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SEMINGTON

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Semington Diary

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

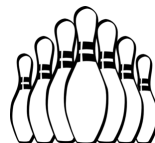
5th	Wed	Armstrong's Angels Skittles	8pm
9th	Sun	Quiz Night	7.30pm
10th	Mon	Defibrillator Training	7.30pm
12th	Wed	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
13th	Thur	Semington WI meeting	7.30pm
13th	Thur	Village Hall Committee meeting	7pm
19th	Wed	Book Club (Somerset Arms)	7.30pm
19th	Wed	Armstrong's Angels Skittles	8pm
27th	Thu	Steeple Ashton Skittles	8pm

Ladies Skittles

Starting 8pm on Tuesdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October

Men's Skittles

Starting 8pm on Fridays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th October



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
Baby/Toddler Group	Tuesday	10 - 11.30am
Bridge Club	Tuesday & Friday	9am - 1pm
Zumba Fitness	Wednesday	6.30pm
Zumba Beginners	Wednesday	7.15pm
(Zumba at St. George's School)		
Musical Theatre	Wednesday	4.45 - 6.15pm
Coffee Morning	Thursday	10 - 12noon
Alzheimer's Support	2nd Thursday of each month	10 - 12noon
Semingtones Choir	Friday	6 - 7.30pm
Men's Choir	Cancelled - may resume near Christmas	



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 Wednesdays 12th and 26th at 7.45pm (venues still to be decided). For more information phone Bev/Jack 870784.

Christians in Semington - Wednesday 5th October, 7.45 - 9pm, 9 Somerset Way. Join us to pray for our community.

Messy Church - **Saturday 15th October** 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..*

Harvest Celebrations

We had a great weekend last month celebrating harvest, both at the supper on the Saturday, when Michael Gamble enthralled us with an imaginative selection of photos of the Queen's 90 years set to music, then at the Songs of Praise on the Sunday where the Church had been beautifully decorated. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

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This month I got high!



Do you remember the days when friends asked you round so they could show you their holiday photographs? If they were proper posh it was slides of their holidays and if they were uber posh then it was cine-camera footage which then moved onto video camera footage. Nowadays you either share the holiday in real time via Facebook, or pals employ guerilla style tactics by whipping out their phones when they're with you and the swiping starts.....

Sorry to say I'm not going to share any photos this month. (Please! I can hear your gasps of relief from here!) But I do have to tell you about the mile high city of Denver and the even higher state of Colorado. I admit that Colorado wouldn't be your first thought of a summer holiday, that would be Florida or California. However the stars were aligned on hubby's bucket list and one of his all time favourite singers was playing at Red Rocks Amphitheatre (also on his bucket list) so a holiday was planned.

We stayed in Vail and Breckenridge and both well known as ski resorts. The thing about ski resorts is they work extra hard to make themselves attractive in the summer months. There is so much free stuff to do from outdoor movies to weekend festivals to theatre it is literally ridiculously hard to try and fit it all in.

The other thing is the altitude, boy are you a long way up in Colorado. In fact in the Rockies you're at least two miles closer to the sun than back at home. High altitude is where Olympic athletes like to train so I like to think that my daily AquaFit routine took me one step closer to being as fit as Mo Farah – no really. Then there's the beer, oh my goodness, how good is the beer! It is also generally really strong at around 6% abv which at high altitude seems to have the effect of a beer double that strength. Or as my pals would say 'a quick route to numb gums Gillian?' (You know who you are...)

We finished the holiday in Denver, which bills itself as The Mile High City. A really great city and after the Rockies unbelievably flat! On the main street there are pianos every 500 yards where anyone can sit and tinkle the ivories for their own or everyone else's pleasure as well as art installations making it feel really quite boho.

I had to hit the ground running when we came home as I landed a six week work contract up in Oxfordshire, which meant leaving hubby to do all the chores!

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QUIZ NIGHT



Neil Stockley was responsible for setting and running September's quiz on his own, and a very good job he did too. Many

thanks to Neil for an excellent quiz, which was attended by 7 teams. It's great to see more people coming to the quiz but more would be very welcome. If you want to give it a try we can always put you in a team if you come on your own.

The Marathon was to identify 28 photos of British fauna, so it helped if you knew your adder from a grass snake or a stoat from a weasel. Team 'Walking Wounded' clearly knew the difference as they won, with 25 correct answers.

The Main Quiz rounds included the Olympics, Harry Potter and The Simpsons, but fans of the latter two franchises quickly discovered that knowledge of wizards or a certain animation series wouldn't help! For example, we were asked who played Miss Potter in the film of the same name and who wrote The Iliad? Answers below.

At half time just $1\frac{1}{2}$ points separated the winners, 'Men in Comfortable Trousers', from team 'No idea', but by the end, the difference was $12\frac{1}{2}$ points, so well done to them.

ANSWERS: RENEE ZELLWEGER and HOMER. Julia Wade

Annual Defibrillator Awareness Training

A defibrillator awareness session will be held in Semington Village Hall on Monday 10th October starting at 7:30pm.

It is an annual requirement to hold these sessions and it provides not only 'first time' training but also a refresher for those who have attended before. You are all encouraged to come along.

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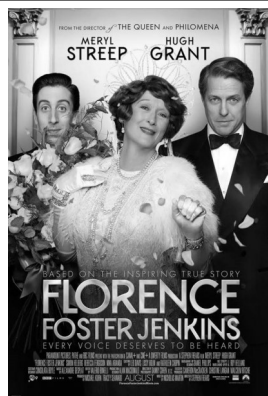
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(doors open at 7 pm for refreshments)

She has an air of romance, an obsession with music, a desire to sing and it is set during wartime America.

Played admirably, *Meryl Streep*, whose singing performance in *Mama Mia* surprised us all, delivers a creditable performance as Florence Foster Jenkins. Her devoted second husband and manager, St Clair Bayfield, an aristocratic English actor, is played by *Hugh Grant*, who, arguably, gives his best performance to date.

Tickets are £6 and available from Steeple Ashton Village Shop. We hope you will be able to join us to help me balance the books!

Alison Wilson

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 s 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** 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: 01380 870562



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NATURE NOTES

Du Fu (712 – 770) was a Tang Dynasty poet. Here he is writing about the very wet autumn of 754 in what is now the Chinese megacity of Xi'an.



Lamenting Autumn Rains

Blustrous winds, unending rains, autumn of chaos.

The four seas, eight directions one solid cloud:

Horses going, cows coming, who can make out for sure?

Muddy Jing River, clear Wei, how to tell them apart?

From grain tips, ears sprouting, millet heads turned to black;

No word of how farmers, farmers' wives are faring.

In the city, exchange a bed of quilt, get a meagre peck of grain –

Just agree, don't argue over which is worth more!

We have had weather like this in England in the past. The summer of 1314 was wet and cool and the harvest poor. In May 1315, it began to rain and continued for 15 months with widespread crop failures and food prices doubling between by midsummer. It wasn't till 1325 that food supply returned to normal. Then the Black Death came and wiped out 40% of England's people. The young were especially vulnerable, just as they are to today's pandemics.

NEW HEATING SYSTEM

St Michael's Church in Hilperton needs a new heating system including replacing the pipes from the church gate to the boiler room at an expected total cost of £15000. As part of Ride and Stride we held an exercise bike ride to cover the equivalent of the round-Wiltshire cycle route, 162 miles, as a relay with volunteers covering as much as they were able. We started at 9am on Saturday 10th Sep and finished at 6pm. There were refreshments, tombola and activities for children going on in the church all day. Thank you for your support us and offering us a few minutes of your pedal power!

If you were unable to come along on Saturday but still wish to support our fundraising please use our Justgiving page at:

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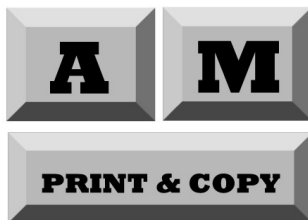
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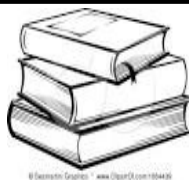
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BOOKCLUB



Ten of the members met to discuss **Post Mortem** by Patricia Cornwall. Some were reading this author for the first time and some had read many of her books. Not everyone enjoyed the book but those who did liked her factual style of writing and the way the forensic scientist, a woman in a man's world, tried to get into the mind of the killer. This book was written some 20 years ago and it emphasised the great leaps forward in technology since it was written.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19 October at 8.0 p.m. in the Somerset Arms to discuss **The Handmaid's Tale** by Margaret Atwood. All welcome.

Angela Grodzicka 870 756

SOME NEWS FROM OUR SEEND FRIENDS

Seend's Macmillan Coffee Morning

Seend Community Centre in Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NS, is again playing host to its bit of 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 30th September from 10am until midday. There will be coffee and cake of course, plus games, a raffle, bring and buy and lots of socialising. Entry by donation. Anyone who can offer a cake or a raffle prize for the event, please call 01380 828638. Last year the Seend event raised over £460 and hopes to equal or beat that figure this year.

WEA Day School on Edward Hopper

Paul Chapman, who gave us an excellent Day School on Gustav Klimt and the Vienna Secession last year, is returning to Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS, on Saturday 1st October to talk about the great American painter Edward Hopper. The course lasts from 10am until 4pm in the upstairs Village Room and the course fee is £30. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Places should be booked in advance by calling 0845 458 2758 and quoting course number C3527635.

New monthly coffee mornings in Seend Community Centre

The first regular coffee morning in the Lounge Bar at Seend Community Centre will take place at 10.30am on Friday 7th October. If this is successful, there will be coffee mornings on the first Friday of every month.

St. George's C of E Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Gordon Campbell

As a new school year begins we welcome new pupils to St George's and look forward to our relationship with them over the coming years.

It has been a busy summer! Any of you passing the school during the holidays will have seen the huge amount of scaffolding around the building. During the summer the roof on the old school has been completely replaced and the water tanks in the roof removed. Also, due to the generosity of the Friends of St George's (our PTA), we have had new gym bars installed. The children are delighted by this and making extremely good use of them. Lastly, due to the kindness of some parent volunteers, the bottom part of the school hall has been painted. It has now been nicknamed as: "The Beach" by the children due to the blue and yellow paint.

The theme for Collective Worship this term is: Courage. At the start of the year we have focused on the school ethos, and particularly how to respond in a positive and cherishing manner to both our own mistakes and the mistakes of others.

Please put the following dates in your diaries – we would love to see you at church with us:

Wednesday 5th October 2016 – Harvest Festival at 2pm at church

Wednesday 7th December 2016 – Christingle Service at 6.30pm at church

SEMINGTON NO ENTRY WATCH



The Semington No Entry Watch (NEW) started in December 2015 with the aim of monitoring the traffic illegally taking shortcuts through the village and reporting the registration numbers of those vehicles that pass through the No Entry Point at the bus gate barrier near the Police Station. The main concerns were not only the additional traffic going through the village but also that there was a significant tendency for the vehicles to go through at speed.

In the 6 months up to the end of June, 120 advisory letters were sent out to offenders and 599 vehicles have turned on seeing the volunteers. Although difficult to measure, there was a definite reduction in the illegal traffic through the village. After a summer break, the NEW team started again in mid-September.

Currently we have about a dozen volunteers but we would welcome more to share the shifts. Each shift has 2 or 3 volunteers and, as well as performing a useful function for the village, also tends to be a very sociable gathering.

If anyone would like to help out then please contact Brian Smyth on 01380 870562 or Robert Oglesby in the Post Office.



SEMINGTON WI SEPTEMBER MEETING

Unfortunately I was unable to attend this meeting as were a lot of others due to holidays etc.

However, I have it on good authority that it was a very interesting evening with a talk on the 'Wild Life in Your Garden' given by Simon Tucker from the Royal Ornithology Society. He highlighted how bird numbers have fluctuated over the years, his experiences of bird ringing and how information is being discovered on the migration & lifespan of birds.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm. Our speakers are from Sipsons Jewellers in Trowbridge. They will be showing us what can be done to update our jewellery.

Deb Hurn

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These children were 'Regulars' who knew the drill and they persuaded their parents to buy 'Season Tickets' for £5 a head entitling them to multiple rides. During the next hour many more people arrived with their children and soon the trains were kept very busy. Lots of people bought cups of tea and cakes in the village hall and then picnicked on the lawns whilst watching their children riding the trains. By the end of the afternoon we had given some 200 rides to the children and adults - which together with the multiple children's birthday parties earlier in the summer meant that we were able to send the Wiltshire Air Ambulance people a further cheque for £500.

We are very grateful to the Parish Magazines at Seend and Semington who together with the Devizes Gazette & Herald, the BBC Radio Wiltshire and the Bulkington Village website (<http://www.bulkington.org.uk/>) kindly publicized our happy event and enabled us to support the local Air Ambulance Service. Don't forget that you can book the village hall for your child's birthday party with 2 hours of unlimited train rides for only £120.00.

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Edited Minutes – Parish Council (PC) meeting – 14th Sept. 2016

Present: Councillors 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 Council (WC), Cllr. J Seed attended. There were sixty-nine members of the public present initially.

Apologies for non-attendance: PCSO Helen Wilson of the Community Policing Team.

Declaration of Interests: Cllr. Lockwood declared an interest in Planning application 16/06564/OUT (Land North of 554 Canal Bridge).

Community Policing: PCSO Helen Wilson's written report (*italics below*).

02/09/16 – Transport RTC – A350 Junction with the A361 - RTC NON INJ INSECURE LOAD.

07/09/16 – Crime / Burglary – High Street, Bulkington - Unknown suspect(s) have smashed front door window, and entered the house via front door, they have completed search of the house, and stolen items from within. Property - 3 x watches and some loose change.

Adjournment: The Chairman adjourned the meeting and introduced representatives from Oxford Law Ltd (Land Development Specialists) namely Anthony Crean, Mike Crean and Dave Stout and their Planning Consultant Peter Frampton who wished to give details of their planning application 16/06956/OUT (Land North of St Georges Road) and to engage with members of the public present and to address any queries they may have. Anthony Crean, assisted by Peter Frampton, gave a short presentation that was followed by numerous questions from the public regarding details of the application. The Chairman thanked Oxford Law and Mr Frampton for attending the meeting and reconvened the PC meeting.

Wiltshire Council Report: Cllr. Seed explained the current planning policy and the means by which planning applications are determined. He is taking action and is in discussions with WC regarding the safety concerns on the A361 near to Littlemarsh and that the installation of dropped kerbs and a new central refuge may ameliorate the current dangerous situation. Cllr. Smyth commented that parish councillors had cut back some of the vegetation that was impairing visibility at the Littlemarsh roundabout to improve road safety and WC had sent letters to other nearby properties requesting that the householders take similar action. **(cont'd on page 19)**

Planning:

16/01678/OUT PENDING Land at St Georges Road Erection of up to 24 dwellings etc.

16/05783/OUT PENDING Land to the North of Pound Lane The erection of 75 dwellings etc.

16/06639/FUL APPROVED Change of use of part of the premises (first floor, east end) etc.

16/07164/LBC APPROVED Internal alterations to facilitate change of use of part of the premises (first floor, east end) etc.

16/06564/OUT PENDING Land North of 554 Canal Bridge Outline application relating to access – Erection of two detached dwellings and new access.

16/06956/OUT NEW Land North of St George's Road Outline Application – All Matters Reserved (Residential development of up to 72 units)

The PC noted the strong opposition to this planning application expressed by members of the public during the Adjournment and Cllrs. expressed their own concerns that this additional development was unsuited to a small village such as Semington. In particular, Cllrs. expressed concerns regarding the following:

The development would be contrary to the Wiltshire Core Strategy, the inappropriate scale of the development, the negative impact on the countryside, unsuitable highway access, sewerage and flooding problems. The PC object to this proposed development and would send comments to WC. (Email the Editor if you would like a copy of these comments, referred to as Annex A.)

The PC noted the response from WC (Jane Scott) in relation to the failure of WC to identify a five year land/housing supply. Cllr. Scott offered to reply to this correspondence on behalf of the PC.

Finance: (full details available on request to the editor)

Total Balance in hand at 14 September 2016: £20,780.79

The PC agreed to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' including a payment to Cllr. Robinson for the expense incurred in installing the Information Boards and the anchor point for the Christmas Tree. Cllr. Wade handed the Clerk a cheque for £27.09 for the credit of Semington PC – an initial payment in respect of the compensation awarded by HMCTS Cumbria and Lancashire for the Jubilee Mugs.

Highways/Environment: Cllr. Robinson confirmed that the two Information Boards are now installed in the village.

(cont'd on page 20)

The PC thanked Cllr. Robinson for undertaking this task. The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from a parishioner offering to cut back part of the overgrown hedge that runs alongside the pathway next to the Village Hall and this was fully accepted. The PC noted that it had received a petition from a number of signatories in respect of car parking in High Street and it will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. Cllr. Scott reported that WC had confirmed that the application for land in Semington to be classified as a Village Green was a 'valid' application and would now be processed accordingly.

Wilts & Berks Canal: Cllr. Scott commented that he suspected that there were a number of key issues being discussed in relation to the Wilts & Berks Canal but that such information had not been made available to Semington Parish Council even though Semington would be directly affected by this development. The PC would seek representation on the appropriate bodies responsible for this development.

Tennis Court: Cllr. Lockwood reported that the hedge at the Tennis Court required cutting back.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Robinson reported that there were still many weeds in the village that needed clearing. Cllr. Smyth replied that this was on the Schedule of Tasks for the Parish Steward.

Cllr. Rimmer reported that Tanya Evans, a parishioner, had voluntarily undertaken weed clearance in Highfield Close and part of St Georges Road and she would be thanked by the PC.

Cllr. Rimmer reminded councillors that a Christmas Tree still had to be sourced and Cllr. Smyth commented that the 'Switch on' was to be on Sunday 4 December.

Cllr. Oglesby stated that the Independent Living Centre Annual Meeting is to be held on 25 October at 2.30pm.

Dates of Next Meeting: 12th October 2016 and 23rd November 2016

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

A good deal has been happening in Semington in recent weeks. In September I attended a very lively Parish Council meeting where several issues of great concern were raised by the many residents who attended. The Parish Council is well run with representation from people who really care about the village and who are prepared to stand up for the people who elected them. That is what local democracy is about and in my opinion the representation of people less able to represent themselves (which may be for a variety of reasons such as time, ability to speak in public etc.) is a central part of the role of a locally elected Councillor.

Semington has become engulfed in the discussion of planning applications for housing of highly questionable value to the village. Of the three applications currently being considered by Wiltshire Council one (Hannick Homes for 24 houses) has been developed over two years with intense local involvement and consultation; it has Parish Council support. The other two are for over seventy dwellings, have had precious little local involvement and are only being considered by the Local Planning Authority because there is a temporary gap in established housing land supply. I support many of the comments made by residents at the recent Parish Council meeting and, although I am required by law to approach all applications with an open mind, I will represent local views to the area planning committee if the applications are considered there.

Concerns have also been raised about the pedestrian route from Littlemarsh to the village. Again these were discussed at the September meeting of the Parish Council. I have looked carefully at the representations on the Littlemarsh pedestrian issues although I think there is little chance of any immediate change to the speed limit on the A361. However I will be trying to move forward safer pedestrian crossing of the road just by the roundabout.

So whenever a resident has a local issue of concern they should always feel able to raise it to those of us elected to represent you and we will in turn look at it and try our best to either achieve a positive result or give a straightforward and honest assessment based on experience of what is likely to be achieved. Often it is between the two but that is politics!

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EDITOR'S PAGE

This month I find a have a spare page so I thought I would fill it with something from my own experience. Yes, you guessed - computers! I searched the web for 'short anecdotal stories about computers' and immediately came up with Will & Guy's page. I must admit these famous quotes look silly when you see where we are today.

Famous Computer Quotes

In 1943, Thomas Watson, who founded and grew the enormous IBM company, said "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers".

In 1977, Vint Cerf, who is recognised as one of the founders of the internet, said "32bits ought to be enough addressing space" (that gives you approx 4GB, i.e. approx 4,000,000,000 range, whereas 64bits can store over 18 quintillion range).

In 1981, Bill Gates, yes I think we all know who he is, said "640K (of storage capacity) should be enough for anybody." You can't even send a good digital photograph for that today.

Will & Guy also included their **10 Laws of Computing** and I think you will all see the reality of these laws!

1. If you have reached the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
2. When you are computing, if someone is watching, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
3. When the going gets tough, upgrade your computer.
4. The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you'd least expect to find it.
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
6. To err is human ... to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, its downright natural.
7. He who laughs last, probably has a back-up.
8. The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.
9. A complex system that doesn't work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
10. A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want it to do.



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Thought from the Rectory:

As I write this most harvesting has been completed and the trees around our villages and along the canal are beginning to have an autumnal tinge. I really enjoyed my first harvest celebrations in the village at the weekend. A lovely Harvest Supper was followed by Michael Gamble's excellent film tribute to the Queen on Friday evening and we shared in a joyful community Songs of Praise in St. George's Church last night.

Jesus appreciated the beauty of the natural world - he enjoyed observing birds and beautiful plants. He didn't get so bogged down with the pressures of life that he failed to see what was around him.

Jesus spoke of how the birds in the air were fed by God, without sowing, reaping or gathering into storage barns. He said God gave the lilies in the fields their amazing beauty and enabled their growth. Jesus taught that human beings should not worry about what to eat or what to wear, but should trust in God's provision.

For many of us Jesus' teaching that we should not worry about God's provision for us is challenging. We do, very often, worry about our lives; what we wear, what we eat and what we drink. It can be difficult for us not to worry about all of the tasks and other matters that, whatever our age and circumstances, can cause us stress and eat away at our well-being.

Jesus was not saying that people shouldn't sow seeds or harvest crops. We have to take responsibility for ourselves, but Jesus invites us to bring before him in prayer our anxieties and material needs. I have known wonderful testimonies of God's provision from people who have done this.

Jesus also called us to follow his example of compassion and his passion for justice. This leaves me wondering about how we respond compassionately, as individuals and as a nation, to the terrible plight of the refugees fleeing Syria and other war torn lands. I do realise these are very difficult issues to address.

Best wishes, **John**

A bad cook always blames the recipe

FUNERAL: JENNIE HOWARD

A funeral service and celebration of the life of Jennie Howard was held at St George's Church on Tuesday 13th September 2016.

We pray that Julia, Colin, Helen and Nikki, their family and friends will know God's love and peace at this sad time.

THANK YOU FROM THE WADE FAMILY

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank Canon Ray, Reverend John, Bev, Pam, Marilyn, Gerald, Jenny, Lorraine and the gorgeous ladies of the Semingtones Choir for the parts they each played in my dear Mum's funeral and wake on 13 September. It was a wonderful send off for her, especially to hear such lovely singing; Mum would have loved it.

My Mum, Jennie Howard, only lived with us in Semington for one year, but she so enjoyed being here; going to the Coffee Morning, to the Quiz, to the regular Food Nights and to the Village Fete. She was amazed by how much goes on in our little village! She was welcomed warmly to all these events by the good people of Semington and we are very grateful to each of you for your kindness to her and your support for us, following her death. Thank you, and may God Bless you.

Julia Wade

Paws For Thought



"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "

**It's in the Bible:
Matthew 6 verses 25 & 27**

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2nd	9.15am	Parish Communion
9th	9.15am	Morning Worship
16th	No service	
23rd	9.15am	Together in Worship
30th	10am	Benefice Holy Communion

St. Michael's Hilperton

2nd	8am	Holy Communion
2nd	11am	Together in Worship
9th	9.15am	Parish Communion
9th	11am	Methodist Service
16th	10am	Together in Worship
23rd	9.15am	Parish Communion
23rd	11am	Methodist Service
30th	3pm	In Loving Memory Service

St. Mary Magdalen Hilperton Marsh

2nd	11am	Parish Communion
9th	6pm	Evening Worship
23rd	11am	Parish Communion

St. Mary's Whaddon

9th	8am	BCP Communion
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