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Wednesday 20th September 7.30pm

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Semington Magpies Fixtures

Saturday 2nd September 3.00pm

Little Marsh

Saturday 16th September 3.00pm

Little Marsh

Saturday 23rd September 3.00pm

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Saturday 30th September 2.30pm

Devizes

Don't forget you can find out more about what's happening in the village on the Parish Council Website semington.org.uk

Christians in Semington

Bev Woodward

Christians in Semington - are meeting via zoom, to pray for our community. Please contact Jack Woodward, 870784, for the zoom link and date.

Housegroup - we meet every other Tuesday at 8.00pm. We're nearly at the end of Luke's gospel, seeing how this can help us to live as God wants us to. If you'd like to join us please phone Jack/Bev 870784 or David/Pam 870030 for the venue.

BBQ Church - Sunday 10th September, BBQ Church at Brook House, instead of Breakfast Church - 11.30am to swim, 12.10pm songs, story and prayers, 12.30pm BBQ and games. Everyone welcome - please let Bev/Jack know so that we have enough food - 870784.

Semington World War Two Supplement

Gillian Airey

Steve Turpin presented a fascinating piece at the annual parish meeting about the World War Two defences around the village and the strategic importance of the village during the war. Steve has now produced a booklet documenting the history and role of Semington during the war.

Many thanks to the Parish Council for covering the cost of printing and distributing the booklet as part of our September edition.

Editor's Note

Gillian Airey

It would appear that depending on your choice of holiday destination this summer you either got trench foot or sunburnt, sadly, there was no 'Goldilocks' perfect balance of summer weather this year.

Spookily the deadline for the October edition (did you see what I did there?) is **Sunday 17th September**. I'd love to hear from you all my email as always **semparmag@icloud.com**

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This Month I'm Collecting My Thoughts

Gilly Airey

As a lady of a certain age I can tell you that when I try to collect my thoughts it can be like herding cats. You think you know what you need to do or say but randomness spouts forth. Luckily Gorgeous Hubby is now bilingual, speaking both English and the language of the post-menopausal woman and translates everything seamlessly.

Over the summer break I decided that I would pull together all of my random witterings that I subject you to ten months of the year into one document so that I could, well, to tell you the truth I'm really not sure what I was going to do with it – but it was raining again and quite frankly I was at a loss as to what to do for an hour or two.

As a child I, like millions of others, tried to keep a diary but sadly the main themes were 'went to school, came home, had tea (true Northerner), watched Crackerjack, went to bed' unlike all of the lovely childhood books I read, my diary was far from deep and meaningful so like millions of other kids my diary phase didn't last long. As I have read back my 'This Months' I realised that I have finally mastered keeping a diary albeit one that is only written once a month and even then has a summer and winter break.

So what have I learnt from re-reading my articles? Well firstly I didn't realise Hubby was Gorgeous until September 2017, before then he was clearly just plain ole Hubby! The Mighty Dibble was described as getting on a bit six years ago and he still saunters through life forgetting where the mice are and leaving me to come over all Mrs Slocombe with my cat jokes. Making curtains for my daughter-in-law traumatised me so much I have never made another pair since (although I did manage to pull myself together!). My eldest granddaughter Princess A is now 12 so penpal letters are no more and WhatsApp is the order of the day. Gorgeous Hubby and I haven't played picnic poker in far too long either.

Not only does Gorgeous Hubby proof read my witterings, the lovely Mr W always makes a note of anything that's been missed and duly reports back with great glee of any grammatical misdemeanours, well at least I know one person is reading the page! But I lie (another overused phrase of mine!) every time one of you has taken the time to comment on what are frankly the ramblings of a semi-mad woman it makes it all the more worthwhile.... So I'm off to herd more cats!

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Parish Council - Chair's Report

Peter Smith, Chair of the Parish Council

Post Office - you'll all know by now that Post Office Ltd has assessed our village "footfall" and decided, on the evidence of transactions from June '22 to April '23, to reduce our service hours from 4 to 1 per week. Kate, our postmistress, is operating that reduced one hour service from the side office at DG car sales from 11.00am to 12 midday on Mondays only. The Parish Council has written to Post Office Ltd to challenge this decision and recently has raised a complaint because the review period (June 22 to April 23) on which "low footfall" is based followed 18 months of very unreliable service, and included staffing and equipment unreliability, late service/no service, and 3 different service sites. We contend that the village is being penalised for a collapse in reliable service caused by the Post Office: the loss of custom has been the consequence. It is a great shame that just as Kate, with the help of Dennis at DG, has established a reliable service, we lose most of it. If you want even 1 hour of service to remain, please use it on a Monday morning. If you wish to let the Post Office know what you think about their actions, you should write to: externalaffairs@postoffice.co.uk and address your remarks to Kelly Innes.

Allotments – the transfer of the site to the Parish Council is now close to completion. There will be a site meeting very soon to clear up any outstanding issues, after which we hope to take over the site and begin setting up the allotments group. Those who have applied for a plot will be contacted when the time is right.

Neighbourhood Plan – thanks to so many of you who spent time with us in the village hall on that very damp fete Saturday. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had hoped to launch the first formal consultation on the plan in early autumn. However, it is possible that this will be delayed because we are considering designating a site for housing allocation which means that Wiltshire Council has to decide whether a full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the site is needed. We don't yet know the answer to this, but it looks likely that the full works may be required, which will probably mean a few months delay. A bit frustrating, but not the end of the world.

Hilpertons McDonald's – the Parish Council has objected to this planning application. In particular, it is concerned that it is the wrong place for a 24 hour food retail site, there will be increased litter in the parish especially along the A361, the residents of Little Marsh will likely have more nuisance from night visitors and litter on the old A350, and it is not environmentally sustainable.

Byway – the council has written to Wiltshire Council ahead of its upcoming second safety audit of the byway, reminding that council of the concerns we have over the dangers posed by mixed use (motor vehicles, horses, fast cycles, walkers/dog walkers) on a 60mph road with no safety measures along the route. The very serious road traffic accident on the A361 to Whaddon Lane stretch of the byway has added to our concerns.

Development of 26 homes north of St. George's Road – this site has already got planning permission. The Parish Council listened to preliminary ideas from the developer (Green Square and Black Box Planning) for the site. A full parish consultation should happen in the autumn, though we don't have a date yet. It will be important for us to engage with the developers to try positively to influence plans – see page 23 for further details.

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Nature Notes

An earlier poem this year was about the symbolism of the rose in poetry and its association with love. The first two verses of this short poem carry on this theme but the third sardonically challenges its clichéd limitations. Dorothy Parker published *One Perfect Rose* in her 1926 book *Enough Rope*.

One Perfect Rose

A single flow'r he sent me, since we met.
All tenderly his messenger he chose;
Deep-hearted, pure, with scented dew still wet –
One perfect rose.

I knew the language of the floweret;
'My fragile leaves,' it said, 'his heart enclose.'
Love long has taken for his amulet
One perfect rose.

Why is it no one ever sent me yet
One perfect limousine, do you suppose?
Ah no, it's always just my luck to get
One perfect rose.



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Semington Book Club

Angela Grodzicka – 870756

Eight members met on Thursday 20th July to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Pam gave us some background on the American author who now lives in London and then comments were received.

It was an unusual book for us as everyone liked it and had positive comments to make. Several of us enjoyed the dry humour and laughed out loud in places.

At least one member felt enriched by reading it and we all felt there was a lot of the author in the book which contained love and loss but had a satisfactory ending. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 13th September at 8.00pm** in the village hall to discuss The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams.



We'll be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 8th October.

*Harvest Supper will be in the Village Hall on
Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm.*

*Tickets are still £5.00 each, available at the coffee morning or
Bev Woodward, 870784.*

More information in next month's magazine.

Draft Abridged Minutes from Parish Council Meeting

Meeting Held Wednesday 18th July 2023

Present. Councillors P Smith (Chairman), R Bruges, M Carberry (from Agenda item 2), S. Chown, J. Hailey, M. Kasasian, C. McGarvey, W.Scott, C. Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman. There were initially two, then three, members of the public present.

Co-option of a New Member. The Parish Council **resolved** to co-opt a new councillor. Mr Mark Carberry was co-opted as a new councillor. He signed the Declaration Form which was countersigned by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council. The Clerk advised Cllr. Carberry of his obligations in respect of registering interests.

Wiltshire Council Report. Cllr Seed reported that the Wiltshire Local Plan was the subject of a debate at Wiltshire Council Cabinet following which the draft document presented was agreed and an agreement reached to adopt the more rapid statutory consultation process under Regulation 19. He assured the Council that the Parish Council would have an opportunity to comment during the consultation period and that the timing of the submission of the subsequently agreed Local Plan to Government would prove beneficial in that it would result in a viable Housing Allocation plan for Wiltshire and a possible zero residual housing development requirement at Semington. Cllr. Bruges enquired what the present situation was regarding the provision of the Bus Gate cameras. Cllr. Seed explained that the provision and installation of these camera had to be an agreed decision between Semington Parish Council and Melksham Without Parish Council and that he would encourage both Councils to discuss the matter and to agree a way forward. Cllr. Bruges reaffirmed his concern, which was shared by many, regarding the safety of horse riders and pedestrians using the SEMI9a/HILP22/10 'Cycleway'.

Community and Communication. The Chairman confirmed that recent correspondence from Post Office Ltd failed to address some of the issues he had raised in his correspondence to them and the significantly reduced footfall relied upon by the PO to justify reducing hours, had been measured between April 2022 and April 2023. This is precisely the period when two years of very poor or failed service (for which Post Office Ltd is responsible) culminated in reduced numbers using the outreach service. Notwithstanding this, he stated that he would continue to pursue the matter with Post Office Ltd. The Clerk advised the Council of the Wiltshire Council PEAS Scheme (Winter Preparations), especially in respect of acquiring salt for use on icy surfaces. The Chairman agreed to investigate this scheme further before any decision is made.

Cllr. Wade confirmed that the new noticeboards have been delivered and that their installation is in hand.

Cllr. Scott thanked Cllr. Smith for attending the recent meeting of the Wilts and Berks Canal Group in his absence. Cllr. Scott added that the Group faces significant financial challenges and that some of their proposals appear fanciful.

Recreation and Wellbeing. The Clerk reported that the latest correspondence from Forrester Sylvester Mackett (Solicitors) confirmed that there is to be Right of Way from the allotments to the car parking area and that the obligation on the Parish Council to contribute a fair and reasonable proportion of maintaining the estate roads and service media pending adoption by the relevant authorities is not unreasonable under the circumstances.

There ensued a brief discussion at the end of which the Parish Council **resolved** that there were no outstanding matters and that it would accept the transfer of the land as now agreed. The Clerk was asked to convey this decision to Forrester Sylvester Mackett (Solicitors). There was no further progress reported in respect of the transfer of the Wessex Close Play Area Asset from Wiltshire Council to Semington Parish Council.

The Chairman reported that he had met with the Football Club Committee and a site visit had taken place. He explained that it was possible that a new, more secure, 'club house' – comprising two shipping containers – may be constructed to replace the existing vulnerable building but no decisions had yet been taken. He added that the Football Club Committee were currently preparing a Business Plan to address their future plans.

Cllr. Smith stated that the winding path at Jubilee Wood at Littlemarsh was currently maintained by the Football Field Groundsman and councillors observed that the path could be named after Steve Rimmer, a previous parish Councillor, whose idea and enthusiasm for all things green helped create more woodland in the village which we are all able to enjoy. The Chairman agreed to investigate this matter further.

Environment and Streetscene. Rights of Way. Cllr. Scott had reported that he has had an exchange of correspondence with Wiltshire Council in respect of the flawed SEM19a/HILP22/10 'Cycleway' Safety Audit and associated report and that his main questions remain unanswered. He confirmed that a new Safety Audit is to be undertaken but any results from it will be seriously skewed because fewer persons than previously are now using the track. This is because individual experiences mean that it is regarded as unsafe and pedestrians, horse riders and some cyclists who used to use it no longer do so. Therefore statistics relating to its earlier use – before its safety became an issue (i.e. before it was resurfaced and designated a Cycleway) do not exist.

Cllr. Hailey stated that the overgrown brambles and other vegetation needed clearing on Path SEM10/10. Cllr. Scott replied stating that the new Brush Cutter to be provided under the s106 funds (St Georges Road) will soon be delivered and can be used for that purpose.

Transport and Traffic. The Chairman reiterated the earlier comments by Cllr. Seed (See Agenda item 5) in respect of seeking agreement with Melksham Without Parish Council regarding the Bus Gate cameras. Cllr. Scott stated that he would discuss this matter further with Cllr. Seed and with Melksham Without Parish Council and he stated that this subject would be a key Agenda item at the September Parish Council meeting.

Planning and Development. There were no planning applications received after 12th July 2023. The Parish Council noted the Draft Wiltshire Design Guide Document produced by Wiltshire Council and welcomed its publication. The Parish Council had no further comment to make. The Council also noted that the Draft Wiltshire Council Local Plan had been approved by Wiltshire Council Cabinet on 18th July and that there is to be a full consultation period during which the Parish Council will have the opportunity to comment on it. Councillors confirmed that the Parish Council would wish to comment on the Plan.

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Abridged Draft Minutes from Parish Council Meeting cont'd

Clerk's Note. Midway during the Parish Council meeting the Chairman adjourned the Parish Council meeting for the team from Green Square Development (Richard Stephens, Andrea Andrews, Corina Johnson) and Black Box Planning Ltd (Luke Challenger) to present their plans for the development of the Land North of St George's Road (Planning application 20/01306/OUT.) The Chairman reconvened the Parish Council meeting directly thereafter.

Finance. Total balance in hand as at 19th July £22,173.71

Neighbourhood Plan. The Council **resolved** that this item be the subject of a confidential discussion as per Schedule 12 of the Local Gov. Act 1972 because the nature of the discussion could prejudice the public interest by reason of the disparate issues to be addressed. The Council resolved to invoke the confidentiality requirement. The Council **resolved** to agree the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Draft Document v4.b dated July 2023 to be promulgated under the forthcoming Regulation 14 Public Consultation. The Chairman reconvened the public meeting of the Parish Council.

Date of the next meeting. Wednesday 20th September 7.30pm.

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Belated happy birthday wishes to two of our fabulous residents. Annie Barnett and Dave Wiscombe both celebrated their 80th birthdays in August. We hope you had a great time celebrating with friends and family.

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Saturday 4th November

**Semington Bonfire Night
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**Location & Further Details in
next month's magazine**





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Village Fete – Thank You!

Well it was perfect weather for the ducks wasn't it? We might not have had the usual good fortune with the weather this year for the fete, but even with this year's wet weather format we do hope that everyone had a good time.

Thank you so much to everyone who came out and supported the event. Whether it was running a stall or entertainment event, performing, setting up or clearing down we really appreciated everyone's contribution.

We are so sorry that the weather curtailed certain elements of our planned event. The final figures are yet to be collated and allocated. We will send out a further update of exact totals in due course (post summer holidays!).

We were so pleased to see everyone that put on their raincoats and splashed along to the village hall for bargains, performances, cakes, beer and burgers and more!!

Huge thanks to Hilperton Scout Groups, The Semingtones, St George's PTA, Semington Outdoor Bar Society and everyone from the village for making the day a little bit of sunshine in the rain.

Here's to 2024!!
Semington Village Fete Committee

Cantamus Choir in Concert - Save the Date

Cantamus Chamber Choir's Autumn Concert sees the choir join forces with Cantores Chamber Choir based near Cheltenham for a weekend celebrating choral collaborations. The programme will see both choirs perform separately in the first half, joining forces in the second half for some stunning English music that will benefit from having 60 voices raising the roof of Holy Trinity Church.

Featuring Cantamus Chamber Choir, conducted by Mike Daniels with organist, Steven Hollas, performances will include Howells Hymn for St. Cecilia; Stanford Three Motets, Bainton and I Saw A New Heaven.

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Sunday 15th October 4.00pm, Holy Trinity Church Bradford on Avon BA15 1LW

Melksham Remembers

Raymond Heard

You will be aware that I am a member of 'Melksham Remembers'. Following on from our book about World War 1 we then produced an audio version with each member reading a chapter plus a chapter from Melksham Oak School with the head master and students participating. The music department provided all the recording faculties. Both the book £16.00 and the audio version £10.00 are still available, please feel free to contact me if you wish to purchase a copy.

We are now finalising our book on World War 2. This will include a chapter from the students of Melksham Oak and the infants and junior schools in the area. The infants and junior schools were involved in a competition, with the infants producing a piece of artwork, and at junior level poems and letters. The top three from each school received a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal and each school received a donation to the school funds.

We're also going to produce a "Talking Heads video" of people who lived through and remember World War 2 (I'm one), Melksham Oak students will be filming and interviewing volunteer participants. We're appealing for volunteers to take part in the project. We anticipate starting late September. We would visit each person or arrange for them to record at Melksham Oak School. If you would like to contribute or participate in any way please get in contact with me – my email is below.

I am delighted to say that the artwork from St George's was chosen to front one of the chapters. If any parent who wants further details to contact me on:
rayheard1937@btinternet.com



Wiltshire Councillor News From Jonathon Seed

Autumn looks like it is becoming the summer we never had but I suppose we need to get used to a topsy turvy climate. Whatever disappointment we may have suffered with the wet July there is always much to look forward to in our Great British outdoors and particularly our lovely county of Wiltshire. My news is that I was lucky enough to have an operation for a replacement knee in late July. Although it was a very painful start to recovery I am now well on the way to enjoying greater mobility. The exercises and physiotherapy were uncomfortable but well worth the effort.

The Boundary Commission for England has produced its final report on changes to be made this year and placed this report before Parliament. It brings unexpected change for our area. For the first time our Wiltshire Council Division of Melksham Without West and Rural will be contained within one Parliamentary Constituency Boundary; Melksham and Devizes. That means the villages of Steeple Ashton, Keevil and Great Hinton will leave the Constituency of South and West Wiltshire (current MP Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP) and join our other villages of Semington, Berryfield and Broughton Gifford in the new Constituency of Melksham and Devizes. The local area here is represented by Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology. Michelle has indicated that she will run for election again. Michelle is an incredibly hard working local MP and a personal friend and I look forward to continuing to work with her on your behalf.

In July I handed over the Chairmanship of the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group to fellow local Councillor Mike Sankey. The LHFIG has a healthy budget for highways and footpath improvements and I always encourage and help our local villages to take full advantage of the funding available. Currently every one of our villages has an issue progressing for funding so I do my best to ensure we get our money's worth from Wiltshire Council. This Group is all about liaison and management and although we have a great new Chairman we also sadly lose one of the most helpful and effective council officers that I have ever worked with and we should all wish Mark Stansby all the best in his new area and thank him for all his hard work in our area.

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Black Box Presentation to Parish Council Overview

July's Parish Council had a presentation from Black Box, a housing developer which acts for Green Square Accord the building company that now owns the land immediately west of the tennis court – land "north of St George's Road" as the original planning application puts it.

Outline permission (granted on appeal) exists for this land and the developer came along to set out their thinking about the plot. What follows is a summary of what they said:

- The developer is an experienced specialist affordable housing builder with 7,600 properties already built in Wiltshire
- Their plot is half of the whole field, exactly as it was in the outline planning permission that was approved on appeal
- They have no interest in the other half of the field (where planning permission was recently refused)
- 26 houses are proposed – all 'affordable' – as opposed to 50% affordable as previously proposed
- 18 of these will be shared ownership
- Houses (a mix of 1/2/3 beds) will be built on the western part of the plot and set back a little way from St George's Road
- There is green space along the northern edge of the plot which includes water drainage facilities (in the west) and the pillbox (in the east)
- In the outline planning permission 26 houses were to be built on the entire plot, the plot occupying half of the whole field, whereas now 26 are to be built in only approximately 75% of the plot"
- The remaining 25% (approximate) is a rectangle described as "left over" land in the north-east quadrant of the plot (running from the Byway almost to the pillbox)
- They said that the amount of space available for 26 small to medium sized houses is larger than usual – and the outline maps suggested that this is the case
- They intend to make a feature of the pill box

The Parish Council is likely to engage with the developers over the summer. If you've any comments or suggestions, please email planning@semington.org.uk

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Semington WI

Deb Hurn



We had a lovely afternoon tea at The Sign of the Angel in Lacock, instead of our usual evening meeting in July. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all.

In August we made Christmas cards under the guidance of Pam using the art of paper folding. We also had some delicious shortbread made by Carole. The evening was very enjoyable, with a lot of chatting and laughter. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th September 7.30pm** in the village hall.

Semington Magpies

Neil Taylor

The Magpies have started the season well with 4 points from the opening two games. An opening day home fixture against Dilton saw a share of the points. Harry Thorne scored twice for us but in an end to end game Dilton fought back twice to claim a point.

Our second game saw us make the short journey to Steeple Ashton the home of The Stiffs. We went on to beat them 6-2 with a really good performance from our young side. Our goals came from; Harry Thorne with 2 goals, Jiordan Burrell Mendis with 2 and Kyle Morgan Hemmens 1, the final goal coming from an own goal.

It's a fantastic start to the season from the Magpies and we're looking forward to loads more as the season progresses. Our next two home matches are **Saturday 2nd September** and **Saturday 16th September, 3.00pm** kickoff, why not come along and support the team?



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

A Day on Catechesis: A date for the diary. **On Saturday 28th October** at St. John the Baptist, Trowbridge, we are holding a day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph to explore the ministry of catechesis. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone feels called to this ministry. We will begin with prayer at 10am, with refreshments from 9.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. If you are interested in attending this day, please register through the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina at St. Bernadette's takes place 10.15am – 11.00am on the second Wednesday of each month. An opportunity to listen to the Gospel and then, in the silence that follows, to reflect personally on what we have heard and on how we can put this into action in our own lives. If you have a Sunday Missal, please bring this with you. All welcome.

Quiet time for Prayer: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament St. John's every Thursday 9.30-10.30am. A time for quiet prayer and reflection.

300 Club: If you wish to join the 300 Club, please ask Canon Tom for an application form. They are also available on the parish website. Thank you.

Paws for Thought



Jesus said. "Where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

It's in the Bible; Matthew 18 verse 20

Thank You from John and Anne

What can we say? We were totally overwhelmed in July by everyone's kind words and generous gifts. Our farewell service and lunch will remain in our memories forever as we came to the end of an amazing seven year journey in the Canalside Benefice. It has been such a delight and privilege to minister amongst you all through such an eventful time in history.

None of us will forget the dark days of the pandemic, but God is blessing us as we come out the other side and we know that will into the future. Thank you all so much for the amazing gifts - we will treasure the picture, the book of messages and many cards and we look forward to choosing and riding our electric bikes once we are settled in our new home.

From the beginning of August we will be living in Bradpole in Dorset.

May God bless you richly, with our love John and Anne.



From the Church Register

The Wedding of Kyle Jacob Culley and Sophie Lincoln

The marriage of Kyle Culley and Sophie Lincoln was held at St George's Church on Friday 14th July 2023. We pray that God will bless this marriage and wish Kyle and Sophie great happiness.

Until our new Rector is in post the normal service pattern may change. However, a service is held in the Benefice every Sunday, and one is usually recorded and available online. Full details are on our website, address below.



SERVICES COMING SOON

**Sunday
3rd
September**

ALL AGE WORSHIP
Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal launch
10.30am at St Michael's Hilperton

HOLY COMMUNION
from the Book of Common Prayer
3pm at St Mary's Whaddon

**Sunday
10th
September**

BREAKFAST CHURCH
9.15am at St George's Semington

HOLY COMMUNION
10.30am at St Michael's Hilperton

**Sunday
17th
September**

HOLY COMMUNION
9.15am at St George's Semington

HOLY COMMUNION
10.30am at St Mary Magdalen's

**Sunday
24th
September**

HOLY COMMUNION
10.30am at St Michael's Hilperton

TEA@theTIN
4pm at St Mary Magdalen's

Contact Details for The Canalside Parishes:

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PCC Secretary/Treasurer - Jack Woodward 01380 870784

Church Warden - David Wildsmith

Associate Priest - Rev Joy Albone 07931 638524 email canalsidecurate@gmail.com

Please contact Joy if you would like a visit from someone from Church.