



## National & Local Updates

**Outdoor Activities** – In England up to six people can meet under social distancing rules in a private garden. Going indoors is limited only to using the loo or in order to access a garden.

**Face Coverings** – Face coverings will be compulsory on public transport from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and the general advice is to wear a face covering when in enclosed spaces where social distancing may not always be possible and where you may come into contact with strangers. It is recognised that a face covering is not the same as a PPE facemask used by healthcare workers.

**Shopping** – Non-essential shops are poised to open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Some large chains such as John Lewis are phasing their reopening so our advice is to check individual websites for full details.

**Household Recycling Centres** – Wiltshire Council have introduced a booking system for visits to all Wiltshire HRCs. Bookings must be made via the Wiltshire Council website and in order to do this you must also have registered on the Wiltshire Council website.

**Social Bubbles** – The Prime Minister issued guidelines to support single people to ensure they may have closer contact with family and friends – I have tried to distill this down to a few words but failed miserably! For full details please go to gov.uk to appraise yourself fully of these requirements and if you fulfill the eligibility requirements.

**Pubs and Restaurants** – This still looks like early July before any form of opening so please keep supporting the Somerset Arms in any way you can.

**Corona Virus Testing** – The Government have been stressing the importance of getting tested for the virus if you are presenting any of the symptoms of Corona Virus, including a persistent cough, high temperature, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. These tests are now available to anyone and not just front line or key workers. You can apply for the test via the government website and they are available as either an at home test kit or via one of the drive through centres. The nearest drive through centres are either Swindon or Bristol Airport. If in doubt get yourself tested.

**Zoos** – Zoos can reopen from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and this includes Longleat.

### What Next For Semington?

As we edge ever closer to a return to a semblance of normality, the Parish Council and the Support Group Core Team have been working closely to understand how we build on the even greater sense of community that Semington has developed during the Corona Virus pandemic. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for villagers to share with us the things that matter to them and what they would like to see happen in the place we all call home.

So here's the really important bit..... when you get the note from the Parish Council please, please, please take five minutes to share back what matters to you, that way we will build on some amazing foundations that have been laid over the last few months and take Semington from a great place to live to a fabulous place to live!

Oh and I'm not going to lie we've also been talking about how we celebrate the end of lockdown. Clearly we can't settle on a date yet because we are guided as always by the Government policies. The only question we're asking is just how big a party can we throw in the village taking in all the different elements– so watch this space and we'll share the plans as they take shape.



### 'Dad is a Superhero' Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

We've let you have a few weeks off – so it's time to get your crafting hats on again! Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June is Father's Day and what better way to celebrate than to decorate your windows with Superheroes! As always please remember to share your pictures on Facebook or direct to the newsletter at [semparmag@icloud.com](mailto:semparmag@icloud.com)

### Short Stories and Tiny Tales

There's still time to get your entry into the Semington Short Stories and Tiny Tales competition. There are three age groups; Reception to Year 2, Year 3 to 6 inclusive and Year 7 and above (that includes anyone even if you left school when it was still called the fifth form!). Deadline for entries is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

All entries will be published in a book and audio book which will then be sold in aid of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Entries should be submitted by the following means; by post/delivery to: **The Old Kennels, The Hunt Close, Semington, BA14 6JY** or by email to; [s.chown@bearly-there.co.uk](mailto:s.chown@bearly-there.co.uk)

Please ensure that all entries include the following information; full name, age and contact details.

### Semington Stones

Have you found any Semington Stones on your daily walks round the village? We would love to hear your suggestions for making the stones a permanent feature somewhere in the village maybe a rockery garden, or a caterpillar made up of all the stones. Let us know your ideas via the Facebook page or via email to [semparmag@icloud.com](mailto:semparmag@icloud.com)



If you are still itching to grow some of your own veg this year check out the Support Group Facebook page where you can find details of green fingered neighbours offering plants free to good homes.

### Melksham Food Bank

Melksham Food Bank is still in desperate need of donations. The response by the village recently to the appeal for food for the Melksham Food Bank just shows the depth of the generosity of all you lovely people. There is a crate in the church porch all week where you can leave food ready for collection to go to the Food Bank – alternatively on Wednesdays between noon and 8.00pm there is a crate outside the pub where you can leave food. Keep an eye on the Support Group Facebook page as this will give up to date details of what foodstuffs the bank is running low on. This week they need jam, squash, tinned fruit and meat.

If you, or anyone you know needs support from the Food Bank, that's what it's for! The Melksham Food Bank website is <http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk/> If you need help accessing this support, or you have no transport and would like a food parcel safely collected from the Food Bank on your behalf your Road Lead or Vicky Bodman.

### VE Day Stay at Home Garden Party Souvenir Poster

The final touches are being put to our truly unique souvenir of the 'Stay at Home Garden Party'. This would not have been possible without the generosity of Andy and Roxi Meaden who print the monthly parish magazine who have donated not only the poster but also their time and expertise.

Speaking of expertise Roy and Sue McDine gave theirs in spades on the day of the garden party giving the village a lasting record of a truly unique time in modern times. The poster will be raffled to raise funds for good causes and we'll give you full details soon of how you can take part.

### The 'Here's One I Made Earlier' Show

How are all of your crafty makes going on during the lockdown? Remember as part of the end of lockdown celebration we would love to showcase all of the lovely stuff you've made, including maybe some jams and chutneys from all of the fruit and vegetables you've been growing.

We'll also be looking to revisit the amazing window displays that we seen in the village on our theme weekends, so please keep any photos or even the decorations themselves safe and sound ready for the show later this year.

