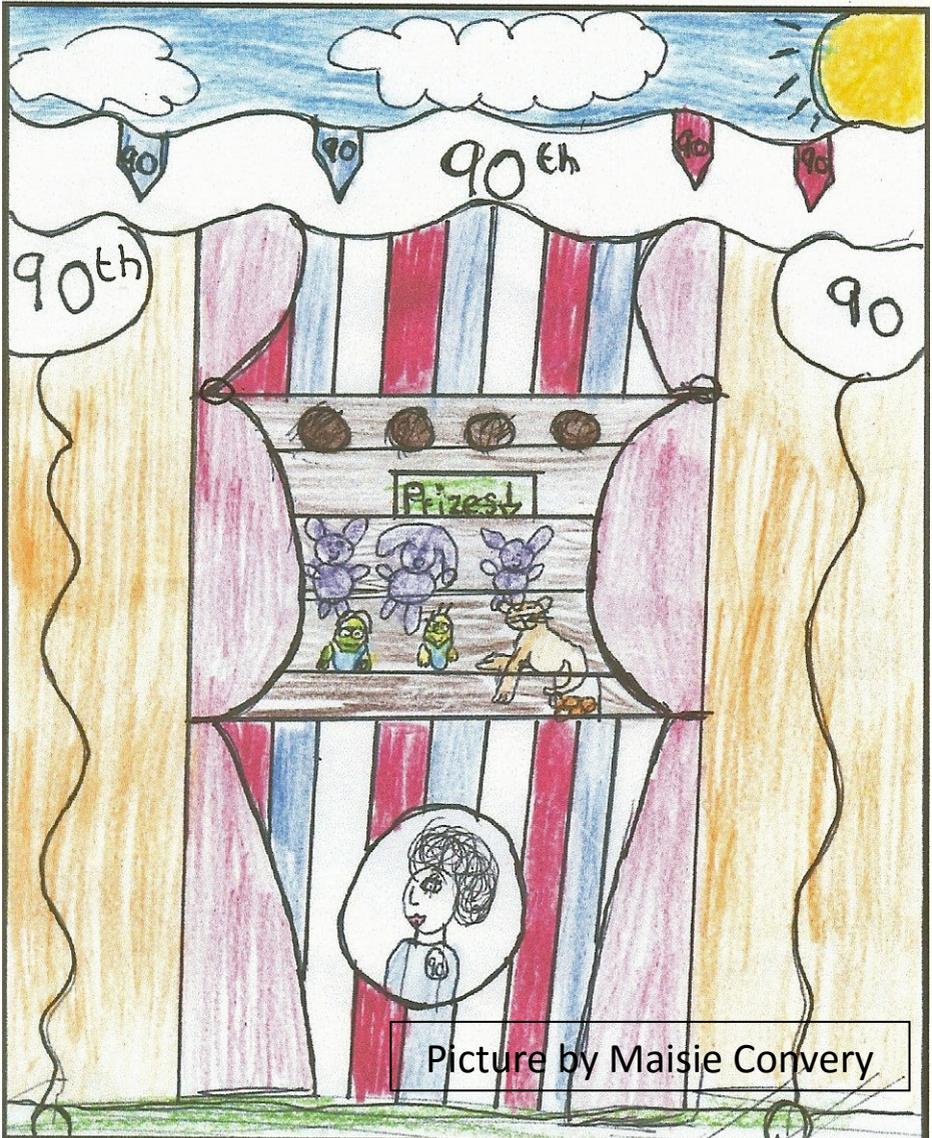
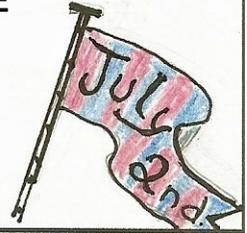
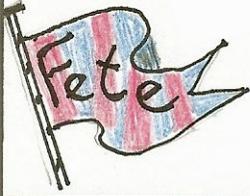


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VILLAGE FETE

2pm St. George's School
Entry £1, children Free



Picture by Maisie Convery

Looking 50 is great if you're 60, not so good if you're 40!

Semington Diary



JULY 2016 **(in the Village Hall unless stated)**

2nd Sat	Village Fete (St. George's School)	2pm
7th Thu	Skittles – Chippenham League	8pm
14th Thu	WI (Lowden Garden Centre)	2.30pm
17th Sun	Quiz Night	7.30pm
20th Wed	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
28th Thu	Skittles – Chippenham League	8pm
28th Thu	Book Club (Somerset Arms)	7.30pm

AUGUST 2016

3rd Wed	Zumba (restarting)	6.15pm
11th Thu	WI (St. George's School)	7.30pm
29th Mon	GB Railway (Keevil)	see page 17

EVERY WEEK IN THE VILLAGE HALL **(unless otherwise stated)**

Bingo	Monday	7.30pm
Post Office	Monday & Thursday	9.30am - 12.30
Stompers	Tuesday	2.30 - 3.30pm
Bridge Club	Tuesday & Friday	9am - 1pm
Coffee Morning	Thursday	10 - 12noon
Semingtones Choir	Friday	6 - 7.30pm
Baby/Toddler Group	Tuesday	10 - 11.30am
Zumba fitness	Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30pm
Zumba Beginners	Wednesday	7.15pm
	(Zumba Beginners at St. George's School)	
Men's Choir	Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30pm
	(Vocal training for men 29th June - 27th July)	
Musical Theatre	Wednesday	4.45 - 6.15pm
	(Tuition for 8-14 year olds)	
Alzheimer's Support	2nd Thursday of each month	10 - 12noon

Half a can is better than a whole can't.



VILLAGE EVENTS & NEWS

Housegroup - join us to drink tea/coffee, chat & have a laugh, and look at things in the Bible. You'd be very welcome. This month we're meeting on 13th and 27th at 7.45pm (venues still to be decided).

For more information phone Bev/Jack 870784.

Christians in Semington - Wednesdays 6th July and 3rd August, 7.45 - 9pm, 9 Somerset Way. Join us to pray for our community.

SEMINGTON VILLAGE FETE 2016



Saturday 2nd July 2016 at 2pm

Place: St George's School Field

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Victoria Shackleton

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I became a fully fledged member of the Sandwich Generation.....

I had loads of things lined up this month but my inauguration into the Sandwich Generation took precedence. Now as much as I would wish that the moniker of Sandwich Generation meant that I was a fully paid up member of the Prêt à Manger elite, it describes those of us in our fifties (well late forties for me!) and sixties with care obligations at both ends of our families, our parents and our grandchildren.

My parents still strive to be independent and although my dad is not as hale and hearty as he used to be, holidays are still an important part of their lives. They chose a European river cruise as, in their heads, it presented less risk if one of them fell ill because and I quote 'You can always see the bank of the river and therefore civilization'. All was going swimmingly until my father succumbed to a nasty water infection. Water infections send people doolally, fact. Water infections also land your 79 year old father in hospital. Cue my mercy dash to support my mum and make sure we got Dad back to the UK in one piece. A one hour EasyJet flight to Hamburg does not allow you enough time to remember all of your schoolgirl German although bizarrely a quote by Bertolt Brecht did keep popping into my mind but I questioned the usefulness of being able to say 'the law is an ass' when talking with doctors about my dad's health.

I do feel I need to apologise to my parents as I bossed them around for three days getting them organized with flights and hotels, as well as, and please friends do not faint at this; a very successful shopping trip for my dad in C & A. Now I remember how exotic C & A felt in the seventies and early eighties in the UK; my advice, treasure the memory and don't try to relive it! But two things struck me from the experience – firstly I had never travelled abroad without a return ticket booked and no sure idea when I would return, there is a real sense of being in limbo. The second point is when you take the city sightseeing bus, make sure you get on one that does an English commentary, I can confirm I know my 'rechts' from my 'links' but beyond that over the 90 minutes the tour took I could only come to the conclusion that Hamburg looks a very pretty city.

Two weeks later and I was put in charge of my adorable 21 month-old granddaughter Izzy, well when I say I was in charge both Izzy and I know the real truth..... but what happens in Amersham stays in Amersham!

So May was taken up with family stuff and you know what, my support was needed and I loved the fact that I could give myself wholeheartedly to both ends of my families, be it repatriating the Hamburg Two (as I jokingly called my parents) or playing house with Izzy and her Minnie Mouse vacuum.

I'm off now to research setting up a website, Rachel (one of my gorgeous daughters-in-law) has come up with a hair-brained scheme. Promise I'll report back next month.

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QUIZ NIGHT



June's quiz on Father's Day was set by two members of the Hilperton Hobos team, Sean and his "pointless friend", Kevin. It was a really

excellent quiz so a big thank you to them. We were pleased to welcome a couple of new teams to the quiz, plus the rest of the Hilperton Hobos, making 8 teams in all.

The Marathon was to name the countries of the European Union (as at 19 June!) and their capitals. Amazingly, 3 teams tied on 25½ points out of 26 so the winner was drawn from a hat and it was the Hilperton Hobos team.

There were rounds on Cheese & Wine, Music, Complete the Saying (which my enthusiastic Mum, Jennie, did loudly enough for most other teams to hear, to the amusement of everyone), Fathers, Primary Colours and Could they have met. This last round was very clever. The idea was to decide whether two famous people could have met, i.e., would they both have been alive at the same time? Examples were Queen Victoria and Alfred Hitchcock (Yes) and Justin Bieber and Roald Dahl (No). The Music round was to name the female singer in a clip. Some of the songs played were performed by Sean. There was also a round where the answer was from 1-15,. So, for example, what number do you get if you subtract the year of the Falklands War from the year of the Hillsborough disaster? (1989-1982=7)

At half time it was very close between the Close Friends and Bolognese teams, but, in the end, Close Friends came 3rd, with Hilperton Hobos 2nd and Team Bolognese (Esme, Philip, Helen, Colin, Jennie and me) came 1st. See last month's magazine to explain why we are called Bolognese.

Julia Wade

NEXT SEMINGTON QUIZ: SUNDAY 17 JULY, 7.30 for 7.45pm start. There is no quiz in August.

SUMMER SKITTLES (all starting 8pm)

Please come and join us for a great night!!

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Tue 19th, Thu 21st, Fri 22nd, Mon 25th, Tue 26th,
Wed 27th, Fri 29th



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DEMENTIA FRIENDS

The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends initiative aims to change people's perception of dementia and how they think, act and talk about the condition. Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways families and communities can help.



Alzheimer's Support, a Wiltshire based charity, provides support services and advice for those living with dementia and their families and carers. To this end, Janet Sweetman who is an Alzheimer's Support Memory Awareness volunteer, a volunteer Dementia Friends Champion (and also a Semington resident) aims to attend the coffee morning in the Village Hall on the **2nd Thursday each month commencing June** and will be available to talk to anyone who has concerns for a family member, friend or themselves and wants to know a bit more.

Brian Smyth, Semington Parish Council, Tel: 01380870562

THANK YOU!



I would like to say a big thank you to all the ladies who decorated the church for the Queen's 90th birthday flower festival. How lovely they looked; it's hard work but it is worth it. Also I want to say thank you to Stuart Taylor for printing the posters and to Gerald Taylor for putting them up. Thank you again.

Jeannie Bailey

COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

Well done to all the pupils at St. George's School who spent time to submit an entry for this front cover. As usual, it was very difficult to pick the winner but it was the simplicity and imagination of Maisie Convery which won us over. Thank you Maisie.



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In presence prest of people, mad or wise;
Set me in high or yet in low degree,
In longest night or in the shortest day,
In clearest sky or where clouds thickest be,
In lusty youth or when my hairs are gray.
Set me in heaven, in earth, or else in hell;
In hill, or dale, or in the foaming flood;
Thrall or at large, alive whereso I dwell,
Sick or in health, in evil fame or good:
Hers will I be, and only with this thought
Content myself although my chance be nought.



Henry Howard, the Earl of Surrey, was first cousin to both Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard. After Thomas Wyatt introduced sonnets into English, it was Howard who gave them the rhyming structure that Shakespeare then used. But these were dangerous times, even for a writer of sonnets about unrequited love, and he was beheaded for treason in 1547.



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BOOKCLUB

The Bookclub met on 8 June to discuss 'Even Dogs in the Wild' by Ian Rankin. The group felt that his earlier books were more compelling and that this one read like a TV script and was probably written on the prompting of his publisher. One member of the group had enjoyed the book as an audio book and it would probably make a good visual programme as well. The next meeting will be on Thursday 28 July at 7.30 p.m. in the Somerset Arms when we will discuss The Tea Planter's Wife by Dinah Jefferies. All are welcome.

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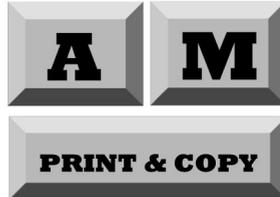


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SEMINGTON WI JUNE MEETING

Helen Gough from Carer Support Wiltshire gave us a talk on how they look after carers. It was very interesting and informative, giving us an insight into the work of the charity based in the Independent Living Centre.

We organised ourselves for our joint venture with the Village Hall, the celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. A huge thank you to the ladies who made sandwiches, cakes, teas and coffees, served the sandwiches, cleared & washed up. I'm sure I've forgotten something or someone but once again thanks to all of you. It was lovely to see so many people and it was wonderful that the weather behaved. Thanks also go to Gerald, Marilyn and members of the village hall committee and bar staff who arranged the treasure hunt, bottle stall, ice creams etc. It was great working with you. We look forward to joint ventures in the future.

Our next WI meeting will be on 14th July at Lowden Garden Centre for an afternoon tea at 2.30 pm where hopefully we'll be the ones being waited on.

On Thursday 11th August at 7.30pm our meeting will be held in St Georges School. We will be having a display of Quilts and a talk by a lady who has a city & guilds in quilt making. Everyone is very welcome to come to this meeting.

Deb Hurn

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – THANK YOU

I would like to thank Semington WI and all those involved with the Afternoon Tea and Treasure Hunt to celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday in June. It was a lovely, village occasion, with fantastic food and a great atmosphere. Special thanks also to all the ladies who produced such a wonderful display of flowers in St George's Church. It looked and smelt so beautiful!

Julia Wade

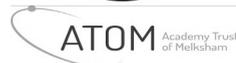
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The past month has seen St George's looking ahead to the next school year. The school has welcomed families of new pupils starting in September, with a parents' meeting and two sessions for pupils to join with their future classmates and familiarise themselves with our school.



Some of our older children have enjoyed visits to Melksham Oak School as part of their transition into secondary education.

Our Years 3 to 6 pupils have attended a Science show at Seend School. The show was offered to us as part of our work with the other science subject leaders within the ATOM group, and helped inspire our children's learning.

We also had a visit from Wiltshire Air Ambulance; their staff talked to our classes explaining their vital role in our community, and provided our pupils with another exciting new learning opportunity.

News from the Friends of St George's

We have exceeded our aim of raising £4000 for new gym bars for the outside area. Therefore, the Friends are delighted to be able to contribute £1000 towards new IT equipment. The gym bars will hopefully be constructed during the summer holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out, come along or supported any of our events this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fete on Saturday 2nd July.

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Last year we did several birthday parties for children – parents get the village hall for the day - BYO food - and two hours of train rides for £110 for 20 children - and as a result of the income from these parties and Monday's event, I have sent Wiltshire Air Ambulance a cheque for £500, following a similar amount I sent last year.

It may be of interest to know that since the signalling system was installed back in 1998 that 19,545 trains have gone around the track to date. Yesterday's total was 150. The next scheduled public running day will be the August Bank holiday Monday 29 August.

Peter Deverell made a film this week on the GBR. You can watch it at this link:

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Edited Minutes - Annual Parish Council (PC) Meeting – 25th May 2016

Present: Cllrs Robert Oglesby (Chairman), P. Bowyer, S. Rimmer, R. Robinson, W. Scott, P. Smith, B. Smyth, C. Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman. There were seven parishioners present.

Election of Chair: Cllr. Oglesby was proposed and unanimously elected Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Smyth was proposed and unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Election of other Officers: The following unanimous appointments were made; Public Transport Representative - Cllr. Robinson. Environment Representative - Cllr. Scott. Village Hall Management Committee Representatives - Cllrs. Smyth and Rimmer. Community Area/Area Board – All Cllrs (subject to availability). Wilts & Berks Canal Working Party – Cllrs. Smyth and Robinson.

Finance/Annual Return: The Clerk gave a brief report for 2015/16. The PC noted that it had resolved to remunerate the Internal Auditor in the sum of £100. The PC agreed to continue with the existing Lloyds Banking. The PC confirmed that the Clerk is the Responsible Finance Officer.

Other Financials: The PC noted that the Clerk was currently at SCP24 of the NALC Salary Scales for Part-time Clerks. The Clerk stated that he was not proposing any changes to his salary or to the level of expenses or to the Office Allowance. The Chairman declined to accept a Chairman's allowance. The PC agreed to appoint Becky Randall as the Internal Auditor for the current year. The PC noted the agreed Budget for 2016/17.

Authorised Signatories: The PC agreed that all Cllrs are to be signatories with the requirement that any two signatures will suffice.

Annual Insurance: The PC agreed to adopt the quotation from Zurich Municipal Insurance and was satisfied that the level of cover was adequate.

Risk Register: The PC agreed that the Risk Register dated 1 April 2016 covered all relevant risks.

Asset Register: The PC agreed that the Asset Register dated 31 March 2016 detailed the Council's assets with the addition of the Defibrillator Cabinet.

Distribution/Circulation of Correspondence: The PC confirmed that distributing/circulating via e-mail was working well and is to continue.

Edited Parish Council (PC) Minutes of 25th May 2016

Present: Cllrs Robert Oglesby (Chairman), P. Bowyer, K. Lockwood, S. Rimmer, R. Robinson, W. Scott, P. Smith, B. Smyth, C. Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman, Wiltshire Cllr. J. Seed attended (Part-time). There were seventy-four members of the public present initially.

Neighbourhood Policing (written report):

No recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in Semington for the last month. The No Entry Watch scheme has continued well. The group has asked for more support from the Police; local Special Constables may be able to assist. The introduction of larger Community Policing Teams means that we would be broadening the size of local teams to include response officers and investigators giving the public a more visible and accessible police presence in their local areas. Melksham NPT will be incorporated into this

Community Policing Team later this year and will be evenly distributed among the Community Policing.

Adjournment: Cllr. Scott gave details of a meeting that had taken place with Richborough Estates in respect of a proposed development near to the canal. Wiltshire Cllr. Seed participated in a Q&A session with the parishioners present in respect of the proposed development.

Planning:

15/12704/FUL 29 High Street Conversion of outbuilding to create ancillary (annexe) accommodation PENDING (Also 16/00054/LBC)

16/01678/OUT Land at St Georges Road Erection of up to 24 dwellings and land for allotments (Reserved matters: Access) PENDING

Finance (full details available on request):

The PC has received a refund of £385 from HMRC. The PC agreed to place the order for the Interpretation Boards (£1385), to make a donation to the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (£50) and to subscribe to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (£36/year).

Highways/Environment: Cllr. Scott reported that the large pothole had now been filled in, but there were signs that the repair may not be permanent. Cllr. Smyth reported that a spreadsheet identifying tasks within the village had been completed and was with Wiltshire Council (WC). Some weed clearance had taken place with the remainder to be tackled later. Cllr. Smyth stated that the transfer of responsibilities by WC to the new contractor, Ringway, is well advanced although the Parish Steward scheme is currently only 70% strength with further recruitment underway. The PC agreed that the preferred location for the second Information Board was on the site occupied by the Christmas Tree; the local residents should be informed as a matter of courtesy. The PC noted the correspondence and map from WC regarding the designation of new footpaths in the village and agreed that it supported paths annotated A to H and ABCDEFGH. The PC did not support the paths annotated KJLMN. The PC noted the letter from a parishioner regarding the need for a safe pedestrian crossing near to the roundabout on the A361 road; the PC fully supported this proposal and would report this request to WC. The stile at the bottom of Pound Lane had been cleared and the PC agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to John and Julia Masters who had undertaken this work.

Wilts & Berks Canal: Cllr. Smyth stated that the acquisition of land for the canal was proving challenging.

Any Other Business: Cllr. Oglesby proposed that the PC purchase a warning sign advising that the 'No Entry Watch' scheme operates in this area. There was no decision by the PC. Cllr. Smyth reported that Janet Sweetman of 'Dementia Aware' would regularly attend Coffee morning once a month to providing advice.

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Present: Cllrs Robert Oglesby (Chairman), P Bowyer, K Lockwood, S Rimmer, R Robinson, W Scott, P Smith, B Smyth, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

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Community Policing (written report): *A Community Policing Team pilot has been taking place in the Trowbridge/ Warminster area since 14/9/2015. Initial evaluation has suggested that the pilot could deliver a more efficient service to the public through a larger 'one team' approach to policing local areas. We will be broadening the size of local teams to deliver an even better service. Sgt Fulbrook-Smith and Insp Mawson have planned meetings with the Inspector on the Community Policing team to finalise the way forward.*

The PC agreed to send this comment to Wiltshire Police: *The PC wishes to see only the PCSO who covers Semington but failing this, to see any PCSO attend the meeting.*

Cllr. Smyth reported that the 'No Entry Watch' scheme is working well with a noticeable reduction in the number of vehicles ignoring the prohibition.

Planning:

15/12704/FUL 29 High Street Conversion of outbuilding to create ancillary (annexe) accommodation APPROVED (also 16/00054/LBC)

16/01678/OUT Land at St. Georges Road Erection of up to 24 dwellings with land for allotments (Reserved matters: Access) PENDING

The PC noted that an archeological survey on the proposed development site had been undertaken by Hannick Homes; it revealed nothing of interest that needed protection.

16/04513/FUL Fairfields, Devizes Road Single Storey Side Extension NEW
The PC has no objections to this proposed development.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Seed to enquire if the Great Leas field site had now been included in the SHLAA planning document. There ensued a lengthy discussion on the possible development by Richborough Estates; concern was expressed by the PC on the historical problems regarding sewage disposal and the adequacy of the existing drainage system should the proposed development go ahead. The Clerk was asked to write to Wessex Water to enquire what steps have been taken to ameliorate the current problem and to seek advice regarding the existing capacity of the drainage system to handle additional demand.

Highways/Environment: Cllr. Smyth reported three areas where hedges overhang the footway – Pound Lane, Village Hall footpath and one by the school. Those responsible for the hedges are to be contacted. Regarding the Village Hall hedge, the PC commented that residents had agreed to keep the hedge trimmed. The PC agreed that if there is no action by the residents then it would consider removing the hedge altogether. The Clerk confirmed that two Information Boards would be delivered on 17th June. The PC reaffirmed the location for the second Information Board was next to the existing seat on the site used to stand the Christmas Tree. A Working Party would do the work. Cllr. Scott reported that he had walked the local footpaths with a rep. from the Ramblers Association (RA); a number of issues needed attention, in particular the path between the Crematorium and the travellers' camp. Corrective work would be undertaken by RA.

Melksham Community Area Board/Transport Group: Cllr. Robinson said he would be contacting Cllr. Seed in respect of the need for a safe pedestrian crossing near the A361 roundabout and would pursue it via the CATG.

Next Meetings: 20 July 2016, 14 September 2016, 12 October 2016

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Wiltshire Council continues to provide local services to local residents to the best of our ability and there are changes afoot to improve the delivery of these services. A new Highways service is being rolled out later this year. Also by the time you read this we will know the result of the EU Referendum. We may then have to look at the effect on withdrawal of European funding on our local services.

Many residents often raise the issue of highways maintenance to me and I am pleased to be able to report that a new Parish Steward service will be operated by our new highways contractors (Ringway) from October of this year. This service will run in parallel to the operation of the My Wiltshire reporting system which many of us use regularly. The key elements of the new Parish Steward system are:

- All statutory highways and other requirements should be reported using the My Wiltshire system (e.g. potholes).
- The Parish Steward service is for discretionary highways issues only - on roads, verges, ditches, footways, byways etc.
- Each Parish Council presents a rolling list of FIVE tasks in order of priority that they would like the Parish Steward to undertake.
- Most Parishes will be allocated one dedicated day each month from their Steward to do the work (some of the larger parishes might get more days). This allocation will be fixed in the first year and will be reviewed thereafter depending on demand.
- Each Parish Steward will be provided with a brand new, high-visibility pick-up truck complete with the tools and equipment needed to provide essential works such as strimming, hedge cutting, instant road repairs, drain clearing, painting, sign cleaning/repairs etc. They can also call on larger plant such as tractor-mowers, gully tankers and grip cutters if required.
- It is important that each Parish Council designates only one person as the point of contact, who then liaises with an Area Engineer but then on-site with the Parish Steward themselves if required.

Resilience and reliability have been built into the service by not programming Fridays (to allow work to be completed from other weekdays and allow for sickness and training) nor the whole of May (in order to manage surge in seasonal growth), nor August (holiday season).

Locally I continue to work closely with the Parish Council on a whole range of other matters including planning and community grants. This month we are looking together at potential development sites around the village of Semington. I have followed up on the points raised by residents at the very useful Parish Council meeting last month, discussed these matters with the Parish Council and we are now in a much better position to take a position on the proposal for house building in Pound Lane.

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A new phishing campaign which has hit students of UK universities claims that the student has been awarded an educational grant by the Department for Education. The email purports to have come from the finance department of the student's university and tricks the recipient into clicking on a link contained in the message to provide personal and banking details. One victim reported that after submitting their sensitive information (including name, address, date of birth, contact details, telephone provider, bank account details, student ID, National Insurance Number, driving licence number and mother's maiden name), they were taken to a spoofed website which appeared like a genuine website of their bank, where they were asked to type in their online banking login credentials. **Please don't be fooled.**

The police responsibility for responding to the needs of our communities is more complex than ever before, exacerbated by the apparent decline of social care creating an extra burden on care services. For example, the number of people who are suffering mental health issues, who very often are the most vulnerable in society, are being dealt with in ever increasing numbers. In addition, the number of missing children and adults is spiralling with little recognition that police intervention is usually too late. More often than not, these people are already known to the social care systems.

European Football Championship customers wanting to sell their tickets can do so through the resale platform, where tickets will be resold at face value. For further information please visit UEFA's website. Those seeking to purchase these tickets are advised to check the site regularly as tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis and are likely to change regularly as different tickets become available to purchase. Buy tickets from an authorised seller using the Exchange portal. When using the portal do not be encouraged to contact the seller privately and complete the transaction outside of the portal. Be wary of purchasing tickets from a social media account. The ticket probably does not exist or is counterfeit.

On Wednesday 8th June or Thursday 9th June thieves gained entry onto a farm yard in West Hill, Whitley, and stole a Williams trailer, several mowers and a strimmer. The criminals left a gate open to a horse enclosure. Police are keen to speak with anyone who may have seen a white Mitsubishi Warrior vehicle acting suspiciously in the area. Please be vigilant, pass the message onto friends and families who live in remote rural areas. If suspicious activity is observed call 101 or crime in progress ring 999.

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Weekday Masses:

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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

St Bernadette's Sunday Mass - 9am

Weekday Mass -Thursday 11 am

Confessions/Reconciliation before Mass and any time on request

DIOCESAN GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

This will take place on Sunday 10th July. Coach pickup at Westbury & Trowbridge. Details 01380 871083.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This will be led by Bishop Declan from 19th to 26th August. Booking & information from Deacon Dave Wakefield 07775895814

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**St Paul's, Staverton with St. Mary Magdalen, Hilperton Marsh;
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Thought from Canalside Rectory July 2016

Hello everyone!

My name is John Rees and by the time you read this I will be Rector of the Canalside Benefice, which as I expect most of you know includes Hilperton, Hilperton Marsh, Staverton, Whaddon and Semington. I'm very much looking forward to joining you and getting to know the villages, the organisations within them, and of course meeting as many of you as I can. I would be pleased to come to village groups – do get in touch.

As I write this I am in Bromham Rectory and surrounded by boxes – today all our possessions will be packed up ready for our move to the Canalside Benefice Rectory at 22 Warren Road in Staverton tomorrow. The new Rectory has been painted (with much appreciated help) and is just about ready for our arrival.

Today is one of those days which, alongside days such as the day I married Anne in April 1982 and the day I was ordained in July 2006, is bound to be memorable when I look back on the story of my life.

While preparing for the move Anne and I spent time sorting out cupboards – and in doing so found things which reminded us of the story of our lives so far. In my case these included a story I wrote about my family when I was 6 and my diary from the year when I was 14!

One of the privileges of being a Rector is hearing the stories of people's lives – and indeed the story of the significant moments in the life of communities. The Bible tells us how Jesus often taught his followers through storytelling. His parables are stories which still help people understand what God is like and how much God cares for them. His stories also tell us how we should care for one another and care for justice and provide for the vulnerable.

Part of the story of my life includes the discovery, in my late teens, of how Christianity is not about an obscure story of someone who lived long ago but a relationship with God. God who loves and cares for us

Living a long life appeals to everyone; getting old doesn't appeal to anyone.

all and who is alongside us, both in the everyday and at significant moments of our lives, giving us joy and, at challenging times, the strength to carry on.

As Anne and I come to join you, we would like to thank you for the welcome you have already given us; and we look forward to our future with you. None of us can know exactly what the future will hold; but I do know this – God's loving presence will be with us.

With best wishes to you all,

John Rees (Rector from 27th June)
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Search for a Christmas Tree - 2016

For each of the last 2 years we have been fortunate to have been given a christmas tree for the centre of the village. These have been trees that have outgrown their locations and the owners have been happy to have them removed. The Parish Council are keen to identify at an early stage potential trees for Christmas 2016 and so if anyone knows of a suitable one that might be available locally then we would like to hear about it. Ideally the tree would be between 18 and 20 feet in height. Please ring Brian Smyth on 01380 870562 or Steve Rimmer on 01380 870647.

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St. George's Semington

3rd July/7th Aug	9.15am	Parish Communion
10th July/14th Aug	9.15am	Methodist Service
17th July/21st Aug	6pm	Evening Worship
24th July/28th Aug	9.15am	Together in Worship

St. Michael's Hilperton

3rd July/7th Aug	8am	Holy Communion
3rd July/7th Aug	11am	Together in Worship
10th July/14th Aug	9.15am	Parish Communion
10th July/14th Aug	11am	Methodist Service
17th July/21st Aug	10am	Together in Worship
24th July/28th Aug	9.15am	Parish Communion
24th July/28th Aug	11am	Methodist Service

St. Mary Magdalen Hilperton Marsh

3rd July/7th Aug	11am	Parish Communion
10th July/14th Aug	6pm	Evening Worship
24th July/28th Aug	11am	Parish Communion
31st July		10am Benefice Communion followed By 'Bring & Share' lunch

St. Mary's Whaddon

10th July/14th Aug	8am	BCP Communion
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