

OCTOBER 2018

SEMINGTON  
PARISH



MAGAZINE

**Minister for Semington:**

**Revd John Rees**

**22 Warren Road**

**Staverton**

**BA14 8UZ**

**Tel. 01225 764365**

## Semington Diary

---

Village Hall



8 <sup>th</sup>	MON	Defibrillator Awareness Training	7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	THURS	Semington W.I.	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	SUN	Village Quiz	7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	WEDS	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm

### SKITTLES

2 <sup>nd</sup>	TUES	Ladies Skittles	7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	FRI	Mens Skittles	7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	TUES	Ladies Skittles	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	WEDS	Armstrongs Angels	7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	FRI	Mens Skittles	7.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	TUES	Ladies Skittles	7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	FRI	Mens Skittles	7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	TUES	Ladies Skittles	7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	WEDS	Armstrongs Angels	7.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	THURS	Steeple Ashton Skittles	7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	FRI	Mens Skittles	7.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	TUES	Ladies Skittles	7.30pm

### **Every Week in The Village Hall & St George's School**

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

*Bev Woodward*

**Housegroup** - join us to drink tea and coffee, chat and have a laugh. This month we're discussing Jesus's extraordinarily radical way of life he described in the beatitudes. We're meeting on Tuesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.45pm. As venues change, please phone Pam 870030 for up to date information.

**Christians in Semington** - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.45pm – 9.00pm, 9 Somerset Way. Join us to pray for our community.

**Harvest Celebrations** - We had a great weekend last month celebrating harvest! At the supper on the Saturday Michael Gamble from Hilperton gave another amazing visual presentation - this time an A-Z of the South West of England. It made us very proud and privileged to live in this part of the world. The Church had been beautifully decorated for the Songs of Praise on the Sunday - thank you to all who helped in any way. The profit from the supper has been given to John Rees towards his sponsored walk later this month.

**Church Flowers** - A MASSIVE thank you to Jeannie Bailey for organising the church flower rota for the last few years! We have many willing flower arrangers, who do a great job all year round. If you can help, we'd love to have more on the rota. Thank you to everyone who helps to make the church look so attractive in this way.

## Editor's Note

*Gillian Airey*

Deadline for contributions for the November edition is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. I'm a huge believer of the more the merrier so feel free to drop me a line at **semparmag@icloud.com** and that includes more lovely photos please!

For all advertising enquiries please contact Jeremy on 870708 or e-mail **Jez\_tyler@hotmail.com** Apologies to those who have asked for advertising space. As you know the magazine is full, but we are working on some new proposals that may help going forward.

*Cleeve Cats  
Boarding Cattery  
...Send Cleeve*

We only board cats



[www.cleevecats.co.uk](http://www.cleevecats.co.uk)

# HALL FOR HIRE

Semington Village

Capacity 100

Phone 07519393668

or

Gerald 01380  
870530



For all your  
**Painting and  
Decorating**



needs call



**Pete Milburn**

Church Street, Semington

**07841 384599**

Get a free quote today

No commitment

Competitive rates

**ZUMBA** With Patty & Maria

Melksham Baptist Church Hall

**Mondays 6:15pm**, Old Broughton Rd, SN12 8BX

Forest and Sandridge COE Primary School

**Tuesdays 6pm**, Cranesbill Road,  
Melksham, SN12 7GN

St George's School, Semington

**Wednesdays 6:30pm** Zumba fitness  
Semington, BA14 6LP

**ZUMBA** Gold 50+ & Beginners

United Methodist Church Hall, BoA

**Tuesdays 11am**, St Margaret's St, BA15 1DD

Paxcroft Mead Community Centre,

Hilperton, BA14 7GW

**Thursdays 10am**

Call Patty: 07791 129593 [patperry@yahoo.com](mailto:patperry@yahoo.com)

[www.patriciaperry.zumba.com](http://www.patriciaperry.zumba.com)

## This month I've got into a bit of a pickle

*Gilly Airey*

I think you've all got the measure of me by now, I fancy myself as a bit of a Barbara with Gorgeous Hubby as Tom from the Good Life.... My fabulous friends would counter that and say I can, however, come over terribly Margo at times! Apologies again to all you youngsters not privileged enough to have lived through the golden age of TV sitcoms...

Anyhow I digress (as always) I do love to make my own stuff, do you remember the curtains? This month I have turned my attention to the kitchen and making the most of the bountiful harvest. I'm not going to lie over the years we have lived in the village our house has become a sort of Oxfam for surplus fruit and veg and what better to do with them but to transform them into pickles, jams and chutneys.

Gorgeous Hubby was very enthusiastic to get stuck in, coming home with trays upon trays of fruit. The apricot jam worked really well, the strawberry not so. It had to be bullied into submission with a bottle of pectin and double boiling to get it to set. But the chutneys and pickles have been a triumph. I say a triumph once you've stopped crying like you've watched Bambi for the first time ever, after chopping the onions and your lungs have recovered from breathing in the hot vinegary fumes whilst it cooked.

And because it's the Airey house - no straightforward Branston Pickle style chutney – oh no – only the exotic for Gorgeous Hubby. Currently we have peach and ginger maturing alongside nectarine and chilli relish as well as bread and butter pickle, which confusingly contains neither bread nor butter.....

Whether our friends like it or not we like to share the fruits of our labours, especially when the flavour can be, shall we say, experimental... We only have one rule – bring us the jar back when you're done and you can swap it for another one. I got a jar back this week, it would appear it was just a jar, but this was Dave R's pickled onion jar and sadly Dave R isn't with us anymore to fill it, so I feel it's our job to fill that jar and pass it on.

So, here's to Dave and his legendary pickled onions.





## The Somerset Arms Free House

**Breakfast** served from 9am

**Sunday Lunch** served 12.00pm -  
4.00pm

**Dinner** served 6.00pm to 9.00pm  
Monday to Saturday

High Street, Semington  
01380 870067



Find us on Facebook

**Keep a look out for upcoming  
events and special nights**

[www.somersetarmssemington.co.uk](http://www.somersetarmssemington.co.uk)

## WILLIAMS HOME TECH

**Need help with your computer?  
Call Dave for user-friendly help**

For anything to do with home computers, laptops or entertainment equipment... I can set up your wireless broadband, networking, iPad, iPhone and other smart phones. If your computer has ground to a halt, or you want 1 to 1 instruction on how to use your PC... internet security... download pictures from your camera... how to use software and much more... **call Dave.**

**If I can't help I won't charge.  
01380 870767 or 07799 337807**

e-mail: [help@williamshometech.com](mailto:help@williamshometech.com)  
[www.williamshometech.com](http://www.williamshometech.com)

## Kieren Bourne



### Garden Maintenance

**Regular or one-off service**

**Don't let that overgrown corner get you  
down anymore!**

**Special price on your first session!**

**Lawn mowing, pruning, weeding, hedge  
trimming, planting, edging, digging.**

**Cottage garden & herb plants**

**available for sale**

**Can also help with interior and some  
exterior household painting**



**01225 705782**

**Email: [kowhai45@hotmail.com](mailto:kowhai45@hotmail.com)**

## Village Quiz Night

---

Julia Wade



There was a tie for first place in September's quiz!

At half time one of the teams who tied, was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, but Team 'What's in a Name?' had a good second half, and drew level with Team 'Tea for 3' by the end of the evening, hope you're keeping up! So a tie break question had to decide the outcome of the quiz. The deciding question was: 'What is the height, in metres, of Ben Nevis?' 1345m was the correct answer and both teams were thereabouts, but the closest team was 'What's in a Name?' – Esme, Philip, Colin and myself – with 1250m as their answer. Commiserations to Tea for 3.

Many thanks to Neil and Jacqui for setting an interesting quiz. Sample questions were: What name is both an actor in Bronson and The Krays; the Vice-Admiral on the Victory at Trafalgar and also a 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century novelist and poet? 'Ben, Jason, Elizabeth, John Boy, Erin and Mary Ellen – which name is missing from this list?' Who was the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated? The Cinque Ports were a confederation of 5 ports grouped together for trade and military purposes – can you name them? Answers below.

The Music Round was an interesting CD acquired at a car boot sale, of the theme tunes from westerns on TV or film, including High Noon and the Magnificent Seven. There was also a glorious collection of the theme tunes from space movies such as War of the Worlds and 2001: A Space Odyssey – the disco versions... I kid you not!

The Marathon was to identify a set of photos of athletics stars, ranging from Ann Packer to Paula Radcliffe. The winners were the Neighbours team.

The next quiz will be on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm for a 7.45pm** start, at the Village Hall. 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 come on your own, we can easily put you in a team. Everyone is very welcome.

**Answers: Thomas Hardy; Jim-Bob (from The Waltons); Spencer Percival; Romney, Sandwich, Hythe, Hastings and Dover (plus the ancient towns of Rye and Winchelsea)**

# CAROL'S CABS LTD

PRIVATE HIRE & TAXI'S

**Airport & Party Runs**

**8 & 6 Seats Available**

**N.V.Q. Qualified**

**M: 0789 4873129**

**E: carolscabs@hotmail.co.uk**

## J.D. PRICE BUILDING SERVICES EST. 1987

- Extensions
- Garages
- Renovations
- Patios, Drives, etc.
- General Building Works

**Phone for expert advice  
and a free quotation  
Tel. 01225 344624  
Mob. 07970 737321**

*City & Guilds Accredited*



Wedding flowers  
Hand-tied bouquets  
Arrangements  
Funeral tributes

**Beautiful, stylish flowers  
for every occasion**

**01225 700020**

**www.stemsfloristwiltshire.co.uk**

**Local delivery available**

Bridge House, Semington,  
Trowbridge, BA14 6JT

## Chris Walker

*Plumbing services & Home  
Improvements*

*for a friendly, reliable & local  
service*

Bathroom & Kitchen Installations •  
Showers • Toilet repairs • Tiling •

Radiators • Burst Pipes • Leaking Taps  
& Ball Valves • Cold water tanks  
replacement • Fascias & Guttering.

*for a free quotation please call  
Chris on: 07837 589919 or  
01380 870537*

Based in Semington, Trowbridge

## The Book Club

---

Angela Grodzicka - 870756

The group met on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August to discuss Hotel du Lac by Anita Brookner. It received mixed reviews and was not everyone's cup of tea. However, those who liked it thought it was well written with good descriptions, interesting characters and it was both enormously poignant and rather sad.

When reading the book it felt rather like being a fly on the wall watching the characters unfold and react. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00pm** in The Somerset Arms to discuss Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman.

All welcome.

## Natures Notes

---

Although this was originally a French song, it's the 1947 English translation by **Johnny Mercer** that we are most familiar with. *Autumn Leaves* might be just another simple love song – another love-gone-wrong kind of song – but it's a classic jazz standard that everyone seems to have had a go at, often more than once.

### *Autumn Leaves*

*The falling leaves drift by the window  
The autumn leaves of red and gold*

*I see your lips, the summer kisses  
The sunburned hands I used to hold*

*Since you went away the days grow long  
And soon I'll hear old winter's song*

*But I miss you most of all my darling  
When autumn leaves start to fall*



**Kavanaghs**

**SOLD**

01225 706 860  
www.kavanaghs.co.uk



**LET**

01225 790 529  
www.kavanaghs.co.uk



# On the move?

## For Sales or Lettings Residential or Commercial

Dealing with all types of property in the Melksham and Trowbridge area, Kavanaghs Chartered Surveyors are leading professional estate agents for all your property needs.

Call Melksham 01225 706860  
Trowbridge 01225 341504

Email [info@kavanaghs.co.uk](mailto:info@kavanaghs.co.uk) or go to [www.kavanaghs.co.uk](http://www.kavanaghs.co.uk)



## Nathan Keegan Plastering



Re-skimming  
Skimming over artex  
Plasterboarding  
Patch repairs

*Specialising in  
domestic plastering*

*Every effort made to cause  
minimum home disturbance*

Call for free quote

Mobile: 07534 129011  
Home: 01225 287138  
(Melksham based)



Andil House, Court Street,  
Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 8BR

Digital Printing & Copying

Business Stationery

Carbonless Invoice Printing

**Tel: 01225 776678**

Email: [sales@amprintcopy.co.uk](mailto:sales@amprintcopy.co.uk)  
[www.amprintcopy.co.uk](http://www.amprintcopy.co.uk)

## Michelle Donelan Surgery in Semington

---

*Michelle Donelan MP*



As part of my 'Meet your MP Summer Roadshow' I held a very enjoyable drop in event in the Somerset Arms in Semington.

I would first like to thank all those residents who came to speak to me and to all the staff and management at the Somerset Arms for their fantastic hospitality. Even though the event was in the evening I appreciate that with holidays and shift patterns it would not have been possible for all who would have liked to attend to have done so, therefore I thought I would summarise what was discussed for those unable to attend.

Local issues dominated the discussions with concerns raised about the conditions of some of the roads running through the village and the damage that broken road surfaces are doing to cars. Wiltshire Council have a phone app which can be used to alert the Council to specific road issues and I encouraged people to use this as the first point of contact. Not everyone has access to mobile apps so I am happy to report any issue to the Council directly if you contact me on 01249 704 465 and I will take the issue up on your behalf.

Flooding and flood prevention was another key concern raised by residents, not just in the village but stretching out to Holt and in areas surrounding Semington. On the back of this concern I have arranged a meeting with Councillor Jonathon Seed who is not only the local councillor but also the Cabinet Member responsible for this and I will be feeding back concerns and working together on a solution to these.

On the national level I spoke to residents on both sides of the argument about Brexit, reiterating that negotiations are ongoing and I would of course feedback their concerns to Ministers when I am able and update them on any individual areas of concern they may have. I am always happy to hear your views on this matter and to share with you my own, so if you would like to discuss this or any other national issue please email me on **[michelle.donelan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:michelle.donelan.mp@parliament.uk)**

A number of constituents also came to speak to me about personal issues they were facing and seeking my support with them. I, of course, won't detail these here but if you are in need of support with any issue you may be facing my door is always open and I would be glad to speak to you and offer any support I am able to.

I am planning a further event in November which I hope will be as well attended, but if in the meantime you would like to contact me on any issue at all or would like support with a personal problem you are having please do get in touch on the details above.



Donna  
**WILLIAMS**

ADI 318571

*Registered Approved Driving Instructor*

**STRUCTURED TRAINING**

**PATIENT FRIENDLY INSTRUCTOR**

**COMPETITIVE RATES**

**ASK ABOUT DISCOUNTS**

Tel: 01380 870767  
Mob: 07855 708045



Have you always wanted to learn the piano, or do you need a few lessons to get you back in the swing?



If so, Linda is ready to help whether you are a beginner, improver or returner. All ages are welcome and it is never too late to learn something new or do something different.

**Linda Hollister**  
**DipMus(Open)**  
**Telephone: 01225 765573**

CRB Cleared

Can't tune in your new TV?

**P.F. HARRIS  
& SON**

**T.V. Video & Audio  
Services**  
*Repairs, Sales & Tuneins*

Call 01225 752197  
Mobile 07925 474711

[www.tvrepairstrowbridge.co.uk](http://www.tvrepairstrowbridge.co.uk)

Unit 24 Meadows Works  
Court St  
Trowbridge BA14 8BR

**SHOP LOCAL**  
Let us help you with your TV  
requirements

**TOM STEEL**



**Oil Boiler Engineer**  
(oftec Reg No C10107)



**COMMISSIONING**

**SERVICE**

**MAINTENANCE**

Any problems give me a ring on  
**01380 727603**  
**07746 063 147**

## At The School Gates

*Jackie Chalk – Head Teacher*

Although there were no children in school over the summer holidays, it was, however, a busy time.

Pictured right is Herons Class which has had a make over and has been extended to make room for more children. There is now more space to include a book corner and a role play area.



The school is having a whole school focus on speaking in full well structured sentences. Research shows that children who feel more confident to express themselves verbally are more successful in all areas of learning. Our focus this term is going to be mastering the 'Language of Opinion' which we hope will help the children to share their thoughts and ideas more effectively.

Finally a welcome to our new staff members; Mrs Cann, Miss Kersey, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Lane and Mrs Crossman.

## W I Meeting

*Deb Hurn*

We were privileged to welcome John and Shelia Sadler along with Kelvin and Oslo two golden retriever disability dogs in September. The dogs were lovely and very well behaved. Sheila is also training them to be 'Pets as Therapy dogs' where they will go into care homes, prisons, special needs schools etc. It was wonderful to see the difference they can make.

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

At our next meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, we will be attempting to make tiny teddies from pipe cleaners. If you have them, please bring small pliers also a pair of scissors.

## Parish Council Minutes

---

*Abridged minutes from meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

**Present** Councillors B Smyth (Chairman), P Bowyer, M Kasasian, R Robinson, W Scott, P Smith, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman. Wiltshire Council Cllr. J Seed attended (Part-time). There were six members of the public present. **Apologies.** Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Councillors R Oglesby and S Rimmer.

**Declaration of Interests.** Cllrs. Smyth and Wade each declared a personal interest in the Village Hall (see Village Hall grant). There were no other interests declared by councillors.

**Community Policing.** In the absence of PCSO Ledbury no report was given.

**Wiltshire Council Report.** Cllr. Seed gave a report on the Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Wiltshire Warding Arrangements and its possible implications for Semington.

**Planning** The Council examined the following planning applications and **resolved** to send comments to Wiltshire Council as shown: 18/08128/OUT - Land West of 5a High Street. Proposed New Dwelling. The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development. 18/08168/FUL Bay Tree Cottage, 5A High Street Proposed single storey extension & outbuilding. The Parish Council objects to this proposed development for the following reasons: It is too close to the boundary and there is a lack of detailed information relating to this proposed development.

The Clerk stated that the Agent (Stride Treglown) for Westerleigh Group – West Wiltshire Crematorium) – intended attending the next Parish Council meeting to present the plans for the proposed extension of the crematorium that will include a new bereavement suite and second chapel.

**Finance. Balance as at 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 £7,628.07.** The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit for FY2017/18 by PKF Littlejohn LLP had been completed and that there were no matters that needed to be brought to the attention of the Council. The Council **resolved** unanimously to implement the revised NALC/SLC 2018-2019 National Salary Award for Part-Time Local Council Clerks. The Clerk thanked the Council for taking this action. The Parish Council **resolved** to make a donation of £2000 to Semington Village Hall towards the cost of new window and doors. It was noted that the full cost of these improvements is to be £7356. The Parish Council **resolved** to make a donation of £550 to St Georges PCC towards the upkeep of the churchyard and publication of the Village Newsletter. The decision on the allocation of funds to the Tennis Court Maintenance Fund was deferred until a subsequent meeting pending receipt of information indicating possible maintenance/repair costs.

**Highways/Environment.** Cllr. Smyth stated that the questionnaire received relating to the 'No Entry Gate' had been countered by the Parish Council by it issuing a factual statement to parishioners. The suspicion was that the author of the questionnaire was seeking support for the removal of the Bus Gate – the removal of which was vehemently opposed by the majority of parishioners and by the Parish Council. The Chairman reported that the proposal by Wiltshire Air Ambulance for new direction and location signage indicating the location of the station had been put on hold pending the results of the vehicle count exercise that is currently taking place to assess the traffic flow to the Air Ambulance Station.

The Council noted the correspondence from the Ramblers Association regarding the maintenance of public paths and stiles and decided that there were only two paths that needed attention – one at Great Lees Field (near to the canal) and the path near to the Crematorium– and that councillors would assess the condition of the stiles over the coming weeks.

Cllr. Wade agreed to investigate the cost of acquiring a Christmas tree for Semington and Cllr. Rimmer was to be asked to investigate the cost of acquiring new lights for the tree.

**War Memorial.** The Council noted the report by a parishioner entitled 'Semington Parish Council Decision not to include the names of William Henry John Hancock and Frank Braden Farmer on the Semington War Memorial – Initial Findings' that the Clerk had sent to all councillors. Following a proposal by Cllr. Scott, the Parish Council **resolved** to await the Final Report from the parishioner before making any further comment.

**Village Website.** The Parish Council discussed the current form of the website and following an assurance from the web master resolved that it is to continue as at present but that councillors are to view the website on a regular and more frequent basis and to propose any necessary changes.

**Tennis Court and Wessex Close Play Areas.** Cllr. Robinson commented that there was a need to clear vegetation from the edge of the playing area of the Tennis Court that was now becoming entwined with the Tennis Court fence. Cllrs. Robinson and Smyth agreed to investigate this vegetation. It was reported that unwanted vegetation was also encroaching on the Football Pitch and Basketball Court.

**Any Other Business.**

Cllr. Robinson asked all councillors to provide comments on the proposed Information Board that was to be positioned in the Telephone Box.

**Date of Next Meeting. 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**ZUMBA** with anisha  
**MONDAYS** 07823881945  
 7.45pm—8.45pm  
 Hilperton Primary School  
 Newleaze, Hilperton BA14 7SB

**TUESDAYS**  
 6.45pm-7.45pm  
 Fitzmaurice Primary School  
 Frome Road, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1LE

**WEDNESDAY**  
 7.00pm—8.00pm  
 Longfield Community Hall  
 Weavers Drive, Trowbridge, BA14 7DZ

**THURSDAYS**  
 6.45pm-7.45pm  
 Walwayne Court School  
 Brook Road, Trowbridge, BA14 9DU

**SATURDAYS**  
 10.15am—11.15am  
 St Laurence School  
 Ashley Cl, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1DZ

**ZUMBA** kids  
**NEW CLASS**  
**AGES 6 - 10 years**  
**Thursdays**  
 3.30pm- 4.30pm  
 Hilperton Village Hall  
 Whaddon Lane, Hilperton

WWW.ZUMBATROWBRIDGE.COM

## AEH Services

Home & Garden Services

No Job Too Small

Arbours, Planters & Arches  
 Erected

Leaky Taps to Faulty Gutters

Fully Insured and CRB Checked

Call Andy, 07952 357791

Free Quotes & Estimates

## **Peace of Mind Funeral Plans**

Buy at today's prices

With a *Peace of Mind Funeral Plan*  
 you benefit from

- ✓ Protection against rising funeral costs
- ✓ Your choice of funeral director
- ✓ Complete flexibility to choose the funeral you want
- ✓ Guaranteed acceptance.

To discuss your choices contact

**Jack Woodward**  
**01380 870784**

[www.peacefuneralplans.co.uk](http://www.peacefuneralplans.co.uk)

All plans registered with the Funeral Planning Authority

# The Semingtones! Ladies Choir



**For further details**

**Tel: 07730 254122**



*An integral part of West Wiltshire School for  
 Performing Arts*

[www.WWSPA.co.uk](http://www.WWSPA.co.uk)



[lorraine@theatresense.co.uk](mailto:lorraine@theatresense.co.uk)

## Friends of St George's

---

Victoria Reardon

After lots of fundraising last year the school were able to purchase 8 new iPads, new reading books and maths resources and enjoy a visit from a local author to support learning. So a huge thank you to everyone who came along to one of our events or helped out.

### AGM

Lots of parents turned up for the annual AGM of the Friends. John Adams stepped down as Chair after 3 years and we welcomed new parents to the committee. A new committee was agreed:

Chair - Kirsty Coetzer

Vice Chair - Chris Reed

Treasurer - Ian Williamson

Secretary - Andrea Webb/ Laura Parsons

### Dates to look forward to....

School Disco - 19<sup>th</sup> October

Jumble Sale - 17<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Bazaar – To be announced

Semington Slog - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019

We look forward to our forthcoming events and hope you will all be able to support us again this year.

### Paws for Thought



The Lord gives me new strength.  
He leads me on paths that are right  
for the good of his name.

It's in the bible; Psalm 23 Verse 3



mot@kingautoservices.co.uk

# MOT £39.99 FOR ALL SEMINGTON RESIDENTS

GIVE US A CALL OR BOOK ONLINE  
USING OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

Unit 14 Turnpike Ind. Est, Semington  
TEL: **01380 870999** [KINGSAUTOSERVICES.CO.UK](http://KINGSAUTOSERVICES.CO.UK)

## LAWN HOUSE CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

Lawn House, 29 High Street  
Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire BA14 6EU  
Tel.01380 871555  
[www.lawnhouse.co.uk](http://www.lawnhouse.co.uk)

*Treatment of Back & Neck Pain,  
Shoulder, Arm, Hand, Hip, Leg & Foot Pain,  
Arthritis, Spondylitis, Tennis Elbow, Slipped  
Disc, Pins & Needles,  
Headache & Migraine, Sports Injuries.  
Children Treated*

**S. J. PRIOR, B.Sc., D.C.**  
DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC

Registered Member of the  
British Chiropractic Association

GOOD  
QUALITY

HARDWOOD  
LOGS

FOR SALE

CALL JOHN  
ON  
01380 870264

## **Parish News**

---

*Brian Smyth – Chair of the Parish Council*

### **Local Government Boundary Commission Review:**

The Boundary Commission is currently undertaking an Electoral Review to agree new Divisional boundaries across Wiltshire County. The aim is to rebalance the ratio of electors to Councillors so that each Councillor looks after a similar number of people. As you will be aware, Semington is in the 'Summerham and Seend' Division and Jonathon Seed is our councillor. The Boundary Commission is keen to hear the views of the public, Parish Councils and Town Councils on where the Divisional boundaries should be drawn.

Semington PC will be responding to the Review and making the case that we should remain in the Melksham Community Area. Traditionally, Semington has a much stronger affiliation with Melksham than, say, Trowbridge. We have a good, mutual-trust working relationship with the Melksham Area Board and with the current pressure for development of the land between Semington and Melksham it is important for us to be part of the same community while such issues are being discussed. Children from the village tend to go on to the secondary school in Melksham, which is also the main destination for leisure and sports. These are some examples of why we have strong social links with Melksham.

To find out more about this Electoral Review and to make your own views known, please see <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/14518>. The consultation period ends on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### **Activity at the Salt Tip:**

Many of you have noticed that Balfour Beatty have moved into the salt tip area with a large amount of equipment and materials. They are involved in an electrical network upgrade project and are using the site as a temporary base for their activities. I understand they should be completed by Christmas.

### **Contact Details for The Canalside Parishes**

---

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

Lay Pastoral Assistants 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**

Email: [canalsidebeneficerector@gmail.com](mailto:canalsidebeneficerector@gmail.com) [www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk](http://www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk)

## **Elliots Home Improvements**

*A small family business which prides itself in quality workmanship*



*Maintenance, Carpentry, Painting, Plumbing, UPVC fitting, Fencing, Plastering, Drywall, Landscaping, etc.*

**Call for free estimate today**

**07936 706614**

*elliotshomeimprovements@hotmail.com*

## **Anthony Lovatt**

Furniture  
Restoration

Tables, chairs, bureaux  
Chests, long case clocks  
Mirrors, etc.  
Veneer repair  
Polishing and Waxing

Tel. 01225 764 206  
Mob. 07709 687 137

**Collection &  
Delivery service**

Your local acupuncturist

Ghislaine Ingman

at

Roundstone Surgery,  
Trowbridge.

Please call

**07818 517785**

with any questions or  
to book an  
appointment

## **T.A.P SERVICES**

**Oil Boiler &**

**Range Cooker**

**Servicing**

**contact**

**Tel: 01373 463106**

*tapservices@btinternet.com*

BACc Member  
[www.acupuncture.org.uk](http://www.acupuncture.org.uk)



## Neighbourhood Watch

---

*Paul Bowyer - 870512*

I almost didn't write anything this month due to a lack of apparent crime! Even though our village is relatively crime free we must not become complacent and bear in mind that any crime is 100% to the victim.

So we must keep our guard. Remember to check the locks on your garden sheds and garages, and ask yourself whether you could improve the security of the locks. Think about the security of the oil tank - people have lost oil from their tank, particularly where it is remote from the house. There are devices which can measure the rate at which the oil level in the tank is changing i.e. if the level is dropping too fast somebody is stealing your oil! Whether you think it's economic to instal such a device will depend on your attitude and the depth of your pocket! Don't forget to lock your car and keep valuables out of sight.

Here endeth the lesson!

## How Healthy is Your Oil Tank ?

---

As we all get ready for winter and get the oil supplies in, now is the time to check that everything is in good order when it comes to the tank and pipework. Leaks are most likely to happen after a refill according to Wiltshire Council.

Oil leaks have a serious impact on the environment and are costly to have cleaned up. The challenge is when the oil enters ancient watercourses that inevitably run under housing and the effects are felt some distance away from the source of the leak. Oil vapours leech through the earth and are not pleasant and can lead to short term health issues causing sore eyes and throat.

As a village that relies heavily on oil as the source of heating we owe it to ourselves to look out for each other and the environment.

**If you have any queries please contact the Environmental Protection team, Wiltshire Council at: [publicprotectionwest@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotectionwest@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01225 770411.**

## Steeple Ashton Films

---

*Alison Wilson*

Thanks to all those who came to the showing of Darkest Hour in July and made it such a success. It was an amazing film and we had our biggest audience of the year so far. We have had a short break over the summer and hope you will all be back with us for the very popular film we are offering in October.

### **THE GUERNSEY LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

Steeple Ashton Village Hall (doors open 7.00pm for refreshments)

From the producers of The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel and with an all-star cast including Lily James, Michiel Huisman, Glen Powell, Jessica Brown Findlay, Katherine Parkinson, Matthew Goode, Tom Courtenay and Penelope Wilton, this is a compelling romantic drama with an intriguing mystery at its heart.

Based on the best-selling novel, Lily James plays the charismatic and free-spirited writer Juliet Ashton. In 1946 Juliet receives a letter from a member of a mysterious literary club in Guernsey. Naturally curious, Juliet decides to visit the island. There she meets the delightfully eccentric members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, including Dawsey (Michiel Huisman), the rugged and intriguing farmer who wrote her the letter. She forms a life-changing bond with the eccentric Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society when she decides to write about the book club they formed during the occupation of Guernsey during WWII.

As the secrets from their wartime past unfold, Juliet's growing attachment to the island, and the book club will change the course of her life forever.

Tickets are now available from Steeple Ashton Village Shop.

## Down The Local

---

*John Adams – Landlord Somerset Arms*

Many of you will have seen and hopefully enjoyed our 15 minutes of fame on Channel 4's 'Four in a Bed'. Look out for the full inside story in next month's magazine.

In other news coming up we have Oktoberfest 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October. Live music, with German themed food and of course Lederhosen.....

## Your Wiltshire Councillor News

---

*Jonathan Seed 07770 774463*

As we enter October the memories of our long hot summer are just that. The rain arrived just in time and saved many farms from ruin even though many had to start using precious winter forage. In the political arena we still await the results of Brexit negotiations and this result will have an impact on all of our lives including local government. Many speculative papers have been written on the effects of various deals or no deal but until the deal (or not) is agreed everything is speculative and possible. Parliament has to the surprise of many decided to once again try to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600 and we will have to wait and see whether there is support for this from MPs.

Wiltshire Council was told some months ago that because so many of the Council Divisions were so far away from the average number of electors there would have to be a review of the political representation. Currently we have 98 Unitary Councillors (where pre-2009 there were circa 240 County and District Councillors). In addition to looking at the average representation the Boundary Review Commission also take a look at the number of seats a council has. In Wiltshire the Council put up a strong case to retain at least 98 seats and also to retain our Area Board system. This argument was, to the surprise of many, accepted by the Commission. This does not mean that there will be no change to Council Divisions, on the contrary, most will change because all Divisions must be within 10% of the new average electorate of about 4300. There will be lots of poring over maps and figures by many of those interested in these matters but by the spring of next year the local government map of Wiltshire will have been redrawn.

There is also growing concern at local government funding with great uncertainty about the future. Some councils, mainly unitary ones, are better able to cope than others. Several county councils are on the brink of financial difficulty and are only able to survive by making the deepest of cuts on the services that they provide. In Wiltshire we have been reasonably prudent over several years and are able to budget for change for the time being without the need for the swingeing cuts being made by our neighbours. This may not always be the case but we should perhaps spare a thought for the decisions that our politicians both local and national have had to make and just for a moment be grateful for the wise financial decisions that have been taken by our local councillors, often with cross-party support.

## Wiltshire Air Ambulance Update

*Kevin Reed – Head of Facilities & Security*



**Wiltshire  
Air Ambulance**  
funded by you, flying for you

### **PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR OUTSIDE WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE'S AIRBASE**

Since moving to our new airbase in the parish we have made it our priority to enhance emergency care and improve patient outcomes in the local community.

With this in mind we are really pleased to inform you that we have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) available for public use if someone nearby suffers a cardiac arrest. The AED is available 24/7 and is in a cabinet outside the gates of our airbase in Outmarsh, Semington. The AED can be used by people without medical training as it tells you what to do.

A cardiac arrest is when the heart stops beating and the AED delivers an electric shock to restart the heart. The first few minutes of a cardiac arrest are absolutely crucial, so having access to a defibrillator is extremely important and potentially lifesaving. Whilst we have highly trained paramedics, they are not always at the airbase due to attending incidents elsewhere or when the airbase is closed.

The AED has been supplied by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) and is registered on the Trust's 999 control system, so call handlers can direct people to it during a cardiac arrest situation. We also have an AED inside our airbase.

### Diary Date

*Brian Smyth – Chair of the Parish Council*

Not many villages can boast access to two AED devices! Defibrillators in local communities make a very real difference in someone being able to survive such a catastrophic health event. If you haven't been to one of our awareness events then please make some time to come along – you could be a life saver!

There will be another Awareness Training session in the **Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. It is important that as many people as possible become familiar with how the defibrillator works so that if the need arises it can be used with confidence. I would encourage you all to come and listen to this interesting demonstration. Even those who have been before should attend for a refresher.

## Catholic News

---

*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

**Noah's Camp:** A Catholic Family Camp in rural Gloucestershire 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October.  
For more information visit [www.noahscamp.co.uk](http://www.noahscamp.co.uk)

**ABC: About Becoming Catholic.** This course is for all those interested in becoming Catholic, knowing more about the Catholic Church or those who were baptised Catholic but missed making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. The first session takes place on Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in St. John's Church. Ask Fr. Tom for more details if you wish to know more.

**First Holy Communion 2019:** Application forms for First Holy Communion 2019 are now available. If your child is in Yr 3 or above then please complete a form and return to Fr. Tom. The closing date for application is 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the first session of preparation will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. All parents and children to attend

**Volunteers Needed:** Group 5, a charity supporting needy families in the area need volunteer drivers and support in their sorting of donations. Please contact Jane Steer on 01225 764849 to find out more

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

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

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

## Thoughts From The Rectory

---

*Rev. John Rees*

As I write this, most harvesting has been completed and the trees in our villages are just beginning to have an autumnal tinge. We have had a lovely harvest supper and a Songs of Praise service in Semington and we are about to celebrate Harvest in our schools and the Hilperton and Whaddon Churches. You are very welcome; details of all our services and events are in the magazine and on our website.

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. Similarly 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, to those suffering as a result of natural disasters and those in our communities for whom even the basics of finding food is a struggle. We can feel overwhelmed; but whatever we do, even when it is a little, can make a difference.

## October 2018 Services

*You are welcome to join any of our services*



### **St George's Semington**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	St George's Sch. Harvest Service
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship

### **St Michael and All Angels, Hilpertont**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Communion & Coffee
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Together in Worship
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Communion & Coffee
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Harvest Festival & Junior Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Communion & Coffee
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	All Age Communion
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Hilpertont School Harvest Service
	10.00am	Communion & Coffee
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Communion & Coffee

### **St Mary Magdalen, Hilpertont Marsh**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion with Stewardship Focus
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer

### **St Mary the Virgin, Whaddont**

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
-------------------------	--------	----------------



f Follow 'Fostering in Wiltshire'

## *Could you offer a stable and supportive home?*

We need foster carers who can provide a loving, supportive home for children in care. We will provide you with suitable placements to match your circumstances. You will be part of a professional team and be provided with your own support worker, ongoing training and a 24 hour helpline. In addition, you will be paid a generous allowance.

### **Interested?**

Call us today on **0800 169 6321**,  
email [fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk) or  
go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering)

*Be the difference – become a foster carer with Wiltshire Council*

**Fostering**  
be the difference

**Wiltshire Council**  
Where everybody matters