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Sunday 1st May Easter 2	9.15 All Age Worship 3 pm Thanksgiving for Marriage	8 am Holy Communion 11 am All Age Worship 6 pm Taize Service	11 am Holy Communion	
Sunday 8th May Easter 3	9.15 Methodist Service	9.15 am Parish Communion 11 am Methodist Service	9.15 am Methodist Service	8 am Holy Communion
Sunday 15th May Easter 4	6 pm Evening Worship	9.15 am All Age Communion (Baptism)	11 am Parish Communion	
Sunday 22nd May Easter 5	9.15 am Parish Communion	9.15 All Age Communion 11 am Methodist Service	6 pm Evening Praise	
Sunday 29th May Easter 6		10 am Benefice Family and Communion and Rogation Walk		

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Dear Friends

By the time you receive this Magazine Prince William and Kate Middleton will either be marrying or married. As you might imagine, in my role as parish priest, marriage figures highly on my list of things to think about. The 6th May marks the beginning of our wedding season in the benefice. But what is it that makes a good marriage and, more importantly, what sustains a marriage in good times and bad?

Well, put simply, love! For some this may be obvious; for others it may seem dreadfully naive but let me explain. I am not talking about the fiery first love of youth or the sexual drive that keeps the human race going. I am certainly not thinking of the love that seeks to possess and control another. To sustain a real marriage there must be something else. One of the Bible readings at weddings includes the words: *Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. Love never fails!* (1 Corinthians 13.)

The word 'love' here in the original text is the self giving love of God. It is the kind of love that enables a husband or wife to say to the other, "I love you to the end of time, I want the very best for you and I want your gifts to develop and for you to grow to fully be the person you were meant to be. I want to share my life with you and sacrifice my hopes and dreams to help you achieve yours. Finally, I don't want anything in return." Does that sound risky? Maybe it's because it is and, what's more, it isn't easy. Now this only works if the other partner returns the exact same answer. In this way both partners are giving the total gift of themselves but they are receiving the total gift of the other. Both end up submitting to each other and both are nurtured by each other.

Now, being human we will not achieve this immediately or be perfect in our execution of it but if it is not our primary goal then we will struggle. Many marriages start out or end up with an imbalance of goals and we well know of those whose ambition ends up in the sacrificing their marriage. My advice is that if you don't have an absolute commitment to put the other first then there really is no point in starting out. Attitudes such as, "I will do anything for you so long as you know that I have dreams and ambitions to fulfil", do not work. The other killer of marriage is unfulfilled expectations – "He'll eventually come round to the idea of having a baby", for instance – **don't get married!**

Starting out with this 'self-giving love' principle or adopting it in later life isn't easy but it *is* transformational even if we fail often. After 36 years of marriage I can thoroughly recommend it. It is the way God loves us, if we will let him and it is actually the basis for all relationships. Just imagine what the world would be like if we loved as God loves us; if we were source of life to each other as he is our Source. Please do join us for our **'Thanksgiving for Marriage' on Sunday May 1st at 3pm in St George's.**

Every blessing

Stephen (Vicar) 01225 774903 sb54rev@gmail.com

Cllr. Smyth stated that there was moss growing on the footpath nearby and that it was slippery and dangerous. He confirmed that Angela Weston, as the Parish Steward contact, had been informed.

The Clerk was asked to enquire from Wiltshire Council when the bunding at Littlemarsh was to be installed as this was a precursor to the more extensive bulb planting planned for the Autumn.

Wilts & Berks Canal Trust working Group - Cllr. Smyth reported that he and Cllr. Robinson had attended the recent Working Group meeting on the 17 March. He stated that there was little to report as most of the issues had been covered at the previous meeting. He commented that Chippenham and Melksham are each keen to have a spur of the canal in the town centre. He added that a recent Ecotec Report had stated that the Kennet & Avon Canal was financially sound. He concluded his report by stating that once the public consultation in relation to the Melksham Campus had been completed, a new public consultation in relation to the Wilts & Berks Canal would commence.

He advised the Council that the next meeting was to be held on 12 May.

Community Area/Area Boards - Cllr. Bowyer reported that the Area Board meeting was held the previous evening and that the subject of the meeting was the new 'Localism Bill' which was designed to encourage local, voluntary involvement in a wide range of activities.

The Council discussed briefly the need or desirability of a Community Plan that would provide an agreed strategy for the development of Semington such that it could be incorporated in the Core Strategy for the region. It was mooted that such a plan should be developed professionally and that funding from it may be possible from the residue of the St George's Fund.

Tennis Court - Cllr. Vooght stated that the St George's Primary School had requested the use of the Tennis Court for an 'after school' Club. The Council **resolved** that the school could use it for this purpose and that there would be no charge.

Date of the next meeting - The Council noted the date of the next Parish Council meetings:

**Annual Parish Council Meeting:
Wednesday 18 May 2010 at 8.00pm.**

**Ordinary Parish Council Meeting:
Wednesday 18 May 2010 at 8.00pm.**

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall

Neighbourhood Policing - PCSO Baldock reported that there had been one caution issued for a drug offence and that two drivers had each been fined £120 with three penalty points imposed on their licence for ignoring the 'No Entry' sign at the northern end of the High Street. She commented that there was no other crime to report, except an assault at Steeple Ashton and a burglary at Poulshot.

The Council confirmed that the 'No Entry' sign did apply to taxi drivers. Cllr. Wade reported that a garden hose had been stolen from a garden in Church Lane but that it had not been reported to the police.

Planning - The Clerk reported that planning application W/11/01206/FUL had been received after 7 April 2011 and that this planning application related to the Gypsy and Travellers' site adjacent to the crematorium. He added that it was an application to make the site permanent. The Council **resolved** unanimously that this application raised a number of important issues that fell outside the expertise of councillors and that the services of a planning consultant is to be investigated. The Council noted that this planning application was to be an agenda item at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. It also noted that Cllr. Seed had 'called in' this application to be placed before the full Planning Committee.

The Council noted that Mr Jamie Lewis of Hunter Page Planning and Nick Cleverley of Hannick Homes had given a presentation during the Public Adjournment in relation to possible development of the field at St Georges Road. The Chair stated that this proposal, and the wish expressed by the presenters to engage parishioners in the discussion of any possible developments, would also feature at the Annual Parish Meeting. There were no other planning matters to consider.

Highways - The Chairman commented that the repair to the drains at the High Street, near to Brook Cottage, may have resolved the flooding problem – although there had been little rainfall recently.

Sports/Recreation Field - Cllr. Lockwood reported that the development of the sports field was progressing well and that a youngsters' Football Match was to take place on Good Friday at 3pm with an adult match starting at 4pm. He commented that the event is to be accompanied by a Raffle and a Bar-B-Que. He added that future work is to include the installation of a cess-pit and the creation of a 'balancing pond' to accommodate rain water.

Village Hall Improvements - Cllr. Vooght stated that he is awaiting two further quotations for the installation of the buttresses before applying to the Community Area Board for a grant.

Environment - The Council decided that there should be further bulb planting in the Autumn and **resolved** that Cllr Rimmer be authorised to spend up to £200 in acquiring new bulbs.

St. George's Church



The church is usually open and available for quiet thought and prayer. You are always welcome to come and sit for a few minutes inside or enjoy the peace on the seats on the south side of the building. If lonely or in need of a friendly chat, the folk from the village offer a listening ear. Phone Bev on 870784 or pop into the regular Thursday coffee mornings in the Village Hall.

Church Bookings - to be made through JPCC Secretary, Maureen Norton at 10 Pound Lane or telephone 871424. If you require the heating to be put. please ask at time of booking.

Toddler Praise - May 26th, 2pm in the Church, 20 minutes of songs, prayers & a story, with drinks, biscuits & chat afterwards! All ages welcome. More information, Bev Woodward, 870784

Kids' Klub - May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. Come and join us if you're in years 3-6 at school - it's just 30p, we'll be meeting at school from 6-7pm for games, stories, craft and fun. Hopefully we'll be either outside or in the new Hall! More information More information - Bev Woodward, 870784 or Maureen Norton, 871424.

31 Club - for you if you're at senior school. We meet once a month, usually on a Friday evening, sometimes at our house (31 Pound Close), and other times we go elsewhere for other activities – swimming, games, ten pin bowling etc. It's a Christian club, we have fun together, find out about God and what he thinks of things that matter to us. If you're interested in coming, contact Bev & Jack Woodward, 870784.

St George's Church Bible Study Group



The Semington Bible Study Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We have coffee and start with some sung worship. We are a very informal group which simply seeks to learn more about God in our lives; different members of the group lead the sessions, using materials from various sources. Everyone is welcome, whatever their knowledge of the Bible. Please see the Semington Diary Dates for dates and venues, as they change each time, as we meet in various homes in the village. For more information, join us in Church at a Sunday Service or phone Julia 830137.

Christians In Semington

This group meets on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome, as we pray for the needs of people in our village and community. For further information ring Julia Wade, tel. 870137 or Bev or Jack Woodward on 870784



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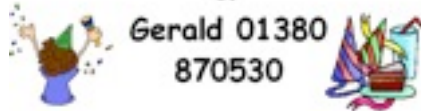
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WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

The most pressing news which is causing much discussion in the village of Semington is the application for permanent planning permission for the Travellers site next to the Crematorium. This is a very important planning application and one that is being watched very closely across the County. The temporary permission for the Travellers expires on 31st July and if they wish to remain where they are, the Ward family and their neighbours will have to obtain full planning permission from Wiltshire Council to do so. The issue has already been considered at length by members of Semington Parish Council and I have rarely heard a more balanced and considered debate than the one I listened to last week amongst your Councillors. By the time you read this, the matter will have been considered by the Annual Parish Meeting which I will attend and will listen carefully to the views of residents. I hope that residents will have had a good think about what this all means for them and also for the Traveller families who live on the current site.

Three years ago, the original application for temporary planning permission was dealt with by the former West Wiltshire District Council. There was a great deal of emotion surrounding this issue at the time and this was certainly very unhelpful. What is needed now is for a sensible consideration of the case on purely planning grounds and let it be won or lost on that basis. The very recent publication of Guidance for Travellers Sites by the Department of Culture and Local Government will certainly have a big effect on the matter. My own position as your Wiltshire Councillor is that as a member of the Planning Committee that will consider the case I must not give an opinion either way in advance of the crucial meeting and I will not do so. However I can assure all local residents that I will consider all aspects of the case very carefully and at that meeting I will properly represent all strands of local opinion as well as delivering the fair and considered opinion which I am required and elected to give. The most likely date for consideration of the Travellers application is Wednesday 25th May and the meeting will be held in Bradley Road Council Offices, Trowbridge where I suspect that I will see many local residents from both sides of the argument.

Jonathon Seed, Member Summerham and Seend Division Wiltshire Council

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Wiltshire Councillor Jonathon Seed Is asking for **volunteers** to help deliver leaflets in Semington for an hour or so once or possibly twice a year. Anyone able and willing to help should contact Jonathon on 01380 850695 or mail@jandlseed.co.uk



By the time we read our newsletter the excitement of the royal wedding will have abated and life will be returning to 'normal'. We do hope everyone enjoyed the sterling efforts of both the village hall and the pub to make sure everyone could join in the celebrations.

Much has been recorded in the media that this was the 'buy one get one free' of all bank holidays and people generally had to only take 3 days of their holiday quota to secure 11 days off. We would though just like to give thanks to those people who have to keep the country going, not only is it the emergency services, but those in retail, restaurants, bars and hotels. These guys still have to be around and working so that the majority of our nation can enjoy the BOGOF of bank holidays, so we'd like to say thank you to the unsung heroes who allow us all to enjoy our leisure time.

We've have some great photos through for the calendar and we thank you for these. But with the glorious weather we've been having and the royal wedding celebrations I am sure there must be loads more out there just begging to be included in our calendar. Please e-mail them to Carole, our editor (kempptter@btinternet.com).



2011 Semington Cricket

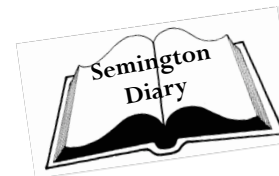
The new season is underway, with the 18 league games taking place every Wednesday at 6pm beginning Wednesday 20th April. Simon Tyler (07879 818148) and Colin Norvill (07840 297644) are co-captains again and keen to expand the squad. Please contact us if you would like to join the squad, even if just for an occasional game, friends and family very welcome (especially former professional cricketers, please).

Semington finished a respectable 7th last year in their debut season, more consistency this year should flip a few more results their way.

This year the team gleam thanks to new shirt sponsor, The Somerset Arms, who host the after-game beer & nachos. The team also now boast a growing band of merry supporters to cheer and toast every shot, catch, drop and trip.

Come along and experience the excitement of Semington's journey through the Calne Evening League 20/20 competition. Home games are at Melksham House (behind the Blue Pool in the centre of Melksham) and away games stretch from Melksham & Beanacre up to Dauntsey Green & Sutton Benger.

Come on, YOUR TEAM NEEDS YOU !



May 2011

4	Kids Club	6 - 7 pm	St George's School
	Christians in Semington	7.45 pm	10 Pound Lane
5	ELECTION DAY	6.30 am-	
	Referendum	10.30 pm	Village Hall
11	Kids Club	6 - 7 pm	St. George's School
	Bible Study	7.45 pm	Highcroft House
			High street
			(nr. Roundabout)
12	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
13	Library Van	9.50 a,m	Village Hall
15	Quiz Night	7.30 pm	Village Hall
18	Kids Club	6 - 7 pm	St. George's School
	Parish Council		
	Annual & Ordinary		
	Meeting	8 pm	Village Hall
21	Community Fun Day	12 Noon	St. George's School
	Theme Food Night	8 pm	Village Hall
25	Kids Club	6 - 7 pm	Village Hall
	Bible Study	7.45	9 Somerset Way
26	Toddler Praise	2 pm	St. George's Church
27	Library Van	9.50 am	Village Hall

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Friday	Bridge Club	10 am - 1 pm

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Details of village events and any subsequent changes by the 13th of the preceding month to Carole Kemp-Potter, The Old Manor House, High Street. Tel. 871728; or email kempptter@btinternet.com. Information will also go to Village website. Next **deadline is 13th May for June** issue.



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NATURE NOTES

This is a verse from Robert Frost's TWO TRAMPS IN MUD TIME

The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
A wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March.



Published in 1934, these sentiments seem just as true today. Although Frost was an American, there is a timeless quality about the way that they describe the fickleness of an English Spring: changeable from day to day, and hour by hour. As I write this, I'm thinking back to a recent, brilliantly blue afternoon: the sun was warm on the face, but then the temperature fell and hail drove us rapidly indoors. No wonder gardeners are often uncertain about when to plant and sow. But that's the challenge, of course: to outwit nature and what she blows our way by knowledge, cunning and guile. Looking round the village, there are a lot of us who try to do just that. It's a never-ending task that's always different with success never guaranteed, but that's part of its allure, joy and fulfilment. It's time to be outside again ...

QUIZ NIGHT



April's Easter Quiz was set by Ernie, Kevin and Dick from the Hilperton Hobos team. It was a really good quiz with rounds on Music, Trains, Planes & Automobiles, Food & Drink, Finance, Famous Cars and a Mixture, with questions such as 'What is the currency of Denmark?' 'What gives a

goulash its flavour? And 'What was the name of the car in Back to the Future?' Do you fancy a go at answering questions like that? It's great fun and there are prizes too, so do come along to the next Quiz.

This quiz was very closely fought with only 8 points separating the top and bottom scores. As it was a special Easter Quiz not only was there a prize for each round (given randomly) but the team with the lowest score also got a prize – that was the Ossie Rules team. Excitingly there were 3 teams at the top, with a score of 72½ points! They were Unit 4 plus 2, The Piglets and Two Track Minds. So there was a 3-way tie break question – which was 'What was the winning time of the 2009 Grand National Winner?' – The Piglets were the closest – well done to them. To decide second and third place the teams were asked to give the date of birth of Paul McCartney's brother Mike McGeer – the nearest was Two Track Minds.

The next Quiz will be on Sunday 15 May at 7.30p.m. Julia Wade

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Sat: 10am; 6pm (Vigil)

Rosary: Weekdays before Mass. SVP Fri
6.45pm

Confessions: Sat: 10.30-11.15am and
5-5.45pm

PARISH VISITING

The plan is to visit every home in the parish
has begun. The visitors go out in pairs and the
work will be very gentle, a matter of saying
'hello' and offering a newsletter. Volunteers
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01225 752152.

LIVING YOUR FAITH

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- Paul Bowyer 870512

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This year there will NOT be a door-to-door collection in Semington – but we can all still give a small amount and make a big difference.

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LOCAL HISTORY – NEWHOUSE FARM

We are researching the history of our home, Newhouse Farm, at Littleton and would really like to hear from anyone who can enlighten us on the early history of the house and its occupants. We believe the house was built around 1860-1870, possibly on the site of an earlier building, which does appear on older maps. Any photographs of the house and outbuildings would be much appreciated.

We have lived here since 1997, and are aware that Joseph Rogers lived here until his death in 1992. We believe he inherited the house and land from his father Robert Rogers, who died in 1951. We have been in contact with members of the Rogers family, now living in Australia.

Around 1900 the house was owned by absent land-owners, and rented by tenant farmers.

We were surprised to find out from the 1911 census that the family in residence then were another Ball family (not related to us) – William and Mary, with daughters Lilian and Eileen. There was a servant Caroline Golden also in residence.

William and Mary Ball were also listed in the 1901 census as living in Littleton, although the farm wasn't mentioned by name.

If any local residents can add to our history we would be pleased to have a chat.

Please call us on 870349.

Derek & Carole Ball

Semington WI April Meeting



Our guest speaker this month was Suzanne Askham who gave the members an enthusiastic insight into her passion, natural soap making. She had from an early age been fascinated by the pleasure of using a "New Bar of Soap" and turned her hand to the exact science of natural soap making using a variety of lovely essential oils, glycerine, soap base blocks, and caustic soda, but explained that great care must be taken in the process, and offered courses to anyone who wanted to take this interest further.

As it was the meeting before Easter, I had announced at the previous month that we were to have an Easter Bonnet competition, and some brilliant hats crept out of bags just before our refreshment break, so that Suzanne could pick the winner. It was a difficult task, as everyone deserved to win, so much effort had been made. A decision was decided on, the winner of the most outrageous hat a confection of dangling tissue paper Easter Bunnies made and worn by Sylvia Clark. I can't wait to see the press release! Perhaps these wonderful hats will make another appearance in the village on the Royal Wedding Day! The winner of our regular competition was Julie Hervin, who brought in an interesting Soap Dish. You see, we have a pattern emerging.

In the last month several of us have attended extra WI activities, a great dance day in Devizes, at which about eighty ladies all shapes, sizes and ages, let down their hair, a brilliant, and inspiring day at the Assembly Hall in Melksham, led by the TV presenter, cookery teacher, and floral expert, Sarah Raven, who showed her captivated audience how they could plan their own cutting garden. Also our own Spinners Group had a spring meeting hosted by North Bradley WI who had invited cookery expert Ruth Brooks to demonstrate 101 ways to serve up chicken.

Next month, May 12th will be our resolution evening, when we will also have a short quiz.

Carole Ball President.

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Amendments to Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWG)

Funding for listed churches has now been changed and includes a fixed budget. The Government has sought to find a solution which achieves the widest possible spread of benefit. Every quarter, it will set a cap on the amount of grant available. If the cap is exceeded, each church applying during the quarter will have its application reduced on a pro rata basis. For instance, if the grant available is £2m and total applications are £3m, each church will have its application cut by 33.3%. The LPWG Scheme is intended to cover maintenance repairs to listed churches. While not excluding insurance claims, Ecclesiastical will no longer ask churches to make grant applications following insured losses. This will allow more churches to benefit from the Scheme, and applies to new and existing claims with effect from 1 April.

Ecclesiastical have contacted the Department of Media, Culture & Sport, and will redraft the guidelines to clarify that repairs covered by insurance fall outside the scheme. Churches electing not to insure for VAT may still apply, since the VAT is uninsured and therefore eligible for grants

Why We've All Misread The Gospels

The popular Christian author NT (Tom) Wright, professor of New Testament and early Christianity at the University of St Andrews, will deliver the 2011 Sarum Theological Lectures on 9, 10, 11 and 12 May 2011 at 7pm in Salisbury Cathedral. In the course of four lectures, he will arguing that the gospels have traditionally been read either as the story of how the divine saviour died for our sins or as the story of how Jesus went about doing good, Wright, the former Bishop of Durham Wright will explore the problem, outline a basic solution, and suggest some practical ways forward. All lectures in this series will begin at 7pm in Salisbury Cathedral. Tickets cost £7 each (£24 for the series) and are available in advance from Sarum College. Tel. 01722 424806



St George's Church, Semington

Sunday, May 1st
3 pm

Thanksgiving
for Marriage

Followed by
tea and cake

SEMINGTON VILLAGE CHURCH FETE

The fete planning is coming on a pace now and there are a number of new stall and events in the pipeline, some have yet to be confirmed. I tell you more about them next month – watch this space.

Some extra help is still required for this community event, we will be supporting the building work needed at the village hall so any help will support that village asset as well as supporting the church building. We would like support for a first aider, more plants for the plant stall, some muscle to help move tables and chairs both ends of the day, and stall holders for some of the activities.

We will be using the school grounds again but they will look very different from last year. Take this as an opportunity to see a bit more of the school building, very kindly lent to us by the Head and Governor's. Thank you all. Bob Norton – phone 871424.

Bath Bus Service

Don't forget this wonderful direct service to Bath.....every Wednesday morning at 9.15 am by the Somerset Arms. The return is from Grand Parade at 1.30 pm. If it is not supported, we could loose it. The Parish Council has installed a new bus shelter just beyond the Somerset Arms. Try it out if you haven't already!

St George's Church – Grass cutting



I'm sure that most parishioners are aware that the churchyard is kept in good condition by a group of local volunteers who take it in turn to keep the grass cut and the weeds strimmed. The rota runs from mid-March to mid-October, with each volunteer being responsible for a 2-week period. The work isn't onerous – indeed it is a very pleasant way to spend a few hours in the peace and quiet of the Churchyard (apart from the sound of lawnmowers, of course).

Why am I telling you this? Well, an exciting opportunity has arisen for 2 more people to join the rota (to avoid a couple of us doing double stints!). If you have a few hours spare, and are able to help, please contact me for further details. This year we are ideally looking for people who would be able to help in September. Or, if you feel you may like to help next year, but can't fit it in for 2011, again please get in touch and I'll see what I can do.

David Wildsmith, Churchwarden 870030

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