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JUNE 2015

4th	Thursday	Skittles	7.30pm	Village Hall
11th	Thursday	SEM WI	7.30pm	Village Hall
14th	Sunday	Quiz Night	7.30pm	Village Hall
17th	Wed	PC Meeting	8pm	Village Hall
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VILLAGE EVENTS & NEWS

<u>Bible Study</u> - 7.45pm, Wednesdays 10th & 24th June - Everyone welcome - we're all learning together. More information, including venues, from Jack Woodward 870784.

<u>Christians in Semington</u> - Wednesday 3rd June, 7.45 - 9pm, 9 Somerset Way. Join us to pray for our community.



Try to remember the good times, Erase from your mind all the bad, Think of the times you were happy, Not of the days you were sad.

Bury the hurts you were given, Banish them deep underground, The past is a patchwork of memories, Treasure the bright squares that you've found.

You may regret what has happened, You may deplore what is past, But make happy memories tomorrow, And prey they're the ones that will last.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

I know it's only May but I seem to have been busier than ever! Have you? Family events going on, Village fetes, Scarecrow trails, Bring and Buy, Charity runs,

When will it all end! Well, I suppose it's better being like this than sitting at home watching TV and letting the world go by!

Remember last month when I gave you the IT tip: do your backups and keep the external drive hidden away? Well there is an more important tip. **Make sure you can restore the files from your backups by carrying out a trial restore!** It sounds obvious, but it is only when you try to restore your files that you realise you have something missing, like "I don't have a boot recovery disc" or "I forgot to save my email files", etc.



Semington WI May meeting

the women

Thursday 14th May saw Semington WI silenced for a whole twenty minutes!! Our guest speaker, Lesley Jefferson, told us all about Brain Training Techniques for Weight Loss. She uses the power of

the mind rather than dieting, hence putting us into an hypnotic state by relaxing us and introducing recognition of listening to our bodies, etc. it was very informative and enjoyed by all. Something definitely to be tried.

It was great to see some new faces at the meeting and it would be lovely to see more.

Next month we are looking back on Semington with one of our members who was born in Semington and has lived here all her life.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday June 11th.

Deb Hurn

Armstrongs Angels Skittles

The team finished sixth in division two, with Mary Wiscombe having the highest average, 29 pins, and the highest score of 42 pins. Not many spares this season with Mary, Karen Newbrook and Gillian Airey each getting one. Cindy Wyllie was our most improved player, moving from eighth in the averages to second! We entered both the Knock Out and Front Pin cups but never made it past the first round. Thanks go to Andrea Bowland as Vice Captain, Anne Barnett for organising the taxi and being our social secretary, Sophie James as our sticker up (and for being a great player, fourth in the averages) and finally Sally Rigg for doing the board. Special thanks this year to Gillian and Lesley Williams for keeping me company at the bottom of the averages!

Unfortunately the season ended on a sad note as two of our long standing players decided it was time to take a well-earned rest. Anne Barnett, who tells us she has played skittles for over fifty years, was my Vice Captain for many years and kept us all organised with taxis to away games and various social gatherings. Mary Wiscombe who has been our best player for the last three seasons. Both Anne and Mary have rarely missed a match (except for their annual trips away together with their husbands) and we will miss you, but thank you both for signing on as spares in case we need you next season.

Rose Costello, Captain

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As your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, I can provide information about the many local sources of help and support available to carers. This includes Carer Support Wiltshire who can provide a wealth of information, advice, support and training. Many other groups such as Alzheimer's Support and Parkinson's UK are able to help carers too.

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May's quiz was set by Sue, Steve and Emma, who were congratulated on a very well balanced quiz by the five teams present, with everyone scoring well, so many thanks to them.

The Marathon was a set of photos of characters from detective series and films and you had to identify the character and the show, and, if the character's name was in the show title you had to provide the full name of the character... quite a challenge! So, for Kojak, you also had to say his name was Theo Kojak. As Steve said, it was a closely fought contest... nobody knew anything! (It took till the break for any teams to submit their entry.) However, the winners proved they have watched far too much telly and got 62/80 points: Team Ooh Aah! - myself, Colin and Helen.

Sue and Steve declined the use of quarter and three-quarter points this month, which made adding up a bit easier. There were rounds on Current Events (e.g., what was Princess Charlotte's birthweight?), Science, Music, Cornwall and Food & Drink (e.g., what two dishes are named after an Australian opera singer?). For the Music Round the titles of songs had a connection to be discovered - a colour in each was the link, e.g., Golden Brown, Lily the Pink, White Flag, etc. Two teams were neck and neck going into the final round, which was on the Election. In the end Team Ooh Aah! were the winners from Terry's Turnips, by 2 points.

We would love to see more people coming to the quiz, so do give it a go. It doesn't matter if you come on your own, we can put you in a team.

The next quiz will be set by the Close Friends team.

Julia Wade

NEXT QUIZ: SUNDAY 14 JUNE AND 12 JULY, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

ANSWERS: PRINCESS CHARLOTTE'S BIRTHWEIGHT WAS 81b 3oz, PEACH MELBA AND MELBA TOAST (NAMED AFTER DAME NELLY MELBA)



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

After the longest general election campaign in history we now have the most surprising result in 25 years and one which the polls had absolutely wrong. That is interesting and I have no idea how they collate their data but all they had to do was knock on doors and ask a straightforward question. Had they done this and they would have come to the same conclusion as I did weeks before the election. Wiltshire folk are very straightforward and honest and they do not look people in the eye and mislead them and therefore I formed my own opinion based on the smiles and winks that I received after knocking on literally hundreds of doors during the campaign and the people, not the polls, were right!

So here we are with a settled Westminster government for the next five years. This will produce its own challenges for local government and we are still uncertain of the detail. However there is one aspect that is certain and that is that there will be less money available for local government and thus those of us who work in County Hall will have to do more with less and do it more efficiently. This will involve new ways of working but also the removal of some valued services for which we have no statutory responsibility and we have seen this with some services already.

Locally we are changing the way we do things and again we have seen an example of this with our Community Youth Services. There is sometimes positive spin off with some efficiencies and one of these is the Melksham Community Area Youth Mini Bus which was purchased from Seend and which now ferries our youth around at minimal cost. However it is available for community use during term time and during the day. If any villagers want to get together to use the bus to get into Melksham, do a mornings shopping and then attend a lunch club or have lunch out then do let me know as this is now a real and affordable possibility.

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St George's continues to be busy with the many exciting changes resulting from our academy status with the ATOM group (Academy Trust of Melksham).

In the second week of May our Year 6 pupils sat their SATs tests, we are sure they have done their best and wish them well with their results.

We are delighted to be able to tell you that the Semington Slog, held on Saturday 9th May, was a great success. There were lots of entrants for the 10k and the Fun Run, and much positive feedback. The weather stayed fine and a good time was had by all.

There are lots of exciting events planned as the summer terms progress; some pupils are participating in our new clubs - Girls' Football Club and Fizz Pop Science, which begin in term 6. There will also be a school disco at the end of June organised by the Friends of St George's.

Our Year 6's are off on a residential trip to Croft Farm from the 22nd to 26th June. Croft Farm Activity Centre is in the heart of the Cotswolds, near Tewkesbury. There are lots of opportunities for water-based fun on its own 12 acre lake and the nearby River Avon. We are sure they will have a fantastic time.

Headteacher: Mr Gordon Campbell

Race Night

St. John's Parish Centre, Wingfield Road, Trowbridge, BA14 9EA

Friday, 5th June, 2015

Doors open 7.30 p.m. First race 7.45p.m.

Tickets: $\pounds 3$ to include a race programme and tea/coffee and cake

This is a fundraising event for Mollie, one of our Explorer Scouts, who has been selected to be part of the Wiltshire contingent to go to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in August 2015. Mollie has to raise funds for herself and a Scout from a developing country to attend the Jamboree.

To purchase your tickets please contact::

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Auction of Promises (& Small Goods)

Friday 19th June from 7.00pm

St John's Parish Centre

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Date: Saturday 4th July

Venue: St George's School Field

Time: 2.00pm

With just one month to go until our annual Village Fete, here are a few reminders and requests:

Volunteers - If you are able to volunteer with setting up before the Fete and tidying up afterwards and/or helping to run the many stalls during the afternoon, please contact me.

Teas - We are looking for someone to head up and organise the Teas on the day of the Fete. Please contact me or Bev Woodward (01380 870784) if you would like to do this.

Prizes for Silent Auction - The Silent Auction is always popular and we would greatly appreciate your donations of prizes for this event.

Don't forget! - Potted-up plants for the plant stall, books, gifts, toys, items for Granny's Attic and cakes! A collector will put a note through your door and call for your donations in the week before the Fete, so please start getting items together now.

And finally....Come along to St George's School on 4th July for an afternoon of fun and entertainment for the whole family!

Victoria Shackleton (01380 871936)

STEEPLE ASHTON'S INDEPENDENCE DAY FROLIC - 4th July

And don't forget, after our fete, please join the combined picnic and Church organ concert in the Manor gardens at Steeple Ashton in aid of their Church preservation trust. Picnic tables and chairs will be available on a first-come basis with wine for sale from 5.30pm onwards.

Peter King, the acclaimed Bath Abbey organist will showcase American organ music in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm. Centre aisle tickets, entry to the Manor gardens, a welcoming glass of fizz with apple pie and cream to close the evening, cost £20 each. (Concert only, side aisles are £10 each, children under 12 free, under 16, half-price.)

Contact: John Aeberhard 01380 870602 Email: aeberhard@btinternet.com



NATURE NOTES

O WERE my Love yon lilac fair, Wi' purple blossoms to the spring, And I, a bird to shelter there, When wearied on my little wing! How I wad mourn when it was torn By autumn wild and winter rude! But I wad sing on wanton wing, When youthfu' May its bloom renew'd.

O gin my love were yon red rose, That grows upon the castle wa'; And I mysel a drap o' dew, Into her bonie breast to fa'! O there, beyond expression blest, I'd feast on beauty a' the night; Seal'd on her silk-saft faulds to rest, Till fley'd awa by Phoebus' light!

Robert Burns wrote this in 1793, towards the end of his life. It's as much about roses as the lilac, but isn't the best known of his rose songs. You will usually hear it sung to the traditional tune *Hughie Graham* (who was a notorious cattle thief who terrorized the debatable lands between England and Scotland in the mid-16th century).

THE BOOK CLUB



Bookclub met on Thursday 23rd April and discussed The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt. It was a very long book but the majority enjoyed it and thought it was well written with a good story line and great characters. It had a very complex ending and one member thought the book could have been shorter.

The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. in the Somerset Arms and we will be discussing **Never Let Me Go** by Kazuo Ishiguro. All welcome.

Angela Grodzicka 870756



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Thefts: The theft has been reported of an adult mountain bike from a locked shed. There have been 2 thefts of electric fences within the last 2/3 days in the areas of Great Hinton and Keevil. If you see anything suspicious please contact the police. There have been fours sheds broken into overnight in the Melksham area. Bicycles and other smaller items have been stolen. There has been a theft from the back garden of a house in Bulkington Road - a Dewalt Double Bevel Mitre Saw and stand were left in the garden under a tarpaulin.

Please ensure that your sheds are locked and anything of value locked again if possible. Please ensure you have noted down any serial numbers or identifying marks so that if stolen property is located it can be reunited with the owner. (See also the last paragraph). There have also been instances where offenders are stealing from unlocked cars. **Please ensure you lock your vehicle and that no belongings are left on display.** More information about garden security can be found on: http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/crime-preventionreduction/garden

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Paul Bowyer 870512

Edited Minutes - Parish Council (PC) meeting 20 May 2015

Present: Cllrs. R Oglesby, P Bowyer, K Lockwood, W Scott, B Smyth, C Wade and the Clerk, R Coleman. Wiltshire Cllr. J Seed (Part-time), PCSO Maggie Ledbury, N'hood Policing Team (Part-time). A letter of resignation from Cllr. Dobbyn, effective immediately, had been received.

Neighbourhood Policing: PCSO Ledbury reported no Semington incidents, but in nearby villages:

Great Hinton and Keevil – Electric Fence energisers stolen together with some fencing. Bulkington – Screen wash stolen from a car port, two chain saws and a strimmer stolen from a garage and a large industrial saw stolen from a garden.

Also a cold-caller at Bowerhill offering to repair a roof of an elderly resident and requesting a large sum of money for doing so. The resident resisted the advances and the police were alerted.

Wiltshire Council Report: Cllr. Seed reported on the latest developments with the local traveller sites. He requested that Semington parishioners remain vigilant in respect of anv unauthorised works. He had noted the response from Wiltshire Council, Alistair Cunningham, to the questions posed by Cllr. Scott in relation to the Greenacres site. He believed that the interpretation of the Appeal Inspector's Report into an earlier planning application at Greenacres by Wiltshire Council officers was wrong. He was also disappointed that the recent application was determined by the Strategic Planning Committee and not the Western Area Planning Committee. Cllr. Seed stated that a revised version of the proposed "Settlement Boundaries" was to be issued soon.

Finance: detail available on request. The PC agreed the following payments: Carers Wiltshire (Independent Living Centre) -£100 and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust - £50

Planning:

14/10797/FUL **APPROVED** Greenacres Mobile Park: Change of use of agricultural land to create 6 additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches with associated ancillary development.

15/01251/FUL **REFUSED** 14 The Knapps: Erection of 4 bed bungalow & garage

15/02347/CLE **PENDING** 33 Littleton Willows: Residential Use (Certificate of Lawfulness)

15/03888/FUL **NEW** 16 Church Street: Single storey extension to front with two storey extension to the rear and detached garage.

The Parish Council had no comments ref. 15/03888/FUL.

Defibrillator: Now received from South West Ambulance Service and passed to Cllr. Oglesby for safe keeping. The cabinet order has been

placed and delivery expected in the near future.

Highways/Environment:

(a) Cllr. Smyth reported on a meeting with Andy Cadwallader (Wiltshire Council), and stated that a number of tasks were agreed and that some of these tasks, such as grass cutting on the bank, had already been completed. Weed killing was scheduled for tomorrow.

(b) Clirs. Smyth & Rimmer had examined Information Boards at Bowerhill and Berryfields and had concluded that something similar would suit Semington. The Chairman asked Clir. Smyth to make enquiries of Melksham Without Parish Council and/or Melksham Town Council regarding the manufacturer of these boards and the origin of the artwork and to report back at the next PC meeting.

(c) Cllr. Smyth reported that Wiltshire Council has confirmed that some tree planting can take place on the wide verge opposite to the crematorium provided such trees are no further than three metres from the existing fence. Cllrs. Smyth & Rimmer were requested to prepare a planting plan for discussion at the next PC meeting.

(d) Cllrs. Smyth, Scott & Rimmer undertook a litter-pick with Lee Norris & Joseph Pinnell. The PC thanked all involved.

(e) Cllr. Wade said the local Scout Group is looking for funds to support its development. The Clerk suggested that it may be better for the Scout Group to apply to the Area Board for a grant. Cllrs. commented that although the Scout Hut is in Semington it is a Trowbridge based Scout Group.

Melksham Community Area Board/Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Meetings: Cllr. Bowyer had attended the recent CATG meeting and he had been informed that it was too early for the CATG to consider the application for yellow lines on the Canal Bridge.

Wilts & Berks Canal: The Clerk read out a letter from a parishioner related to the proposed canal-side development. She should be advised to send her letter to Wiltshire Council and to Jock MacKenzie – Project Manager for the development. The Clerk would add an Agenda item for the next meeting to address how best to handle representations from parishioners relating to the proposed canal-side development

Dates of Next Meetings:

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 17 June 2015 at 8pm. Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 29 July 2015 at 8pm. Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 16 September 2015 at 8pm. Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 14 October 2015 at 8pm. Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 11 November 2015 at 8pm. Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 16 December 2015 at 8pm.

R Oglesby Chairman, Semington Parish Council

CANAL DEVELOPMENT

A good number of villagers attended April's Annual Parish Meeting, where a presentation of the pre-application proposal for the Melksham Link of the Wilts & Berks Canal and accompanying developments was made. I understand that all villagers should also have received a map showing the development, from the Parish Council.

It is possible though, that some villagers are still unaware of the details of the pre-application proposal and so I would encourage you to look at the documents online, as this will affect us all. The 'Master Plan' (as it was referred to) can be found via the following link: http:// www.melkshamlink.org.uk and from there follow the link to the actual Landscape Plan http://www.wiltsandberkscanal.org.uk/files/studies/mcl% 20landscape%20masterplan%20report%20150317lr.pdf where you can see the map on page 61 of this 70 page document.

There are also more detailed maps and descriptions on subsequent pages. This includes 600 houses, a waterside pub & restaurant, hotel & spa garden, commercial units, marina, camping/glamping holiday village (up to 70 acres next to Semington Brook) a Public Square at the junction of the K&A canal and the new Melksham Link (of the Wilts & Berks Canal), which would be for large gatherings and events and is a possible alternative location of the proposed pub, a primary school, a rare breeds farm, a wetlands nature reserve, etc.

At the Annual Parish Meeting Councillor Seed encouraged villagers to send their views directly to the Parish Council. At this **pre**-application consultation stage this is particularly important. This can be done by emailing the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Roger Coleman, at roger.p.coleman@btinternet.com with a copy to the Chair of the Parish Council, Mr Robert Oglesby, at raoglesby@aol.com Alternatively, you could write to the Clerk at 2 The Laurels, Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 2AX.

You can also find a petition via the Semington Village website, but <u>please</u> write to the Parish Council, to express your view, whatever it is.

Julia Wade

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends, last Bank Holiday Monday I went sausage hunting with my grandson Castiel (4½). The hunt went on for two hours or so and was exhausting (for me at least). We nearly caught a sausage but we were not quite quick enough. I was badly bitten by a wild and rather bad tempered Cumberland sausage (bramble) and had to seek treatment so that the bite would not become infected. Of course, there will be those sceptics among you who will be saying that this is not real; but you would be wrong – I have wounds to prove it.

What fascinated me was the way Castiel was totally engrossed in this imaginary escapade in such a detailed way for so long. It struck me again how children, especially those so young really do live in the moment. When they do think of the future their thoughts are often of something exciting that they are looking forward to.

How different children are to us grown-ups. Living in the moment can be very difficult for us; and how complex we are. I wonder, for you, where the focus of your day to day living is. Some people spend lots of time dwelling on the past. In the worst cases some are crippled by guilt -of what might have been or by some irrevocable choice; by a moment of anger perhaps. Others fret about the future; again, some so much so that the worry consumes their every thought. A few live in both the past and the future. Clearly there are many different levels of this behaviour but the result for many of us is that living in the present and enjoying life to the full is a luxury and yet, crucially, that is where real life is.

Life can be great; life can be difficult. I cannot know what you are dealing with because I am not you. However, I can share what I have experienced – maybe that will help. When, through no fault of my own (though I had to take responsibility for it) we went into bankruptcy, we lost our livelihood and our house, my father died and we had to

move in with Lorna's Mum, life looked pretty grim. I dwelt rather morbidly on the past and worried copiously about the future. That process left me with nothing to give my family. I realised very quickly that this had the smell of death – that is how it felt – and that I needed to come back to living in the moment. There was nothing that I could do about the past and there was little I could do about the future unless we worked together (not worried) from the reality of the present.

What is true and real is important at these moments. What helped me was being asked questions like, "What is the worst that can happen and, what is the best? I quickly realised that the worst had not happened and the best, though far off, was getting back to normality. Sometimes we can manage this on our own and sometimes we need help in the form of a friend or counsellor. What doesn't work is staying where we are.

Jesus said, *"I have come that you (they) might have life and have to the full." (John 10: 10).* This where I am personally; through faith in Jesus I have been forgiven the guilt of the past and I have no fear or worry about the future. If you want this to be your story too then call me and see how it can be.

Every blessing

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Mia Josie Burry was baptised on 26th April. We pray that God will bless her and her family, and that as she grows she will experience God's love for herself.

St. Michael's Hilperton with St. Mary's Whaddon St. George's, Semington St. Paul's Staverton with St. Mary Magdalen, Hilperton Marsh

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June 2015 Sunday Services

St. George's Semington

7th	June	9.15am	Parish Communion
14th	June	9.15am	Morning Worship
21st	June	6pm	Evening Prayer
28th	June	9.15am	Together in Worship

St. Michael's Hilperton

7th	June 8am	Holy Communion / 11am Together in Worship
14th	June 9.15am	Parish Communion / 11am Methodist Service
21st	June 10am	Together in Worship (Note the new time!)
28h	June 9.15am	Parish Communion / 11am Methodist Service

St. Mary Magdalen Hilperton Marsh

7th	June	11pm	Parish Communion
14th	June	6pm	Evening Worship
28th	June	11am	Parish Communion

St. Mary's Whaddon

14th June 8am BCP Communion