semington



Services June 2019

**2nd June - 9.30am
Holy Communion
Rev Hugh Hoskins**



**9th June - 9.30 am
Morning Service
Dawn Farmer**

**16th June - 9.30am
Holy Communion
Rev Ray Guymer**

**23rd June - 9.30am
All Age Worship -
Anthony Matthews**



**30th June - 6.00pm
St Michael's Hilperton
Benefice Holy Communion
Rev John Rees**

**Morning Prayer 9.45 am on Thursday
6th, 13th, 27th June**

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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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