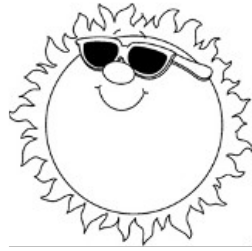


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This Month I'm All of a To Do

Gilly Airey

Gorgeous Hubby and me we've become a bit of a pair of gadabouts.... We tootled off to Turkey in May and two weeks later in June we pootled off to Portugal. Air travel challenges aside we had a fabulous time, but of course what it does mean is that all the little jobs and projects at home tend to pile up so now I'm in a mild state of panic not quite sure where or what I should start first.

Of course I jest, first and foremost is always the Parish Mag, couldn't possibly leave you all in the lurch could I? However, after that is put to bed where to start next? Of course any time management specialist or organisational guru will tell you that when you wake up 4.00am with your brain determined that sleep will not be allowed until there is a semblance of order in your life, a to-do list is the answer to your prayers.

So what's on your to do list Gilly I hear you cry. Well before I went on holiday it mostly involved me turning up to Aquafit, getting my hair done and improving my 'Killer Sudoku' skills (to clarify I have no murderous intentions on people who play Sudoku, more it is a style of Sudoku – Google it and all will become clear!). However, since we got back the to-do list has become a tad more involved. Between holidays we went north to attend a memorial celebration for a dear friend of Gorgeous Hubby's. This also involved me going to my favourite fabric shop in the whole wide world, which now means my fabric stash is reaching dangerous proportions and I need to make me some clothes..... Dungarees, capri trousers, t-shirts, jumpsuits and jeans to list a few.

We also met with my eldest sister, Beverley, who had a landmark birthday in June, when asked what she would like as a present she came back with 'can you make me a birthday cake?' Now whilst I may in a mad moment contemplate applying for the Great British Sewing Bee, Great British Bake Off material I am not. I am not known for my baking skills in any which way – but this is for my oldest sister so who am I to deny her? So now cake baking is added to the list too.

And then there are the every day jobs, ironing, grass cutting and generally keeping up with the every day, they too need to go on the list. So I gave myself a good talking to and wrote my list. The first thing on my to do list? Yep you guessed it – write a to do list!

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Down The Local

John, The Landlord, John

So here we are, still recovering from the Jubilee Celebrations! However, in other news we've been enjoying a bit of Summer. Nice to see everyone gradually getting the hang of being out again and great to see faces old and new in the Pub. Our post Covid trade is still in recovery but we are getting there. There have been some great specials on the menu as well as our traditional fare, so why not come down and treat yourselves?

June's quiz was well attended and we went international with two teams all the way from Texas. I hadn't realised just how many USA based questions I had put into the quiz but balanced it all out with a Jubilee round. Finally the Orchard Pigs faltered and we had a tie break situation which was won by Caitlin's Crusaders Well Done to Mel, Ash and Caitlin. They picked out the crisps in the prize draw so it will be a rollover on **July 14th**.

Back by popular demand on **July 16th** are the Beverley May Band and look out for further live music dates. As always you can pop in for coffee, breakfast lunch and dinner as well as just a quick pint or two it's always great to welcome you!

Onto the Jubilee round up! Sure its all been said before but what a weekend and massive massive thanks to all who got involved from planning the events right through to the clear up, a fantastic village effort from a fantastic village. We had great music at the pub over the Jubilee weekend, it was a real shame that Cath and Goudly got caught in a downpour but in true Somerset Arms/Semington spirit the die hards squeezed under the brollies. We've already booked Beverley May for the garden on **Saturday 16th July**. I was nothing short of amazed to see the road lined all the way from St Georges down to the pub for the tractor drive by. In true farming tradition they were a little late arriving but it really was a spectacle to see with some interesting vintage vehicles on display.

The football tournament was won by Steeple Ashton FC after a tight final winning 4 -3 against Diechball from Semington. There's a full run down on the Soap box derby on page 21.

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Parish Council – Chairman’s Report

Peter Smith

Newland Homes proposals for 18 additional homes – this planning application, PL/2022/01367 has now been ‘called in’ by Wiltshire Cllr. Jonathan Seed. This means that the decision will not be taken by Wiltshire Council officers but by elected members. It will probably be decided at the Western Area Planning Committee on 6th July 2022, and the Parish Council will be represented to present its objections and those of the vast majority of its parishioners.

Cycle route works along Gypsy Lane byway – if you check out Environment and Streetscene of the Parish Council minutes in this magazine, you’ll see that the council are very concerned about the fast road surface dressing that has been laid onto the byway. An accident waiting to happen, as the speed limit remains, as it always was, 60mph. The mix of users and the potential speed looks to be a serious risk. The Parish Council has written to Wiltshire Council inviting it to implement safety measures as a matter of urgency.

Post Office Failures – despite an update of the technology in the Semington Post Office in late May, we continue to experience a patchy and unreliable service. The Parish Council has already lodged a complaint, but this now will be raised to the next level since resolution from the Post Office seems so elusive. That said, our new postmistress Kate is enthusiastic and keen to make the service work well, so please support her and be kind to her.

Neighbourhood Planning – the Steering Group has been gathering more information about the village to feed into the plan. Check out the minutes of the June Parish Council minutes for a summary of what’s been happening recently, and please call in on us (in the village hall) at the Village Fete on **23rd July**. Not only will we be able to give you an update on where we are, we also hope you’ll be able to tell us what you think about the green spaces, wildlife corridors, green buffers, and built environment within the parish that we’ve so far identified as important.

Queen’s Green Canopy – some initial work has been done on identifying possible sites for planting trees as part of this Platinum Jubilee initiative. We will talk to homeowners near the sites where we think trees might be planted, and also to Wiltshire Council, which owns much of the land we think could be used. But if you are a landowner with space you’d like to give over to trees, especially if associated with public access, please register your interest and the land concerned on the parish council website.

Semington Jubilee Celebrations – were brilliant! The Parish Council wants to wholeheartedly thank everyone involved for organising a very special community event which affirmed why this is such a great place to live. Next up is the Village Fete on 23rd July....good weather is guaranteed!

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Nature Notes

The Brook - Although the brook that's described in this poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson doesn't resemble Semington Brook, it certainly reminds us of the pleasures of living near moving water. It is one of those poems that once upon a time, everyone seemed to know, maybe learning it at school when Tennyson was more popular than he is today. One online commentator notes: "One of my earliest recollections was this poem being read to me by my father, a keen angler, as a bedtime story nearly 70 years ago. It stayed with me for the rest of my life. Inspirational and reminds me most strongly of him." And I know at least one person in the village whose father used to recite it to them.

I come from haunts of coot and hern, I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern, to bicker down a valley.

By thirty hills I hurry down, or slip between the ridges,
By twenty thorpes, a little town, and half a hundred bridges.

Till last by Philip's farm I flow to join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever.

I chatter over stony ways, in little sharps and trebles,
I bubble into eddying bays, I babble on the pebbles.

With many a curve my banks I fret by many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland set with willow-weed and mallow.

I chatter, chatter, as I flow to join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever.

I wind about, and in and out, with here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout, and here and there a grayling,

And here and there a foamy flake upon me, as I travel
With many a silvery waterbreak above the golden gravel,

And draw them all along, and flow to join the brimming river
For men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever.

I steal by lawns and grassy plots, I slide by hazel covers;
I move the sweet forget-me-nots that grow for happy lovers.

I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance, among my skimming swallows;
I make the netted sunbeam dance against my sandy shallows.

I murmur under moon and stars in brambly wildernesses;
I linger by my shingly bars; I loiter round my cresses;

And out again I curve and flow to join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever.

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Semington Traffic Survey Results

Colin Wade

The Parish Council has received the results of the recent traffic survey conducted on the High Street between St George's Road and Pound Lane. With 15% of drivers exceeding 35mph, speeds were such that Wiltshire Council will support the PC if it wishes to run a community speedwatch group.

With average speeds just over 30mph, they were not high enough for the matter to be referred by Highways to Wiltshire Police for enforcement action, note that a referral does not guarantee police action.

If you would like to volunteer to set up and run a community speedwatch group please contact the Parish Council via their website semington.org.uk for the next steps.

Semington Social Club

Gerald Taylor

If you are interested in bar work for a few nights a week, please contact Gerald Taylor on 01380 870530.

Stephen (Steve) Payne 5th May 1945 to 23rd May 2022

Jean and family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for the many cards and lovely messages received during this very sad time.

Also thank you to friends who attended Steve's funeral, for coming back to his home to join in celebrations of his life, and for the kind donations given to PMRGCAuk for research into Giant Cell Arteritis.

We are very grateful to you all, Jean and Family.

Parish Council Meeting

Abridged Minutes From Meeting Held Wednesday 15th June 2022

Present. Councillors P Smith (Chairman), V Bodman, R Bruges, S Chown, J Hailey, M Kasasian, W. Scott, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman. There were no members of the public present.

Apologies. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Wiltshire Council Cllr. J Seed.

Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported that the service provided by the Post Office Counters Ltd at Semington continues to be very poor and entirely unacceptable despite his strong and repeated representations to the Regional Office of Post Office Counters Ltd which included making a formal complaint. There ensued a discussion during which councillors echoed the sentiments expressed by the Chairman and the Parish Council **resolved** to elevate the complaint to the next level forthwith. The Chairman agreed to take the necessary action.

Planning and Development. There were no planning applications received after 9th June 2022. It was reported that planning application PL/2022/01367 had been 'called in' by Cllr. Seed and that it was likely that it would be on the Agenda of the Western Area Planning Committee to be held on 6th July 2022. The Parish Council **resolved** that the comments objecting to this application be voiced at the Appeal Hearing. The Chairman stated that he and other councillors had undertaken a 'village walkabout' to examine key features of the village that could be candidates for the Neighbourhood Plan. They were accompanied by representatives from Place Studios which was the consultancy assisting the Parish Council in the development of the Plan. Key features considered in the 'walkabout' were significant views, character of the built-up environment, green spaces, wildlife corridors and a possible conservation area in the village.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Cllr. Scott reported that landowners had now been invited to offer land to be included within the proposed NP and to date, five landowners had responded. He stressed that no unilateral decision would be taken by the NP Steering Group regarding these responses as it was primarily the responsibility of the parishioners to decide the future of their own village. Meanwhile, work to develop draft policies to define the objectives of the NPSG and the content of the resulting NP continues. It was noted that a further grant of £8420 towards the cost of developing the NP had been received recently by the Parish Council. It was confirmed that there will be a Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Village Fete on **23rd July**.

Finance. Total balance in hand as at 15th June 2022 - £64,439.01

Environment and Streetscene. Rights of Way. Councillors commented that Paths SEMI9A/10 and HILP22/10 – known locally as Gypsy Lane and recently designated a 'cycleway' by Wiltshire Council – had now been completed and that the smoothness of the surface dressing would attract some users – especially some of those in vehicles – to drive along it at high speeds. The speed limit on the byway is 60mph. It was noted that these paths comprised a byway between Semington and Hilperton and thereby available to be used by all road users and councillors expressed their concerns that the mix of walkers/cyclists/horseriders/motor vehicles on that byway would prove to seriously compromise the safety of users. The Parish Council **resolved** to express these concerns to Wiltshire Council and to invite Wiltshire Council to implement safety measures as a matter of urgency.

Other Matters. Cllr. Wade confirmed that he had examined possible designs and costs for the two new noticeboards and that he would send these details to all councillors. The Council resolved that a decision on which design to adopt would be taken via email correspondence to enable them to be purchased. The Council resolved that a sum of £1500 be allocated for the purchase of the two noticeboards. Cllr. Hailey presented her draft proposals for six areas in the village to benefit from additional tree planting under the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme. The Council resolved to adopt the proposals by Cllr. Hailey but noted that there would need to be a consultation period for parishioners to express their views, especially those closest to the proposed sites and that consultation would also be necessary with Wiltshire Council – the owner of many of the proposed sites - for permission to plant the trees. Cllrs. Smith and Hailey agreed to talk to Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Hailey commented that it was possible that The Woodland Trust would provide the trees. Cllr. Bruges proposed that Wiltshire Council may be persuaded to change its current policy with respect to 'mowing'. He suggested that the main roundabout could be left to become more 'wildlife friendly' and to even support further tree planting there. The Chairman added that it would be useful to review the current policy regarding cutting the grass verges in the village, but it was important to consult parishioners on this matter.

Transport and Traffic. Cllr. Wade reported that the CATG had been renamed Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group and had benefitted from a higher budget although there is no longer any opportunity to 'carry over' unspent funds from one Financial Year to the next.

Recreation and Wellbeing. Cllr. Wade stated that it was now becoming necessary to establish, and agree, the relationship between the Parish Council and Newland Homes and the role of any proposed Allotment Association. The Chairman agreed to initiate these discussions and that he would contact Mike Kurton of Newland Homes. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council should own the allotments and that an Allotment Association be formed to manage the allotments on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr. Wade agreed to contact Wiltshire Council to obtain details of the s106 Agreement that related to this Newland Homes development. The Clerk stated that there had been no costed proposals presented to the Parish Council for implementing the increased security at the Football ground. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Football Club and the proposal from the Football Club was for heavier duty bolts and locks to be fitted but that he was still awaiting a costed proposals before the Parish Council could make a decision whether to meet the cost involved.

Councillors noted that the proposed work in relation to the Tennis Court has been postponed. The Council reiterated its support in principle for making a contribution to St Georges PCC in respect of the refurbishment but requested Cllr, Bruges to ask the PCC to make a formal application to the Parish Council for it to consider.

Community and Communication. Cllr. Chown and councillors confirmed that the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village were a huge success and that the degree of involvement by parishioners was a testament to the community spirit that exists within the village. The Parish Council resolved to wholeheartedly thank everyone involved – organisers, participants and visitors.

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday 17th August 7.30pm

Siobhan's Scribblings!

Where is all the talent hiding?

I would love to hear from anyone in the village who has a talent for making things! Artists, sculptors, crafters, photographers, knitters, stitchers, woodworkers - I could go on!

I have been asked to put together an exhibition along the lines of the one I did for last year's Summer Fete but thankfully, this year we haven't had a lockdown to endure so there is no specific theme, other than showcasing Semington's talent.

Please contact me if you would like to exhibit some of your work for the whole village to enjoy on **Saturday 23rd July**. We were blown away by the creativity on display last year and I know that there are many more talented people in the village, so don't be shy, contact me asap to let me know what you might like to display.

Items are not for sale (unless you want to) and can be displayed anonymously if you would prefer. Everything will be cared for and never left unsupervised. I can't wait to hear from you all. Call **01380 870197**, email **s.chown@barely-there.co.uk**

Semington comes up trumps again.

What a fabulous Jubilee weekend! We may be small in number but boy do we make up for that with our enthusiasm, community spirit and friendliness. I am sure the whole village will wish to thank everyone who helped in any way throughout the weekend, it was a sterling effort and much appreciated by everyone.

On a personal note, I would like to extend a massive thank you to all of those fabulous people who joined me in the Semington Windows Celebration. The creativity on show was fabulous and I did a little happy dance every time I spotted a family out with their maps on the hunt for every one of those 70 special years.

There was such a wide variety of displays on show, from very personal ones to significant events from the chosen year whether that be of a royal nature or of worldwide significance. I am sure we all learnt something and enjoyed reminiscing with friends and family.

I am humbled that you all wanted to join in with my crazy idea and I hope that you got as much pleasure putting together your displays as we all did looking at them. The Village looked a-ma-zing! Thank you.

News From Westminster

Michelle Donelan MP for Chippenham Ward

This is my first letter to the parish magazine since the Jubilee, and it was wonderful to see that Semington really put on a show! I travelled across the constituency to join as many celebrations as possible and it was truly heart-warming to see how this momentous occasion really pulled communities together.

However, with the Jubilee celebrations now behind us, I am looking forward to Semington's Village Fete. Last year the village hosted an event to be proud of, with so many people enthusiastically joining in the summer festivities in what was a brilliant event. This year promises to be just as fantastic, with a few extra surprises! I look forward to joining you on **23rd July** and I would like to take this as an opportunity to thank the organisers in advance for their work in organising the fete. Events like this require so much hard work and dedication, and the end result certainly bears testimony to the fantastic community spirit of Semington village.

It has been a busy few weeks in Parliament, but on a lighter note I thought I would share that I captained the ladies' team in the House of Commons vs House of Lords tug of war competition in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. I am delighted to report that over £153,000 was raised from the event while increasing awareness for this brilliant cause that many local families have benefitted from. Although winning was not the primary objective, I do want to say that the ladies' team did Chippenham and the Commons proud in beating the Lord's ladies' team!

If you would like to speak to me about a personal issue or a specific topic, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at **michelle.donelan.mp@parliament.uk** or by calling **01249 704465**. I am also holding regular surgeries both in person and remotely for constituents so you can write or call to arrange an appointment.

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THE DUKE (12) starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. This is a true story presented as a comedy drama. The story surrounds the disappearance of the portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in 1961.

Friday 7th July 7.30pm Village Hall Steeple Ashton, tickets £6.00 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop.

Semington Platinum Jubilee Soapbox Derby - Results Round Up

Distance Competition

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2 nd	Centurion (Graham and Paul)	1766 metres
3 rd	Silver Shadow (Steve and Del)	1737 metres
4 th	Irish Roller (Mark and Martin)	1666 metres
5 th	Equinox (Fin and David)	1022 metres
6 th	Campie Flies (Chris, Lewis & Matthew)	961 metres
7 th	DG Car Boyz (Dennis and Tyler)	920 metres



Distant Winner – Doris (Photo Credit Sue McDine)



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Semington WI

Deb Hurn

What a busy month for everyone. It started with an enjoyable belated meal for our 25th Anniversary at The Bell in Lacock. We had a lovely time and toasted our group members past and present. Then came the Jubilee Celebrations. We were asked to take part by making and selling tea, coffee and cake in the village hall. It was lovely to see the Village come together over the Jubilee weekend.

Our speaker this month was John Pemberton who came and gave a talk on 'Life at Royal Chelsea Hospital'. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but was told that the talk was very engaging and lots of questions were asked.

On **Thursday July 14th**, we will not be having a meeting in the village hall. Instead those that are able will be going to Somerset Lavender for afternoon tea. We will however be back in the hall **Thursday August 11th at 7.30 pm**. We will be having a games night with refreshments.

Can You Help With Parish Magazine Distribution?

Julia Wade 01380 870137

At the end of the month someone receives the boxes of Parish Magazines from the printer, counts them out and gives them to the 15 people who actually deliver the magazines to all the houses in the village. Sue and Geoff Brown have been on the rota, doing this for many years, but would now like to come off the rota. Currently, each individual or team does this job twice a year, so it's not too frequent. Could you help by taking on this role?

Many thanks to Sue and Geoff for doing this for so long. It is very much appreciated.

Save The Date

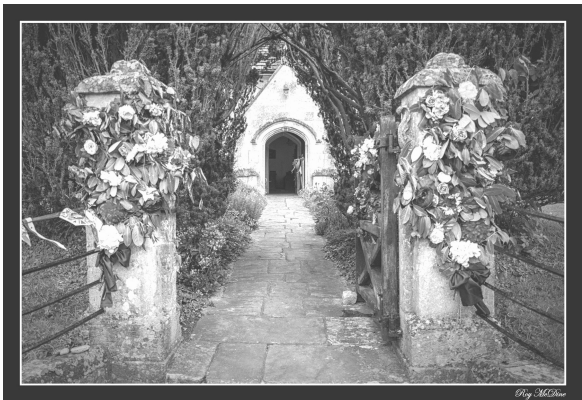
We'll be celebrating Harvest on **Sunday 16th October** this year, with a supper in the Village Hall on the 15th. More details in the next magazine.

St George's Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival



Thank you to Jenny Bailey, Julia Wade, Linda Hillman, Sue Stainer, Sue Ludlow, Silvia Clark, Sue Thompson, Ann, Barnett, Victoria Shackleton, Lesley Vooght, Sue Gibbs, Ruby Danielles, Christine Heathcote and Val Marshman. Thanks also as ever to Sue McDine for this fabulous picture of the ladies who decorated the church.

I love our village church, its intimacy, peacefulness and sense of being 'just so perfect' for our village. The Flower Festival was quite simply breathtaking, here are a few images courtesy of Roy and Sue McDine, there are more to enjoy on our community facebook page.



Thought from the Curate

Rev. Joy Albone

At last, summer has begun! We seem to have finally emerged from the long cool spring into the heat of summer in the last few days, in fact I even managed to get sunburnt yesterday, more fool I.

Summer can mean fun: days of warm sunshine, time to be outside and enjoy what nature has to offer, whether in the garden, park or further afield. However, I am aware that for our young people summer also means change, changing from one class to another, or more anxiously from one school to another. Even though the children understand this is going to happen, it does not prevent them getting anxious to a greater or lesser degree, and as adults, (parents or grandparents) we must do all we can to help them get through this time and see the positives that come with change.

Yet, even as adults we still struggle with change, and when things are uncertain, we retreat to the familiar. This is just what those first followers of Jesus did 2000 years ago, when in their despair after Jesus' death on the cross, they retreated to their familiar routines and returned to their old way of life as fishermen. As the Bible tells us, they spent all night fishing without a single catch, despondent they began the weary return to shore, only to have a stranger on the shore tell them to cast their nets, not in the deep water where the fish are usually found but in the shallow water near the shore. So, imagine the surprise of those weary but experienced fishermen to find that within moments their nets are straining to breaking point. Only then do they recognise the person on the shore as their friend and master Jesus, alive from the dead.

Their obedience to the voice of the 'stranger' allowed them to experience something new and fresh, and I don't just mean the fish breakfast they had on the shore. For in a few short weeks, these same men were going out preaching the good news of Jesus, his death and resurrection to all who would listen. In so doing they were the beginning of the Christian church, the followers of Jesus Christ. The impact those fishermen have had on our world in the last 2000 years is immense.

Jesus gave those men, and women the courage to change, and as a church we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit who resides within us and enables us to do things we would have not thought possible. Another name for the Holy Spirit is the helper or enabler, the one who helps and encourages us. As our young people go through this time of change this term, who will you help and encourage, so that they may be sustained through this period of transition?

Catholic News

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

St John the Baptist – Trowbridge Sunday & Weekday Masses:

Saturdays 6.00pm (Vigil Mass), Sundays 10.30am and 12.00pm

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.00am and Tuesday 6.00pm

St Bernadette's – Westbury Mass times are:

Sunday 9.00am

Celebration of Marriage: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd July (12 noon)** and is inviting all married couples to join him. He will send a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary during 2022 or getting married this year please email (adult.education@clifftondiocese.com) so that a personal invitation can be sent out, leaving details of your names, address, and the number of years you are both celebrating.

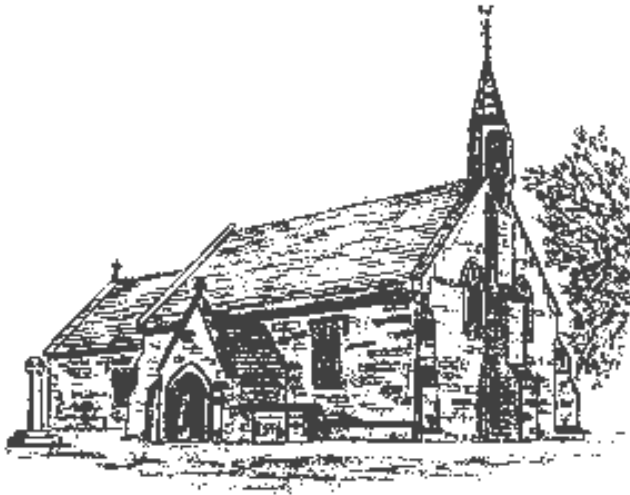
Glastonbury Pilgrimage: We are pleased to confirm that, following a two year absence due to Covid, the Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Declan, is taking place again this year on the second Sunday in July; **Sunday 10th July 2022**. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is 'Mary, Queen of Peace'. Once again this year, from 12.00pm until 3.00pm, the Shrine Church will become a chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration, providing a quiet and more contemplative environment immediately opposite the Abbey grounds. Also from 12.00pm until 3.00pm the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Private Healing Prayer will be offered in two separate tented chapels, which will be erected immediately inside the Abbey gates, close to the church. The Rosary procession will, start in the Abbey grounds at 2.15pm, and the pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Declan at 3.30pm

Paws for Thought



God-devotion makes a country strong; God-avoidance leaves people weak.

It's in the Bible; Proverbs 12 Verse 34



Services at St George's July and August 2022

Sunday 10th July - Breakfast Church

Sunday 17th July - Holy Communion

Sunday 14th August - Morning Worship

Sunday 21st August - Holy Communion

Contact Details for The Canalside Parishes:

Administrator – Michael Gamble, please contact Michael for initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings and general matters on **07795 400262**

E-mail: **canalsideoffice@gmail.com**

PCC Secretary/Treasurer - Jack Woodward **01380 870784**

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.

Curate: Revd. Joy Albone **07931 638524** email **canalsidecurate@gmail.com**

Rev John Rees, Rector, Canalside Benefice **01225 764365**

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SEMINGTON VILLAGE FETE
Saturday 23rd July 2022

2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Semington High Street; Village Hall, Somerset Arms and
Brook House Gardens**

So, the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations have surely got us in the mood for getting out and about in our lovely village... now here's another opportunity... the Village Fete! Come and join us on **Saturday 23rd July** at venues along the High Street.

All our old favourites will be there - music and entertainment, cake stall, books, children's games, plants, tombola, magic and more.... Also, a welcome return for the Village Duck Race!! The ducks have been taken out of storage, dusted off and are currently in pre-season training. Tickets can be bought on the day, probably from a Hilperton Scout or in advance from John at the pub.

Come and drop off your donations for Grannies Attic, books, plants, tombola etc at the Village Hall (same as last year) on **Wednesday 20th July: 7.30pm - 8.30pm and Thursday 21st July: 6.00pm - 7.30pm**, or on the morning of the event. All you home bakers out there...we would love you to bring along a home made cake for the cake stall, ideally on Saturday morning.

Programme/admission is £1.00 for adults. Our charity this year is the Independent Living Centre which is based in the village and offers support and advice for disabled people in the local area.

We do look forward to seeing you on the day - The Village Fete Committee - Bev, John, Mike K, Richard B, Ian W and Sheralyn