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## **Semington Diary**

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### **Village Hall**

#### **JULY**

12 <sup>th</sup>	THURS	Semington W.I.	7.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	SUN	Village Hall Quiz	7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	WEDS	Parish Council Meeting	8.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	THURS	Chippenham Summer Skittles	8.00pm

#### **AUGUST**

9 <sup>th</sup>	THURS	Semington W.I.	7.00pm
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### **Social Club Summer Skittles**

#### **JULY**

MONDAYS	16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
TUESDAYS	17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm
WEDNESDAY	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
FRIDAYS	20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm

#### **AUGUST**

MONDAYS	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
TUESDAYS	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
WEDNESDAYS	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
THURSDAYS	23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
FRIDAYS	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm

### **Every Week in The Village Hall**

Bingo	Monday	7.30pm
Post Office	Monday & Thursday	9.30am-12.30pm
Baby/Toddler Group	Tuesday	10.00am-11.30am
	St George's School Hall	
Bridge Club	Tuesday & Friday	9.00am-1.00pm
Zumba Fitness	Wednesday	6.30pm
	St George's School Hall	
Coffee Morning	Thursday	10.00am-12 noon
Alzheimer's Support	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	10.00am-12 noon
Semingtones	Fridays	6.00pm-7.30pm



## Christians in Semington

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*Bev Woodward*

**Housegroup** - join us to drink tea/coffee, chat and have a laugh, and look at things in the Bible. You'd be very welcome. We'll be meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August, 7.45pm (venues still to be decided). For more information phone **Bev/Jack 870784**.

**Christians in Semington** - Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August, 7.45pm – 9.00pm, 9 Somerset Way. Join us to pray for our community.

**Messy BBQ** - This is Church for anyone - all ages. We will be at Brook House on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 4.00pm - 6.00pm. We will have games, hopefully a swim, have a celebration service and BBQ. You don't have to have a child to come....but all children must bring an adult. Please let **Bev/Jack** know on **870784** or **07922 105084** if you can come so that we BBQ enough food! (We ask for a donation of £1 per person).

## Methodist Service - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

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We shall be pleased to receive Mrs. Pauline Tiller from Steeple Ashton to lead our 9.30am service in St. George's Church on Sunday 8 July. Pauline, a well renowned speaker, always has a humorous and pertinent message to share. We look forward to welcoming you.

## Editor's Note

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*Gillian Airey*

Thank you so much to all the children who entered the fete poster competition. The fete cover comes courtesy of Lilly Mae Owens this year – well done! Thank you too to Andy and Roxi at A M Print and Copy, Trowbridge who generously sponsors our colour covers as well as being my chief proof readers! Thank you both!

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## **This month I survived the Staycation**

*Gilly Airey*

Son No. 1 lives in Amersham and son No 2. lives in Macclesfield. James (son no.1) will tell you that I swapped him for a cat when we moved down here, this is strictly not true, he swapped me, his step-mum, for the gorgeous Rachel, now his wife and fabulous mother to Princesses Ava and Izzy. However, this is not the point, the point is that each year we try to bring Cheshire, Wiltshire and Buckinghamshire together for the Big Fat Airey Holiday (BFAH). As careers become bigger and grandchildren older this has become increasingly difficult, so this year we decided on having a 'Staycation' at ours for few days over the Whitsun half term.

I am blessed with the most gorgeous loving family, one that is blended in the most modern of ways yet deeply rooted in traditional family values, but..... when it's just you, gorgeous hubby and a slightly daft cat for 51 weeks of the year an extra seven people in the house for five days makes for interesting times!

The first BFAH we ever took was in the heady grandchild-free days of just the three couples, bank of Dad and Stepnum taking the youngsters to the Coachella Music festival – Google it – you will be forever impressed at how hip gorgeous hubby and I were in 2009. It was easy in 2009 the kids in one apartment and us in another. Skip forward to 2018, and we're all under one roof.....

And it's not the grandchildren that are hard work, they want to be silly and have fun and I'm a past master at that! No, it's the grown-ups that test you. Please tell me it's not just my children, but somehow, when they come to stay they revert to being kids themselves, gorgeous hubby nearly had a meltdown on the fourth day as he tidied up the chaos once again. Diligently we cooked, washed-up and fed the happy brood. But did we have fun – oh my goodness by the bucket load.

It is only when you live in a village you realise how blessed you are, the girls drove the toy tractor down to the pub, with grandson George a hesitant passenger. Miss Ava took herself down the road to see T & M for the afternoon and I'm not going to lie ... the Sunday of the bank holiday weekend was the most perfect of days, we did not leave the house, the youngsters played in the garden for hours and too much gin and beer was imbibed by the grown-ups!

So I survived the staycation and I want to do it all over again – I spent five wonderful days with my family, overflowing with love, laughter and laundry!



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## Quiz Night

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Julia Wade



Four teams took part in June's Quiz, which was set by Gaye and Angela, assisted by Bill, so many thanks to them for setting an interesting and diverse quiz.

It was another closely fought quiz. For the second month running, two teams tied on the marathon round, the winner being decided by who submitted their answer sheet first. It was a really enjoyable marathon, where we had a list of song titles and had to identify from which musical the song came. See if you can say where these songs come from: 'I Could Have Danced All Night', 'Defying Gravity', 'Hello Young Lovers', 'Naughty', 'As Long As He Needs Me'? Answers below.

At the half way point in the main quiz, just one point separated Team Terry's Turnips from the Pound Closets (no, we don't know why we chose that team name, either!), but by the end Terry's Turnips had reversed the positions and won by 1½ points. Very well done to Neil, Jacqui and Margaret.

One round was entitled 'On This Day', we were given a date and asked a question related to it, e.g., on 13 March 1964 the first black actor was awarded an Oscar; who was he? There was also a round on Kings and Queens: After which British monarch was the American State of Virginia named? My favourite question though, was: Which company makes the most wheels in the world? Answers below.

The next two quizzes will be on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start, at the Village Hall. There will not be a quiz in August. If you haven't been before, why not give it a try? It's not a serious quiz, and everyone who goes enjoys it. If you go on your own, we can easily put you in a team.

Everyone is very welcome.

**Answers: Musicals: My Fair Lady, Wicked, The King & I, Matilda, Oliver!, Sidney Poitier. Elizabeth I (the Virgin Queen). Lego!**

## Harvest Supper – Save the Date

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A harvest supper will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September – full details will be available in the September edition of the magazine.

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## Nature Notes

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This is Shakespeare's 33<sup>rd</sup> sonnet. It looks like a June sort of poem as it seems, at first glance, to be about the sort of changeable weather we associate with summer when days begin fine and then get duller. But look again, and it really seems to be about human love and forgiveness.



*Full many a glorious morning have I seen  
Flatter the mountain tops with sovereign eye,  
Kissing with golden face the meadows green,  
Gilding pale streams with heavenly alchemy;  
Anon permit the basest clouds to ride  
With ugly rack on his celestial face,  
And from the forlorn world his visage hide,  
Stealing unseen to west with this disgrace:  
Even so my sun one early morn did shine  
With all-triumphant splendor on my brow;  
But out, alack! he was but one hour mine,  
The region cloud hath mask'd him from me now.  
Yet him for this my love no whit disdaineth;  
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## Semington Jubilee Wood – Littlemarsh

*Steve Rimmer*

In March 2012 villagers, pupils and staff from St Georges school planted 420 Oak, Silver Birch, Rowan, Hazel, Wild Cherry, Hawthorn and Blackthorn trees. Over the next few years the space between the trees was kept tidy by a few volunteers including Les Hiscock and we had a tidy lawned area sprinkled with rather skinny trees protected by rabbit guards.



Les Hiscock has now retired as keeper of the woodland and the space between the trees has been allowed to naturalise. Last autumn we planted some bluebells and earlier this year they flowered. If all is well the bluebells will make their home in our little patch of woodland.

This year we have created a path running through the trees which will take you from the entrance to the football field right through to the roundabout. If you fancy a few minutes enveloped in nature and away from the 21<sup>st</sup> century why not take a stroll through our trees. It may not be Westonbirt Arboretum but it is ours. Check out our facebook page – Semington Village Wiltshire

## Neighbourhood Watch

*Paul Bowyer – 870512*

One day soon the hot weather will be here and we all go into the back garden to play, have barbeques, without a thought of what's going on in the front garden. It's very important to think about this, lock the front door and close the front windows and garage, and don't leave anything valuable on the drive or front lawn, for example a lawnmower, or an expensive toy. It takes less than 20 seconds to park a van, open the back doors, pick up your lawnmower/toy, and you won't see it/them again. This advice also applies to pets – there seems to be an increasing number of puppies and small dogs going missing and this can be really heartbreaking.

Crime in the village has been minimal of late; there was an issue with a dog attacking other dogs – considering the number of dogs being walked in and around the village it is worth bearing in mind. Any incidents of this nature should be reported to the police. There is also a report of a boy causing "issues" on a bicycle – what these "issues" might be I am not aware. There are still reports of pilfering from sheds but beyond bringing it to people's attention there is no easy solution.



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## Semington 'A' Ladies Skittles Report

*Marilyn Taylor*



I would like to start by saying thank you to my team for a very enjoyable season. We thought we were on a high up to Christmas then it all went pear-shaped with a few bad losses. In the end we finished a respectable 5<sup>th</sup>.

Rachel Saunders was the highest player again with a average of 33.31 and 7 spares. I would also like to say well done to Peggy Wise (90 years young) who had a spare on the last game of the season, she is an inspiration to us all and to Sarah Rosling who played 25 out of 28 games. Tom Dowell did an excellent job being our sticker-up.

For our end of season meal we went to The Well, Bulkington where we had a very nice meal and enjoyable evening.

Once again, well done everyone and see you next season!

## Trowbridge Talking News – Volunteers Needed

*Leon Karas*

### **Committee Members, Readers & Duplicators Wanted**

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## **Parish Council Minutes**

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*Abridged minutes from meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018*

**Present.** Councillors B Smyth (Chairman), P Bowyer, M Kasasian, R Oglesby, S Rimmer, R Robinson, W Scott, P Smith, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman. There were two members of the public present. Apologies for non-attendance were received from PCSO Ledbury.

**Community Policing.** PCSO Ledbury had sent a written report to the Clerk prior to the meeting that the Clerk had sent to all councillors. Crimes reported in Semington;

- Dog attack in Church Street Semington. Knocking dog owner to the ground and attacking the dog.
- ASB- Boy on bicycle causing issues in Semington.

Cllr. Robinson advised the Council that a number of sheds had been broken into in nearby villages. The Chairman advised councillors to be wary of casual street traders known as 'Nottingham Knockers' as many were unlicensed and had ulterior motives for house to house calling. Cllr. Bowyer stated that he had nothing to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

**Planning.** There were no planning applications received after 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The Council noted the Notification of Enforcement Appeal (APP/Y3940/C/17/3191874) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 – Lansdowne, Littleton, The Clerk confirmed that he had sent the comments from the Parish Council agreed at the last meeting to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Council noted the Application for Street Trading Consent in respect of 'The Griddle King' to be located at the lay-by on the A361 at Littleton and **resolved** that it had no objections.

Cllr. Scott gave a brief report on the progress of the Village Green application. He stated that he was awaiting a date for the enquiry and that meanwhile the various witness statements were being finalised.

**Finance.** The financial position at 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 was **£24,792.62**.

**Highways/Environment.** Cllr. Robinson confirmed that the local roads had been swept by the road-sweeper vehicle. He added that he had cut the grass at The Ragged Smock but because of the nature of the area future cuts would need the facility of a strimmer. Cllr. Robinson was asked to investigate the purchase of a strimmer plus necessary attachments and to present these details to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that he had cleared a path through the trees that had been planted by the Parish Council at Littlemarsh and recommended that councillors and others took advantage of this facility.

Cllr. Scott stated that he was intending to plant some Yellow Rattle plugs in strategic positions in the village, including the Littlemarsh woodland path, to reduce the growth of unwanted grass.

The Chairman reminded the Clerk to send a response to the parishioner regarding the overgrown vegetation at the path near to the school.

The Clerk confirmed that Wiltshire Council was addressing the matter of 'screening' and that Wiltshire Council would be contacting the parishioner directly.

Cllr. Smith stated that work to refurbish the telephone kiosk has progressed well and that the outside of the kiosk was now almost completed, although some seventy-two glazing bars required a final coat of paint. He added that the interior light is now working again and that refurbishment of the inside of the kiosk is now required. He confirmed that the new 'Semington' sign at the top of the kiosk had now been fitted.

Cllr. Rimmer stated that approval had now been obtained from Wiltshire Council for the planting of a number of oak trees in the village opposite to the crematorium to commemorate the ending of the First World War and the fallen of Semington. He explained the proposed planting plan and councillors agreed to accompany him to examine the proposed site and to measure it and mark it out where the trees are to be planted. Cllr. Rimmer commented that he would order the trees with a view to planting them in the autumn. The Clerk requested that the Clerk is sent the invoice or proforma invoice for payment and that the order is made out to Semington Parish Council.

#### **Melksham Community Area Board/Community Area Transport Group Meetings.**

Cllr. Robinson stated that he had not attended the Area Board meeting because it did not address 'normal business' and that he would be unable to attend the CATG meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. Cllr. Wade stated that he was likely to be able to attend the CATG meeting in June.

**Tennis Court and Wessex Close Play Areas.** Cllr. Smyth stated that he recommended that a working party in the autumn could clear the overgrown vegetation that has encroached upon the play area at Wessex Close that had reduced the available usable space. Councillors agreed to talk to a parishioner with experience of refurbishing play areas regarding improving/repairing the damaged football pitch at the Wessex Close Play Area.

18<sup>th</sup> July - Ordinary PC Meeting at 8pm.

No meeting in August.

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*Jonathan Seed 07770 774463*

The past month has been a busy period for Wiltshire Council with a mix of good news and more difficult issues to deal with. All these issues need careful management because at the point of delivery it is the residents of Wiltshire who are affected. Whatever the issue the politicians and officers of the Council do their utmost to deliver the best possible service but increasingly with diminishing resources.

A difficult issue has been the provision of education for children with special educational needs and disabilities. Schools in the north of the county are already at full capacity and more space is needed as it is anticipated numbers will rise by an additional 70 places in this area alone by 2026. Wiltshire Council is committing significant investment into the scheme to ensure pupils have schools which have sufficient space to meet their needs into the future. A consultation is being run and people are being asked for feedback on three options:

- Develop a single school
- Develop two schools
- Develop/continue three schools in Chippenham, Trowbridge and near Devizes

The results of the consultation will go back to cabinet for any further action.

On a brighter note the Council is doing its utmost to help with the provision of more homes and to solve the problem of rough sleeping in the county. A plan has been approved for an extra 22 dwellings at the Southview Park site in Trowbridge, where 28 council homes are already being built. This latest addition to the county's affordable housing stock is extra to the 158 homes which the council already pledged to complete by 2020 with an investment of £30.5m. They will be occupied by residents from Wiltshire Council's housing waiting list.

Another success at attracting targeted Government funding has been the injection of over £300k to help resolve the problem of rough sleepers in the county. These are people with complex needs and the new funding will help both the Council and their agency/charity partners to help the more vulnerable in our society.

Locally the Parish Council has had its Annual Meeting, delivered its annual report and elected its Chairman and Vice Chairman. All of this is voluntary work which takes a great deal of time for a few public spirited volunteers and we all ought to be very grateful for what these worthy souls do for our community.

## Update on Parish Issues – Semington War Memorial

*Brian Smyth*

2018 sees the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the 1st World War and there is considerable attention on the various memorials that will be the focus of the commemorations in November. In addition to the main war memorial at St George's Church, there are official war graves in the churchyard for two villagers who served in WW1 - Frank Baden Farmer and William Henry John Hancock. Both individuals died after the end of hostilities. For some time now Semington Parish Council have been considering whether these two names should be added to the main war memorial. This question has required much research which has been undertaken by our local military historian Ray Heard. In addition to many hours reading through archives, Ray sought advice from both the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and the British Legion.

From the end of the war in 1918 until 31<sup>st</sup> August 1921 any ex-service personnel who died, whether from the effects of the war or not, were offered an official CWGC headstone for the churchyard. This means that the families of Farmer and Hancock both chose this option. The other fact that came to light was that it is not accepted practice to add to community memorials the names of individuals who died after the end of hostilities, as was the case here.

We know that official war graves were a source of great pride for the families of those who died and taking all these things into account the Parish Council decided that it should not seek to add their names to the main village war memorial. We thought long and hard about this issue and felt it was important that parishioners were made aware of the reasoning behind our decision. Nevertheless, the PC will ensure that in addition to the annual wreath laid at the war memorial, individual poppy sprays are laid also at the two war graves.

### Paws for Thought



*'Be still and know that I am God. I will be praised in all the nations; I will be praised throughout the earth.'*

It's in the bible; Psalm 46, Verse 10

## Semington Village Fete 2018

*Sheralyn Milburn - 870146*

### Semington Village Fete, Saturday 7th July at St George's School Field 2.00pm onwards

We look forward to welcoming you to our village fete! There will be musical entertainment, dancers, all your favourite stalls, granny's attic, silent auction, children's games, face painting, teas, bar, barbecue, gin raffle and lots, lots more.

The ever popular Tug-of-War is back again! Fancy entering a team this year? Then sign up on the day or pop down and see John at the Somerset Arms for more details and to secure your team a slot!

Don't forget to dig out some goodies for our stalls especially granny's attic, and the plant and book stalls; home made cakes, bottles and groceries are always welcome. Your collector will be round during fete week.

But most of all we hope you will join us for a relaxing afternoon in our lovely village and hopefully the sun will be shining!



## Great Bulkington Railway

*Nev Boulton – Station Master 828101*

A new service has been offered on the Great Bulkington Railway whereby children of a suitable age and disposition (usually about 8 upwards) are offered 2 hours of driving lessons for a suitable modest donation to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Don't forget that we also do parties for up to 20 children with all day use of the hall (BYO food) and 2 hours of train rides for £140. I am delighted to say that we have just sent the Wiltshire Air Ambulance another £500 raised from our birthday parties!





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## W I Meeting

*Deb Hurn*

We tried our hands at making jewellery this month under the watchful eye of our speaker Sue Waldron. The outcome was very successful with many of the ladies going home with a unique handmade piece of jewellery.



Next month our members will be enjoying an afternoon tea at Whitehall Garden Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm for 2.30pm. This will be in place of our evening meeting.

Our August meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be having an old fashioned games night with games suitable for everyone.

## Spotlight on Local Businesses

*Newhouse Farm Bed and Breakfast Derek & Carol Ball*

*As more and more global brands pop up in Melksham and Trowbridge, our local independent businesses deserve some time in the spotlight. If you feel your business deserves a moment in the spotlight e-mail [semparmag@icloud.com](mailto:semparmag@icloud.com) and when space allows we'll pop you into the spotlight!*

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## Steeple Ashton Films

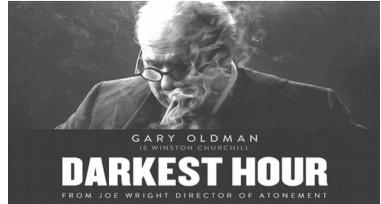
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*Alison Wilson*

**DARKEST HOUR (PG)**

**SATURDAY 14 JULY 2018 – 7.30PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM FOR REFRESHMENTS  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STEEPLE ASHTON**



Thank you to all those of you who came to see The Post – a rather different sort of film for us to show and many of our audience went out of their way to say how much they enjoyed it. **Darkest Hour** hardly seems to need any introduction, many of you will have seen it, but I felt it is a film that represents our history and has won the enthusiasm of audiences and critics. I felt I must bring it to the village.

During the early days of World War II, with the fall of France imminent, Britain faces its darkest hour as the threat of invasion looms. As the seemingly unstoppable Nazi forces advance, and with the Allied army cornered on the beaches of Dunkirk, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the leadership of the newly-appointed British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill played by Academy Award nominee Gary Oldman. He faces the ultimate choice: negotiate with Hitler and save the British people at a terrible cost or rally the nation and fight on against incredible odds.

**Darkest Hour** is the dramatic and inspiring story of four weeks in 1940 during which Churchill's courage to lead, changed the course of world history. A British film with some of the best of our home grown actors, **Gary Oldman, Kristin Scott-Thomas, Ronald Pickup and Lily James**, to name but a few. This is a rousing and celebratory description of an iconic moment in our history. Not to be missed!

**Tickets £6 available from Steeple Ashton Village Shop or can be reserved.  
Please ring Alison Wilson on 01380 871345.**

## Help Needed

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*David Kemp-Potter*

Wanted - assistance with domestic cleaning at The Old Manor House. Please call David Kemp-Potter **01380 871728**.

## Wiltshire Air Ambulance – Bake Off for Lift Off

*Jill Crooks*

If you like cakes then why not host a bake sale or bake off and help Wiltshire Air Ambulance to keep flying and saving lives?

Bake Off for Lift Off is our theme for National Air Ambulance Week, 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018. We're asking individuals, community groups, schools, colleges and businesses to get their bake on and fundraise for our lifesaving charity.

Organise a bake off with your friends, family or colleagues, hold a bake sale, dress up at a Mad Hatter's Tea Party or hold a Teddy Bears' Picnic. We've been saving lives for over 28 years thanks to the incredible support and generosity of the public who donate. But we have to raise £3.25 million a year to keep our lifesaving service operational.

Join us in our mission to Bake Off for Lift Off and help us save lives. Register your interest by emailing [bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk](mailto:bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk) or call us on **01225 300536**.

Let us know what you're planning to do and we can send you your pack to kick-start your fundraising!



## Hilperton MIND Shop – Volunteers Needed

*Lisa Lee 01225 920641*

The MIND charity shop in Paxcroft Mead, Hilperton is looking for volunteers. The shop is open Monday to Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm, any time you can give us would be appreciated. If you would like to volunteer contact Lisa on the number above.

## Catholic News

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### *St. John The Baptist Trowbridge & St Bernadette's Westbury (inc villages)*

#### **St John the Baptist Trowbridge :**

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm: Sunday 10.30am & 6.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9.00am; Tuesday: 6.00pm; Wednesday: 12.00pm; Friday 6.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am

Rosary: Weekdays before Mass.

Confessions: Saturday: 9.30am – 10.15am and 5.15pm – 5.30pm and on request.

#### **St Bernadette's Westbury**

Sunday Mass – 9.00am

Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Weekday Mass: Thursday 10.00am

Confessions: Thursday 9.15am – 9.30am and on request

**The New 300 Club 2018** - subscriptions: £50 annually - £13 quarterly - £4.33 monthly. New members are most welcome to join at any time. Prizes are: £200-£70-£50-£10. For information and application form contact Francis Geraghty 01380 871083 email: f.geraghty303@btinternet.com

**Sharing Our Faith** - The Group meets in the Parish Centre, Trowbridge on Wednesdays from 8.00pm -9.00pm. This is open to anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Church.

**Glastonbury Pilgrimage.** The annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Glastonbury is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The coach leaves at 10.00am from St John's Primary School, returning at 6.30pm. Cost is £10.00 per person and children under 11, £5.00. Please let Father Tom know if you wish to use the coach.

#### **Mass Times At Nearby Catholic Churches**

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

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

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

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

Bradford on Avon (01225 862739) Mass on Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.30am

## Thoughts From The Rectory

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*Rev. John Rees*

I recently read an article about vandalism at a church. It had a stained glass window that proclaimed a text from Luke's Gospel: "Glory to God in the Highest". Unfortunately a stone had been thrown through the window, shattering the pane containing the letter "e". The church leaders had initially sought to restore the glass with a new "e" that would blend seamlessly with the original glass. However, after discussion, they replaced the broken pane with clear glass. The window now read "Glory to God in the High St".

The church leaders wanted the repaired window to give some very important messages:-

God's loving presence is everywhere, and for everyone – it is not confined to a church building.

Our Church buildings are for the whole community; they symbolise God loves us all, not just those who worship week by week.

For this reason St Michael's Hilperton and St George's Semington are open in daylight hours; they are places where you can be still amidst the bustle of life. I often find it is in the quietness I become aware of God's loving presence and I hope you will too. In St Michael's we have resources to aid reflection and prayer.

We want our buildings to be places which support our community life. For example, we offer "drop in for coffee" and a friendship group at St Mary's in Horse Road as well as a meeting space for Art Groups and Rainbows and we have "Let's do Lunch" at St Michael's. I hope our Churches may offer concerts and other events too. We are planning to install a toilet at St George's to support worship and community events there.

Whether you come to our services or visit at other times you will be assured of a warm welcome.

### Contact Details for The Canalside Parishes

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Administrator – Michael Gamble, please contact Michael for initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings and general matters on **07795 400262**

E-mail - [canalsidebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:canalsidebenefice@gmail.com)

PCC Secretary/Treasurer - Jack Woodward **01380 870784**

Church Warden – Mr David Wildsmith

We have a team of Lay Pastoral Assistants who take on many roles within the benefice and are co-ordinated by Marilyn Stubbs. Please contact Marilyn on **01225 753118** or John if you would like a visit.

Rev John Rees, Rector, Canalside Benefice **01225 764365**

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## July 2018 Services

You are welcome to join any of our services



### St George's Semington

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Methodist Service
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Songs of Praise with Bucks Fizz
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	St George's School Leavers Service
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.45pm	Morning Prayer

### St Michael and All Angels, Hilperton

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Together in Worship
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Communion & Coffee
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion & Junior Church
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Communion & Coffee
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	All Age Communion
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Communion & Coffee
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Communion & Coffee

### St Mary Magdalen, Hilperton Marsh

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30pm	Cream Tea Afternoon
	4.30pm	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer

### St Mary the Virgin, Whaddon

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Benefice Service with Picnic Lunch

August service times available on Canal Benefice Website

*We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public. Bryan White*

## Up On The Roof

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Meet five of our younger Semington villagers... Just chillin' on a shed roof as you do on a summer's evening!

Thank you to Lesley for the photo and to the lovely parents for your permission to publish!



All photos are gratefully received, simply send them through to me at **[semparmag@icloud.com](mailto:semparmag@icloud.com)** We have a few photos lined up – but the more the merrier! Share everything you love about living here.

Your parish magazine relies heavily on voluntary donations – have you made yours yet? You can leave it with John at the pub or pop an envelope to Jack and Bev Woodward.

Cheers!