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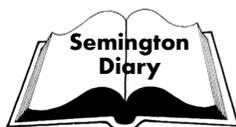


MAGAZINE

Church Services MAY 2014	St. George's Semington	St Michael's Hilperton	St. Mary Magdalen's Horse Rd Hilperton Marsh	St. Mary the Virgin Whaddon
Sunday 4th May	9.15 am Parish Communion	8 am Holy Communion 11 am Together in Worship	11 am Parish Communion	
Sunday 11th May	9.15 am Methodist Service	9.15 am Joint Anglican/Methodist Communion	6 pm Evening Worship	8 am BCP Communion
Sunday 18th May	6.00pm Evening Worship	11am Together in Worship	4 pm Tea Time Service	
Sunday 25th May	9.15 am Together in Worship	9.15 am Parish Communion 11am Methodist Service	11am Parish Communion	
Thursday 29th May Ascension Day	To be celebrated on Sunday 1st June			

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 David Wildsmith



MAY 2014

3	Cloth Road Arts Week begins		
5	MAY BANK HOLIDAY		
7	Kids' Club	6 - 7 pm	St. George's School
	Zumba	6.30pm	Village Hall
	Christians in Semington	7.45 - 9.45 pm	10 Pound Lane
9	Library Van	9.50 am	Village Hall
	Lent Course	7.45 - 9.45 pm	Highcroft House
10	Messy Church	11am-1pm	St George's School
11	Quiz Night	7.30 pm	Village Hall
14	Kid's Club	6 - 7 pm	St. George's School
14	Bible Study	7.45pm	17 Highfield Close
14	Annual PC meeting	8pm	Village Hall
15	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
22	Euro Elections	All day	Village Hall
23	Kids' Club	6 - 7 pm	Village Hall
24	Curry Night	8pm	Village Hall
25	Library Van	9.50 am	Village Hall
26	MAY BANK HOLIDAY		
28	Bible Study	7.45pm	

EVERY WEEK IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Mon.	Egyptian Dance	6.30 pm	Thur.	Coffee Morning	10 - noon
	Bingo	7.30 pm	Fri.	Bridge Club	9.15 - 1 pm
Tues.	Bridge Club	9.15 - 1 pm		WWSPA/Shine	4 - 6 pm
	Stompers	2.30 - 3.30 pm		Semingtones	6-7.30pm
Wed.	Wed. Bridge Class	9.15 - 1 pm			
	Zumba fitness	6.30pm			

MAGAZINE DEADLINES

Details of village events and any subsequent changes by the 15th of the preceding month to Maureen Norton, 10 Pound Lane Tel. 871424; or email maureen.norton1@btinternet.com
Information will also go to Village website. Next deadline is 15th May for June issue.

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Dear friends. I was privileged to be at an Easter service recently at St Michael and All Angels Church led by Hilperton School. Although the overall theme was Easter the approach they took was a refreshing look at how Easter hope could be made real in our world today. One class focussed on Dr Martin Luther King's famous 'I have a dream' speech, first delivered to 250,000 civil rights supporters on August 28th 1963. After giving a short account of it they added their own dreams for change in the world so as to make it a better place. All of their 'dreams' were well thought out but I found myself thinking, "How will people react to them?" Would the parents take them seriously or would they smile and say something like, "Oh, how sweet, what a lovely thing to say."

As it happened I strongly encouraged the parents and grandparents to take them very seriously. I happen to feel strongly about this as you will see. In the November 2013 issue I wrote, "I have observed many times that children are deeply spiritual without any help or influence from us. Their insights, when they are engaged in conversations about life issues, are often deeply profound and their grasp has an instinctive quality. The problem is that they are also impressionable and we sceptical adults do a good job of either knocking that aspect of their whole person out of them or imposing a religious system of belief on them in order to contain and shape it to our version of faith. Neither is good and neither is Godly."

I believe the same principle applies in this case. Children are, for the most part, able to get inspired about things that we have given up on long ago. We call this inspiration idealism, which means that we think their ideas worthy but unrealistic. We see the obstacles and challenges that they don't and it is really easy to deflate their fragile egos and shape them with our pessimism. What they really need is for us to take them seriously. Their dreams and visions for a better world may well be like mountains to us but what they need is for us to help them climb not prevent them from trying. If we encourage their determination to get half way then they might, in time, encourage someone to get to the top. The testimony of Martin Luther King's faith bears witness to that.

Easter hope, given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus, is not passive. It is not simply something that we think is generous of God to have given us. It is not just a nice thought. We have a real part to play in order to make Easter hope real. Jesus came to us as a mender of brokenness to transform and give real meaning to our existence as we put our faith in him. However that 'mending' in us is only fully complete as we pass it on; as we too become menders in his name in the world. The Kingdom of God is where the hungry are fed, the weak are strengthened, the sick are made whole, the captives are freed and the lonely find family etc. That doesn't happen on its own, it needs our compassionate participation, mutual encouragement (especially of our children) and passionate dreaming for a 'Kingdom' orientated world where nothing is impossible.

Every blessing. Stephen (Rector) 01225 774903 sb54rev@gmail.com

"All creation is straining on tiptoe to see the sons and daughters of God come into their own".
(Romans 8 v 19)

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 PCC Secretary, Maureen Norton at 10 Pound Lane or telephone 871424. If you require the heating to be put on, please ask at time of booking.



The Village Bible Study Group meets regularly for prayer and study—it all sounds very boring but actually we have lively, wide ranging discussions and never an evening passes without laughter between us all. Why not try us out? Ring 871424 for more information.

From the PCC:

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Sunday 16th March 2014 saw the retirement of Bob Norton as Churchwarden, a job he has undertaken for more than 10 years. We wish him well and are pleased that our other Warden David Wildsmith is willing to continue to support the parish for another year. The members of the PCC remain the same for the coming year with Victoria Shackleton as our Deanery Synod representative and Jack Woodward as our Treasurer. The PCC Secretary is yet to be decided.

Semington Housing Needs Survey

The Parish Council has asked Wiltshire Council to carry out a survey of residents in the village to get an up-to-date picture of what we think our housing needs are. The survey forms will be delivered in the middle of May. Please look out for these as a good return is important.



Fete News - July 5th

Plans are gradually coming together for this year's fete. If you are potting up plants, think about doing a few extra for the plant stall. There will be a competition to see who can make the best animal out of a fruit or vegetable, so get thinking! We need volunteers to help man the various stalls. And we need you to keep the date free to come and have fun! Last but by no means least, we have yet to choose the local charity to benefit from part of the profit.

If you have any ideas, or can help in any way, please contact Sheralyn Milburn, 870146 or Bev Woodward, 870784.

Kids' Klub - May 7th, 14th, and 21st, 6-7pm. You are welcome if you are in school years 3-6, the cost is still 30p! We play games, have stories, make things, generally have fun! More information from Bev Woodward, 870784 or Maureen Norton, 871424.

31 Club - we've got a break for the summer now and will re-start in September.

Bible Study - 7.45pm, Wednesday 14th May - 17 Highfield Close, 28th May - 31 Pound Close. Everyone welcome - we're all learning together. More information from Jack Woodward 870784.

Christians in Semington - Wednesday 7th May, 7.45 - 9pm, 10 Pound Lane. Join us to pray for our community.

Messy Church - **Saturday 10th May** 11-1pm in the school hall. There will be more activities, suitable for all ages, and lunch included so that you can forget about cooking for the day. (Suggested donation £1.) Please let us know as soon as possible if you can come, so that we have enough food! Phone Bev/Jack on 870784 or text 07922 105084. *Please note that Messy Church is for all ages, but children must bring an adult.*



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outbreak of WW1 and that representatives and Flag Bearers from the relevant branches of the Armed Services are to be present.

Any Other Business - Cllr. Smyth – A ground anchor for the Christmas Tree had now been installed and a cover fitted.

Cllr. Oglesby – He reported that some parishioners had complained about the indiscriminate vehicle parking in the village and they had enquired whether white kerbside lines could be painted on the road as a deterrent. Cllr. Smyth stated that he would speak to Stuart Renfrew and that he would seek his views.

Cllr. Rimmer asked councillors to give consideration to additional tree planting on the earth bund that is evident in the field at Littlemarsh and he asked for this to be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting. - 14 May 2014 Ordinary PC at 7.30pm. & Annual PC Meeting at 8pm

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St Bernadette's Sunday Mass - 9am **Weekday Mass** -Thursday 11 am

Confessions/Reconciliation before Mass and any time on request.

THE NEW 300 CLUB 2014

Subscriptions: £50 annually - £13 quarterly - £4.33 monthly. New members are most welcome to join at any time. Prizes are: £200-£70-£50-£10 -£5 monthly. For information and application form contact Francis Geraghty 01380 871083 email: f.geraghty303@btinternet.com

SHARING OUR FAITH—The Group meets in the Parish Centre Trowbridge on Wednesdays from 8-9pm. This is open to anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Church.

SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND—Any catholic who is sick or housebound should let Canon Liam (01225 752152) know as he would be pleased to arrange a visit and bring Holy Communion, if desired.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2014—This will take place from 22nd to 29th August. Details phone Canon Liam 01225 752152.

AUCTION OF PROMISES & SMALL GOODS—Friday 6th June in St John's Parish Centre, viewing from 7pm. Admission £2 to include wine & nibbles.

MASS TIMES at NEARBY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St Joseph's, West Lavington (01380 723572) Mass on Sunday at 9.00am

Immaculate Conception, Devizes (01380 723572) Mass on Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 10.30am and 5.00pm

St Anthony Melksham (01225 702128) Mass on Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 9.30am

St George's Warminster (01985 212329) Mass on Saturday evening 6.00pm and Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

(For information on any of the above contact Francis Geraghty 01380 871083 email: f.geraghty303@btinternet.com)

Edited draft Minutes of the Meeting held 16 April 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall

Neighbourhood Policing - PC Thomas of the Neighbourhood Policing Team reported the following incidents in Semington: a Canal boat taken from Semington and left at the bottom of the Caen Hill flight of locks; Criminal damage to two cars at Spelt Lane, Sells Green; Jardinières taken from 31 High Street; A padlock was removed and access gained to the side gate of a house in Pound Close and power tools, a power wheelbarrow and AstroTurf were stolen.

Planning - The Parish Council noted the status of the following planning applications:
14/01696/FUL 7 The Hunt Close Proposed rear extension Pending
14/01401/LBC 30 Semington House Replace existing lean-to with garden room. Re-face south end of eastern lean-to. Minor alteration works. Pending
14/02026/FUL Littleton Stables Retention of existing dwelling and construction of a single storey extension Pending
14/02175/FUL Brickfield Farm, Littleton Stables and Outbuilding Pending

The Council examined the following planning applications and **resolved** to send comments to Wiltshire Council as shown in italics:

14/02595/FUL Aidans Field Farm, Construction of an agricultural dwelling NEW
The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application provide an agricultural tie is imposed that binds the dwelling to the agricultural business.

14/03102/FUL 1 High Street Construction of flood alleviation wall and associated flood storage compensation. NEW

The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

14/03372/LBC 1 High Street Construction of flood alleviation wall and associated flood storage compensation. NEW

The Parish Council had no comment to make and requests that it is passed to the Conservation Officer for comments prior to determination.

Cllr. Scott confirmed that Wiltshire Council had agreed to undertake the 'Rural Housing Needs Survey' in May and that he was in regular contact with Julie Newitt (Wiltshire Council) regarding the process for undertaking the survey and the distribution of the survey forms. Councillors discussed how best to achieve a high return of the forms and the need to include a statement to be included with the forms indicating that the Parish Council had requested that this survey be undertaken.

The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council had stated that the Enforcement Officer had not yet completed his investigation into the unauthorised Day Room (Planning application W/12/02148/FUL and Appeal Hearing APP/Y3940/A/11/2156159). The Clerk stated that he will continue to pursue Wiltshire Council for a response.

Highways/Environment - Cllr. Rimmer asked that Stuart Renfrew be requested to clear the path alongside the church. Cllr. Robinson stated that the exact coordinates of the rotunda had been established and the Council agreed the final wording of the plaque. Cllr. Robinson commented that he was intending to mount it on the wall of the Village Hall – subject to obtaining the necessary permission. Councillors commented that perhaps some reference should be made on the plaque to re-opening the capsule in twenty-five or fifty years' time.

Cllr. Bowyer confirmed that he was preparing the statement that accompanies the Entry Form for the Best Kept Village competition and Cllr. Smyth passed him the Entry Form to complete.

Semington War Memorial - The Clerk reported that £3607 had been donated to date. The Council noted that there is to be a Dedication Service at St George's Church, Semington on Sunday 3 August 2014 at 3pm – the day before the centenary of the

What's on at the LOCAL:

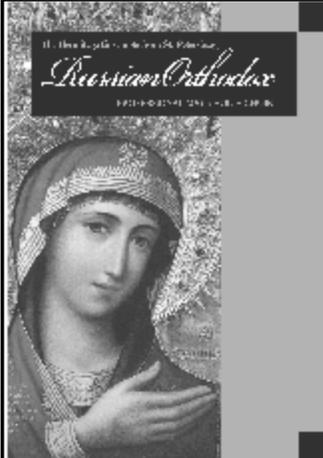
Beer and Cider Festival 2-4th May

Friday evening 2nd and Sunday 4th Live music and Open Mic for those who want to play. Fri and Sunday free entry

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Further donations for costs on the night welcome	
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Their website hermitage.seenworks.com	



We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of condolence on the occasion of Jim's death. They were a great comfort to us all.

Margaret Walker & Family

Stop Press

Sadly I have to report that Carole Kemp-Potter died peacefully on Wednesday 16th April. Our thoughts and prayers are with David, her husband and her family. The funeral will be at the Crematorium at 3.15pm on Friday 2nd May.

Maureen Norton (Temporary Editor)

PS Thank you to all those who contribute to the Magazine for your patience and help. I offer my apologies for any errors this month.

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Race Night

The race night on Friday 28th March held between The Consortium and Semington Football Club was a great success. Over 70 people attended on the evening and the event raised £1338. The football club and The Consortium's charity Wiltshire Air Ambulance both receive £669 each. A big thank you to Kevin Lockwood and Rob Bray for being the auctioneers on the evening and for Marilyn Taylor looking after the money with George, Cameron, George and Archie.

Looking forward to the next one

Stuart Taylor

Semington B Mens Skittles

We managed to avoid relegation on the very last game of the season, after what seemed to be a long second half of the season after starting very well back in September. We managed to get to a quarter final of 2 cup competitions but couldn't quite make it to a finals night.

Highest average of the season was Stuart Taylor with 25.11

Most spares goes to Tony Rosling and Nigel Taylor both with 4

Most ducks goes to Tony Rosling with 16

Highest score of the season was Martin Bray with 44

The ever present this season were Ken Clark and Tony Rosling who played all 20 league games.



Stuart Taylor

Semington Ladies A Skittles Team



We have just finished a very eventful season. At the end of the first half we were second then after Christmas we had a few bad weeks that put us back in the middle, but we pulled it out at the end and we finished 2nd in the Premier League. Very well done

Ladies. Maureen Price finished First in the Averages with 33.38. Rose Lockwood had the most Spares in the season with a total of 5. A few of us took part in the Ladies Singles Skittle Night in which Sarah Rosling came Second. We have two pairs entered in the Pairs comp (one as last years Champions), so here's hoping. We are now looking forward to our end of season meal for which we are going to the Golden Fleece, Shaw. Once again WELL DONE LADIES. Looking forward to next season.

Marilyn Taylor



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Saturday 3rd MAY – Sunday 11th MAY 2014

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I am hosting an exhibition here again in Semington – at **13 High Street**, with an exhibition of hand-painted glassware. I am very pleased that **Sylvia Bell** another Semington resident is joining me again along with two other artists, exhibiting here for the first time:

Sue Cook a talented painter and printmaker

Ann Haber who creates unusual exquisite handbag shaped cards using fabric silk and organza. Also cards and paintings using various techniques including ink blending, stamping and sponging.

This time **Sylvia** has turned her very talented hand to practical textile accessories, including beautiful cushion covers, showing off her stitching and fabric techniques with colour and tactile textures.

Everyone will be most welcome and for those of you who would like to have a go – glass painting workshops are on offer.

Look out for posters and pick up a **free** brochure with trail map, available locally from Tourist Information centres, libraries and cafes, giving full details of participating artists and venues with opening times. Should you be unable to locate a copy, collect one from 13 High Street or download one from the Cloth Road website: www.clothroadartists.com

I look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a very eye-catching exhibition.

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Home Thoughts from Abroad

Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England – now!!

And after April, when May follows,
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows!
Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover
Blossoms and dewdrops – at the bent spray's edge –
That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,
Lest you should think he never could recapture
The first fine careless rapture!
And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew
The buttercups, the little children's dower
Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower!

Robert Browning. Just so, what's more to be said?



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The April/Easter Quiz was set by the Infamous Five, Pam, David, Bob, Sue and Geoff and was a very entertaining one, by all accounts. The team decided to ring the changes and have Jokers, so each team could double their score on the round when they played their Joker. They also set 8 rounds of 10 questions rather than the usual 6 rounds of 15. There were chocolate egg prizes for each round, awarded randomly. Thanks to Marilyn and Gerald for organising that and to the Infamous Five for setting the quiz. Sadly, there were only 5 teams attending, one of whom was Billy-no-mates, Colin, whose family let him down dreadfully and left him on his own! (Sorry, Col!)

Pete and Lesley won the Marathon, which was to identify photos of newsreaders. The main quiz was won by Terry's Turnips (Neil, Jackie, Margaret and the youngest turnips) on 64 points. Second were J for Joy on 59½ and 3rd was team Guess Who (consisting of Colin, on his own J), just 1 point behind.

Sample questions were, Santander is a bank named after a town in which country? and which of the famous WW1 war poets lived at Heytesbury House, near Westbury? Answers below.

The May Quiz will be set by Brian Smyth and Steve Rimmer.

Julia Wade

THE NEXT DATES FOR THE SEMINGTON QUIZ ARE SUNDAY 11 MAY AND 15 JUNE. You would be very welcome and, if you haven't anyone to come with, then we can easily put you in a team. Teams are of up to 6 people. It costs just £1 for each player and an extra £1 per team for the Marathon, which includes a bowl of nibbles for each team. There are prizes for at least the first 2 teams in the main quiz and for the winners of the marathon and there is a raffle draw too.

Answers: Spain and Siegfried Sassoon,

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

The flood waters have receded and that heralds the start of the remedial work and clear up for all those who have tragically been affected by flooding in the County. Wiltshire Council has been very busy trying to help all of the over 500 residents whose dwellings have been flooded in recent months. We are now prioritising and organising funding for the drainage schemes which will help to alleviate future flooding for communities and by the time you receive this message we will have started work on some of these schemes. Government is also helping with grant funding towards our Wiltshire flooding costs as well as a grant of £5000 per flooded house for individual household flood defences. It is good that our Government is showing such deep and genuine concern over the recent flooding of our County and by the end of this month I will have met the Secretary of State for the Environment, Owen Patterson MP, twice to discuss flooding in Wiltshire. In my opinion it is important that all tiers of government are properly joined up when dealing with natural disasters and we have all done our bit to achieve that in recent months.

The winter has also taken wreaked havoc on our highways which are in a dreadful state as a result of the floods combined with short spells of very cold weather. Wiltshire Council has been given some funding from central Government to deal with the state of our roads but not enough to get our highways in the condition that we all want them to be in. That is why Wiltshire Council has recently approved a major £52 million programme of investment in highway maintenance over the next six years which will see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network. This is money that we have had to prioritise away from other worthy causes but people tell us that pothole repair and highway maintenance is a priority and the Council has listened and invested accordingly.

April sees the Annual Parish Meetings in most villages and I really look forward to getting around all of our seven villages, reporting to these meetings and catching up with so many residents who turn out to see what is going on in our villages.

Jonathon Seed

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been a sudden increase in nuisance tele-
phone calls - you know the one "This is Microsoft and
we've detected a problem on your computer. But don't

worry we can put it right – just give us your bank details....."!
These are all lies. They are not from Microsoft, and it is not possible for
someone from outside to detect a problem on your computer. All they
want is your bank details so they can empty your account. Don't enter into
conversation - just put the phone down.

There has been a theft of a jardinière (pot stand) from a house in the High
Street, and on the 9th and 28th March a padlock was removed from a side
gate and thieves stole two Mortimer power barrows, a Bosch Jack ham-
mer, a Gray Code sprayer, and astro turf from the property in Pound Close.
These are the crimes reported to the police – it's always worth giving them
a ring (101) even if you think they won't do anything about it. It goes into
their diary and helps them to build up a more complete picture of the
crime scenes. There has also been a report of pilfering from ladies'
handbags in shops – remember to keep it closed at all times when you're
not using it.

Paul Bowyer 870512



Here are some words from Semington Cricket...

Well folks the new season has begun. As you read this we are
underway, first game on Wednesday 16th April was against the
feisty Calne, Sporting Semington put out a strong team and as I
type this (two days before the game) I so much want to write of
our emphatic victory, but daren't tempt the cricketing angels.

Wednesday 23rd April sees us host the league's strongest team, Goatacre,
thereafter we have 16 more games... every Wednesday at 6pm through the
summer. Please come along to be dazzled, amazed and lend a cheer. Home
games are behind Melksham House.

And of course if you would like to join the Semington All Stars one week, let
Simon Tyler know (07879 818148).

Simon Tyler



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St. George's School: a place of learning, caring and sharing

The school has recently been involved in fundraising activities. First of all, the Friends of the school held a very successful jumble sale raising over £700 to go towards a fundraising drive to build a path around the school playing field. They then followed this up with the very well attended Chocolate Bingo afternoon and raised almost £200.



Thirdly the School Council raised about £70 for Sports Relief by coming to school dressed as sports heroes. The children and some of the staff turned up in a wonderful range of sports clothing. The headteacher even had the opportunity to pretend to be one of his childhood heroes – the legendary Graham Gooch (both Essex and England cricket captain)! As well as getting dressed up, as: gymnasts; footballers; ballet dancers; rugby players and the duo from the 118 118 adverts, the children enjoyed an afternoon of sports relays in mixed year groups with the older children supporting and encouraging the younger children. Everyone enjoying exercise and developing skills whilst having fun.

Our school council have also planted two new trees on our school grounds this week. The school were approached by an organisation seeking to maintain Wiltshire Apple Trees. We have been given two Wiltshire varieties: the Roundway Magnum Bonum and Julia's Late Golden. If you'd like to know more about this then please visit www.communitywalk.com/trowbridgeapplemap or www.bigcommunitygrow.org.

As mentioned in the last Parish News the school was looking to appoint a new clerical assistant to support Angela our administrator in the school office. We are pleased to announce that this will be Jessica Burry. Those of you familiar with the school will know her from the wonderful work she did with us as part of our after school provision.



Children from the school also took part in two local events. Our Yr 4, 5 & 6s took part in a Country Dancing Festival, whilst another group of children represented the school at the area hockey tournament – ending up the winners!

Finally we also had a wonderful Easter Service. The children not only performed their year group presentations really well but also sang beautifully and the Year 6 children did a great job with their readings. I was extremely proud of them all. Thank you to all those who came and supported us. There was a great sense of community and the children clearly enjoyed the experience.

Gordon Campbell,
Headteacher

