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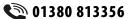
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It appears to be that time of year again! How did that happen? This is the last edition of News and Views for 2023, combined with the first of 2024! The News and Views team will be taking a break from now until the February 2024 issue, but we hope there is enough within these pages to keep you informed and entertained until then, including some views as well as news! I hope you find time in the run up to Christmas to enjoy some of the many events we advertise here, taking place both locally and further afield.

It's also time for me to express my personal thanks to everyone on the News and Views volunteer team, from my wonderful designer, Annemarie Seager, to our meticulous Money and Ad Man, and superbly efficient Hon Sec, and to Anji and her tireless News and Views distributors who get the magazine through your doors whatever the weather. Without their support and hard work, this magazine would not appear. Thank you, too, to all our contributors, without whom there would be no News or Views!

A very Happy Christmas to all our readers, and a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year. See you in February!

Sue Bonney editor4newsandviews@gmail.com

Deadline Dates

Editorial copy and photographs should be sent to **editor4newsandviews@gmail.com** Articles and photographs for the **February 2024** issue should reach Sue Bonney no later than **January 20th 2024**.

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This Month's Cover: An illustration by Annemarie Seager - Devizes at Christmas

We are always on the lookout for eye-catching photographs for the front cover of News & Views. They should be portrait (vertical), in colour and be hi resolution.

You can find News & Views in full colour on the West Lavington and Great and Little Cheverell Parish Council websites at:

www.westlavington.org.uk www.greatcheverell.org.uk www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk

We are also on West Lavington posts on Facebook!

REFLECTION

"It is not hard to imagine the crowded inn. Friends and relatives have got together and seek to celebrate; the place is packed. Some who are weary are trying to sleep. The place is full to capacity. There is much conversation, perhaps some singing and dancing. There is no room here for Mary who is about to bring forth her son. There was no room at the inn."

Inside Out by Peter Trow

How common these words are, though they may be said in different ways: "Don't disturb me, I'm busy", "I would like to help but I don't have the time", "I like a routine and I don't want anything to interfere with it", or "I can't come and see you, I have business to attend to". And every time we excuse ourselves, we exclude ourselves from certain experiences. Being pre-occupied is a great defence against anything new happening. "I would have said my prayers but there is too much happening to me right now". In such ways we risk missing the coming of God into our lives.

Yet the innkeeper, busy, hard pressed, found room. He offered simple accommodation to Joseph and Mary and into it came the Christ Child. The innkeeper made room and the Christ was able to enter into his place.

Amid all the busyness of Christmas, the activity that threatens to overwhelm us, the Church invites you to make room and to join in with any or all the festivities the churches of the Benefice are offering this Christmas. To hear the story of a child's birth and rejoice with us that God comes, he comes into the world, he comes to me and he comes to you, so that all can rejoice in the mystery of the God who seeks to share in our daily lives. We celebrate the greatest of miracles that the Word is made flesh and dwells among us. Let us all give a moment to think over these words of St John: "to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God".

So, from one child of God to another, may Christ our infant saviour give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshipping sages and the humility and love of the Holy family.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a better New Year, and may all the blessings of Christmas be yours.

Rev. Marion Harrison

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Regular worship in our sister churches

9.00 am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell4.30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Lavington

Churchwardens

St Peter's, Great Cheverell: Andy and Pauline Jenkinson (813775)

Calendar of Services - December 2023
The Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton

Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Great Cheverell St Peter's	Little Cheverell St Peter's
Sunday 3rd December	6.00 am Advent Service From Darkness to Light - St Barnabas Church Easterton				
Sunday 10th December		9.00 am Breakfast Church	10.30 am St Barnabas, St Mary's & Trinity at Easterton	Simple Celebration Communion	
Sunday 17th December		9.30 am Parish Communion	to 4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival	4.00 pm Carol Service	
			Carol Service		
Wednesday 20th December		6.30 pm Carol Service			
Sunday 24th December Afternoon	4.00 pm Chistingle		4.00 pm Chistingle	4.00 pm Chistingle	5.00 pm Crib Service
Sunday 24th December Eveninhg		11.30 pm Midnight Mass	10.00 pm Midnight Mass		
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day			10.00 am Christmas Communion		11.30 am Christmas Family Celebration
Sunday 31st December	10.30 am Benefice Communion St Peter's Church Great Cheverell				

Calendar of S	ervices - January 2024				
Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Great Cheverell St Peter's	Little Cheverell St Peter's
Sunday 7th January	10.30 am Benefice Communion St Peter's Church Great Cheverell				
Sunday 14th January	St Barnabas, St Mary's & Trinity at Easterton	9.00 am Breakfast Church		Simple Celebration Communion	
Sunday 21st January		9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	
Sunday 28th January		9.30 am Praise & Worship	9.15 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Communion BCP	11.00 am Communion BCP
Sunday 4th February	10.30 am Benefice Communion St Peter's Church Little Cheverell				

St Joseph's Parish Carol Concert

Saturday 16th December 7pm at St Joseph's RC Church, Littleton Panell

The first half will be a production of Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors, a heartwarming Christmas musical of how the three kings spent one enchanted evening on their way to The Epiphany. The second half of the concert will be our usual blend of carols, readings, communal singing and of course the legendary crowd pleasing Twelve Days of Christmas with actions!

We are family friendly and all are welcome, so bring a friend - perhaps someone who may have not been in church for a while (or ever) but wants a smacker of Yuletide fun.

If you would like to join the team of musicians, singers and decorators, please call **Peter** on **07906 897250**. Christmas enthusiasts all welcome!

Christmas Services in all our Churches

DATE	SERVICE	CHURCH	TIME
Sunday 3rd December	Advent Service	St Barnabas Easterton	6.00 pm
Saturday 16th December	Carol Service	St Joseph's RC Church Littleton Panell	7.00 pm
Sunday 17th December	Carol Service	St Peter's Great Cheverell	4.00 pm
	Carol Service	with Trinity Church, St Barnabas Easterton	6.30 pm
Wednesday 20th December	Carol Service	All Saints' West Lavington	6.30 pm
Sunday 24th	Trinity Church Service	ML Community Hall	10.30 am
December	Christingle Service	St Mary's Market Lavington	4.00 pm
	Christingle Service	St Barnabas Easterton	4.00 pm
	Christingle Service	St Peter's Great Cheverell	4.00 pm
	Carol Service and Festive Tea	Ebenezer Baptist Church	4.30 pm
	Crib Service	St Peter's Little Cheverell	5.00 pm
	Midnight Mass	St Barnabas Easterton	10.00 pm
	Midnight Mass	All Saints' West Lavington	11.30 pm
Monday 25th	Christmas Communion	St Barnabas Easterton	10.00 am
December	Christmas Day Service	Providence Baptist Church Dilton March	10.00 am
	Christmas Family Celebration	St Peter's Little Cheverell	11.30 am



Bereavement Help Points

This is a community-based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and

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Benefice 200 Club

The November prize was won by Sue Allan of Easterton. Congratulations Sue!

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Bonnie Matters

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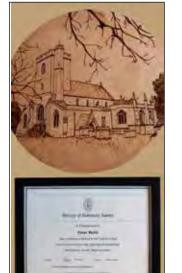
Thank you!

I would like to express my extreme gratitude to all that attended the Evensong service on 29th October at All Saints', which included a presentation to myself for sixty years' service to the Church as a member of the Choir, Crucifer, Sacristan and Bell Ringer.

I was touched to receive a certificate signed by the Bishop of Salisbury in recognition of my service, together with a lovely wooden roundel with an engraving of All Saints' Church.

Thank you to Anji and her team for the delicious 'nibbles and wine' after the service and for organising the Certificate from the Bishop, which I believe is unique.

Peter Wells















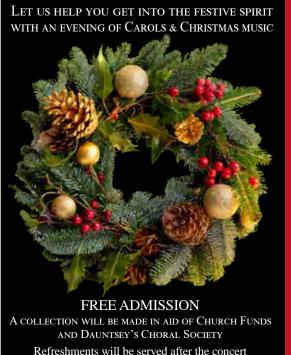
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Caius College, Cambridge is a mixed voice ensemble of choral and music scholars, and they have put together a lovely programme of music, not only from Advent but also of beautiful music for Christmas. They were to have been conducted by their Director Matthew Martin, but he is unable to be there for the best of reasons - he's flying to South Africa to get married.

He has handed the baton to his good friend, another superlative choral conductor, Jeremy Summerly, familiar to many of us through the Edington Festival.

Book Tickets online or phone Chrissy on 01380 831256

Online booking is now live. By clicking the 'Book Tickets' button on the website **www.edingtonarts.org** you can choose and pay for your seats. You will receive an e-ticket which you can print out, or keep on your phone, to show at the door. Alternatively, you can still use the telephone Box Office on **01380 831256**, and we will allocate your seats in the usual way.

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Once again, many thanks for all your continued support.

Sally and Derek

Christmas Yarn Bomb!

The Knitting Club is going to yarn bomb the village with Christmas decorations during the week 11th to 15th December!.

We hope you all enjoy them, even if they get soaked by rain!



CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

Our November talk for Cheverells Garden Club was by John Tucker. He was a wonderfully informative and humorous speaker and showed us many garden features, design tricks and focal points that you can achieve on a budget. The title of the talk was how to impress the neighbours without spending a fortune, and we all came away with plenty of ideas!

The meeting on **December 12th at Great Cheverell Village Hall** at **7.30pm** is our Christmas party, with a fun quiz (with prizes!), mulled wine, food, carols, a chance to renew your membership and

to see what an amazing program we have for next year! Do come and join us for a really great evening. Contact me at **helen.woodlands@hotmail.co.uk** if you have any questions. See you

Market Lavington Christmas Country Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the Christmas Country Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall on November 18th, especially to those cake bakers out there who helped our Cake and Hamper stall raise over **£260**, and to all our stallholders, many of whom are very talented local crafters. We hope you all enjoyed the Fair and found some great things to buy. Our very grateful thanks to everyone who helped us set up and run the Fair, especially Carol Treloar, June Wright, Jean Edwards and Barbara Galloway.

In case you were wondering, the Bonus Ball Hamper winning ticket number was **56!**

We raised an amazing £1507 for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, which is our highest total to date, and brings the amount raised over the last twelve years to very nearly £13,000. Thank you all very much! This money will help a lot of serving and former serving soldiers and their families who are in need.

Sue and Chris Bonney

DID YOU KNOW?Oh yes you did!

Local Pantomimes this Christmas and New Year

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Snow White

Wyvern Theatre, Swindon. December 2nd - 31st. Box Office **0343 310 0040**



Little Cheverell Village Hall

December Events

During the summer the Hall was redecorated and it looks splendid, especially when 'dressed' for a wedding reception at the end of August.

After a Quiz Night and a Children's Autumn Craft afternoon in October, still to come in December will be two Wreath Making workshops on **Saturday December 9th**, at **10am to 12pm**, and **2pm to 4pm**. The cost is **£10**. Essential materials will be provided but you'll need to bring your own extra decorations. To book please contact **Nic Bollen** on **07957 427848**

On the afternoon of **Sunday December 17th** there'll be Christmas Crafts for Families. There will be the traditional gathering in the Hall at **4pm** on Christmas Eve for mince pies and mulled wine before the **Crib Service at 5pm**.

If you would like to know more about any of these events, please contact:

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Lavington and District Swimming Club



Whether swimming for fun or lane swimming, our Club caters for all. Using the lovely Dauntsey School 25 metre swimming pool, we swim in term time and have two separate offerings: Tuesdays and Sundays afternoons/evenings, and Thursday mornings.

For the afternoon/evening sessions, the Spring Term starts on **Sunday 7th January** and includes 10 Tuesday swims and 9 Sunday swims, the last swim being Tuesday 19th March. The Club swimming times are **Sundays: 4pm to 5:30pm; Tuesdays: 7:15 to 8:15pm.**

Membership fees for the term are **£30** for an individual and **£60** for a family. For further details about joining these sessions, please contact **Alison**

Andrews, Membership Secretary on lavingtonswim@gmail.com

Morning Swimming starts on **Thursday 11th January** and is from **6:30am to 7:30am**. The Membership fee for the term is **£35**. For further information about the morning swimming, please contact **Phil Richardson**, Membership Secretary on **ladscmorningswim@gmail.com**

Alternatively, for more information on any of the above, contact Club Secretary **Anita Holness** via email on **anita@kholness.plus.com**

VILLAGE LINK

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell

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Please note that the Village Care and Link telephone number is changing from **01380 816826** to **07598 947180**. Either number can be used up to the end of December, after which 01380 816826 will be discontinued.

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Let Julia's House collect your real Christmas tree from your doorstep!

We were able to collect and recycle around 600 trees at the start of this year and your donations helped us to raise an incredible **£6,700** to help us care for local seriously ill children and their families. We'll be collecting and recycling Christmas trees again in the SN10 area in the New Year between 11th January and 13th January 2024.

For more information, email **treepickup@juliashouse.org** or phone **01380 562525**, or to arrange your collection, please visit **juliashouseorg/collect_trees**.

Booking closes at midnight on 8th January. We suggest a minimum donation of **f10** to support Julia's House children's hospice.

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ENVIRONMENTALISSUES 高岛华區镇

Socialists win – freedom loses

Some so-called 'environmental' policies harm the British people, whilst doing little for the country or the planet. The UK produces less than 1% of the world's CO2 emissions, compared to 5% from Russia, 7% from India, 13% from the USA and a whopping 33% from China. Our emissions and those of the USA are going down, China's and India's are rising. The UK has unnecessarily extensive, bureaucratic and intrusive 'environmental' policies, rules and regulations. Scaling back a few ill-conceived and ineffective policies would make sense:

We will continue to need oil and gas to power and heat our country for decades. Better to scrape the last dregs from the North Sea than to rely entirely on Arabia, or even America.

- The odd British coal mine here and there will do no harm and is inconsequential compared to the massively growing use of coal in China and the developing world.
- Wind and solar farms are all part of the mix, but cannot be relied on without nuclear and/ or hydrocarbons to provide continuous power.
- Those who live off the gas grid and rely on domestic heating oil welcome the freedom not to have to scrap oil boilers. Not everyone can afford to insulate old, solid wall homes nor to install expensive, inefficient heat pumps, new pipework and electric heaters.
- Not everyone wishes, or can afford, to buy electric cars, which themselves require more precious raw materials and embody more emissions to build than conventional cars.

The idea that the UK can make a decisive difference before it is 'too late for our planet' is based on questionable premises that the planet needs saving, and that we can lead the world by example. The planet will survive and growing billions of people too. The latter premise is based on cultural imperialism and, in some cases, virtue signalling, contrary to common sense and against the interests of the UK population. Should we bankrupt ourselves, save our 1% of world CO2 emissions and donate them to China, Russia and India, who will continue emitting CO2 regardless, serving the growing economic interests of their peoples?

Belated attempts by the Conservative government to rein back a few harmful and unworkable policies have come too late. The next government will most probably be Labour, with or without the help of the SNP and Lib Dems. The Greens will add their voice to increasingly out-of-touch and authoritarian 'environmental' policies.

Who will represent the concerns of ordinary traditional conservative folk?

The Common Man

No room at the Inn - The Green Man

The human race is the primary cause of the environmental challenges we all face. Our finite resources and the natural balance have been severely damaged by population behaviour and abuse. The planet cannot sustain the present human population without further destruction, unless major changes in behaviour take place.

The world population is currently 8.04 billion and is projected to grow to 9.7 billion by 2050, and 10.4 billion by 2080. In our current direction of behavioural travel, this growth will result in

further destruction of our environment and the resultant increase in warming will produce greater extremes in weather. Previously populated areas of the world will not be able to sustain human habitation due to climate change, so mass movement of peoples is inevitable.

There can be no surprise there is a growing migration of people from underdeveloped areas to developed areas. Climate change, scarcity of food, pressures on living space, political issues, war, economic needs, plus other pressures make life so intolerable that a dangerous migratory journey is worth the risk. A further factor is the understandable desire of all peoples to improve their living conditions and standards.

The 'lands of plenty', having abused the resources of the planet for over a century want to protect their lifestyle and are pushing back, hence the 'no room at the inn'position in USA and Europe. Mass migration is not new and is a symptom, not the illness. Our continued destruction of our planet is the illness, but we don't seem prepared to deal with it seriously, The global birth rate cannot be sustained, the resources of the planet cannot cope with this ever growing demand.

Say no to Tat! Less is More

The Earthshot initiative demonstrated it is possible to develop environmentally positive products and businesses. We can all make a contribution as we approach the season of excess. Advertising is now at full throttle to persuade us to buy products we do not want or need. The container loads of tat from the Far East have arrived and adorn every retail environment. We apparently want to buy tat and in enormous quantities, or perhaps we are just programmed to behave this way! Fewer products and less packaging can still make Christmas a fun time. Good for you and good for the planet!

Nurture Nature - Otis Tarda

The recent named storms making headlines and the connection with changing climate patterns is reminiscent of other eras, such as the Ice Ages of the Pleistocene, a long time passing (2.58 million years to 11,700 years ago) with repeated periods of glaciations. The coming of the Ice Age wiped out the dinosaurs of the Jurassic Period. The earth could now be changing into another 'Age'.

Garden birds have all but disappeared in many people's gardens. For the first time in living memory some readers have reported that there are no resident blackbirds. David Attenborough recently said that over the last sixty years the British Isles has lost 38 million birds. On Countryfile, scientists have reported that our seasons have changed in length by three weeks, spring especially coming earlier. It is noticeable this autumn that leaves have stayed on deciduous trees for longer. Many spring and summer bird migrant numbers are down, some collapsed, like the nightingale which has suffered a 90% loss in the last fifty years. There are no more returning to Hampstead Heath (and Berkeley Square!) and their traditional nesting sites on Salisbury Plain. Conservationists now believe that invasive muntjac deer eating the scrub have contributed to their demise.

If readers wish to hear a nightingale, they can listen to Beatrice Harrison and her cello duet with a nightingale recorded in 1924, available on the internet and old 78 rpm records. Knapp in Kent is an excellent place to hear nightingales - it's an area of former agricultural land which has been allowed to revert to scrub naturally. Hopefully we shall see and hear our winter migrants from Scandinavia – fieldfares, redwings, thrushes including blackbirds – yes, some do migrate – and if one is lucky in a severe winter, waxwings too. Happy Christmas to all our readers, and please remember to give our Christmas bird, the robin redbreast, a special treat.



Capability Charlotte - December/January

In December, most of our garden plants become dormant but it doesn't mean life has stopped. Spring bulbs are poking through and early buds are swelling. Though it might seem like a quiet time, there are a few tasks that, if done now, will make your life easier come spring.

Looking Good Now: Choose plants with structure, like perennial grasses, or fabulous winter stems like Cornus 'Midwinter Fire'. Evergreen shrubs are great for winter interest - my favourite is

Sarcococca confusa (Winter Box), a slow-growing evergreen shrub with scented winter blossom. It loves shade and is great by a front door to lift your spirits with its scent. Hellebores (Christmas Rose) are also a winter favourite: plant them high up in a raised bed to enjoy their pretty, drooping heads or cut the flowers and float in a bowl for a pretty Christmas table centrepiece.

Planting: Yes you read that right! If it is mild enough, it's a great time to plant hardy perennials. The soil still has some warmth from the summer and the plants have plenty of time to put down strong roots while their top half remains dormant.

Protecting Plants and Pots: Cover delicate plants with fleece or hessian, and add mulch to beds to insulate roots. If your pots are in trays or saucers, turn these upside down, so the pot is elevated and the plant roots aren't sitting in water. Bubble wrap can shield pots.

Soil Care: Add organic matter to beds and borders. Compost leftover plant material and kitchen scraps to enrich the soil. Avoid working on waterlogged soil to prevent compaction.

Wildlife: Leave out food and fresh water and make shelters with piles of leaves or logs. If your pond freezes over don't attempt to break the ice. Your fish will be fine hibernating at the bottom.

Greenhouse: Clean out the greenhouse, disinfect pots and trays. Insulate with bubble wrap or fleece.

Houseplants: Reduce watering, repot if needed, ensure they're positioned away from cold drafts.

Don't be too hasty to cut back your perennial borders - designers like Piet Oudulf recognise the beauty of delicate decay. Overwintering creatures will thank you too, as they use the hollow stems to hibernate. You'll find that come March most of the plant matter will have rotted down into the soil as compost. *Happy Christmas!*

Capability Charlotte

Capability Charlotte, MHort (RHS), ND Hort, is a local Garden Designer and Consultant with two decades of experience in helping people create natural, low maintenance, wildlife-friendly gardens. Find her at www.capabilitycharlotte.com







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A presentation by Terry and Mary Baker

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(for 7:30pm start)

West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4HL

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CHEVERELL MAGNA COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 11am - 2pm

CALLING ALL

Tractor drivers, tea-makers, first responders, nurses, communicators, 4x4 owners, volunteers for flood/snow wardens and anyone who wants to help out with this important project

ARE YOU READY?

You are invited to an Emergency Planning Workshop, organised by the Parish Council to establish the best way to make our community more resilient.

There will be guest speakers from Wiltshire Council and Chilmark Parish Council.

Book your place now - refreshments providedThe New Pavilion Witchcombe Lane



WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR THE LAVINGTONS



A Message from CIIr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email:

To dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07585 394 178.

By the time you read this there is a good chance you will have your Christmas tree up! If you haven't, there is still time, although you will be WAY behind Shaun and Kelly at The Churchill Arms who got theirs up at the beginning of November! The Churchill's beautiful tree and lights (and The Royal Oak's too!) was a lovely sight as I made my way back through West Lavington on a dark and drizzly evening.

Now that the early evenings are at their darkest and the weather is so poor, it is important to be extra careful on the roads. Speeds which might have been fine in the dry are now not appropriate as cold rubber struggles to grip to the wet, leaf-covered tarmac. Cyclists, horse-riders and pedestrians are also more difficult to spot and so more care is needed when driving. If you are on your horse, bike, or on foot, please make sure you can be seen, ideally wearing high-vis and carrying lights. In the pouring rain I drove towards Potterne one evening last week and encountered a cyclist on the tight bends heading to Devizes. The cyclist had no lights, was wearing dark clothes, and was without a helmet.

I have been helping residents by drawing Wiltshire Council's attention to flood problem areas. I have seen the drainage teams responding very quickly to blocked drains across the area, but I am conscious that in many cases they are playing catch-up after years of not periodically flushing out pipework. The local parish councils have taken steps to help identify issues, including drain mapping and flood prevention work. If you are interested in volunteering as a flood warden, they would appreciate your help.

Thankyou to everyone who has taken the time to complete the survey I recently started distributing. Common priorities so far include road safety, speeding and support of local businesses. I will use your feedback to direct my efforts throughout 2024. On the road safety front, I continue to push the Black Dog project forwards. Last week I asked Highways to use powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act to urgently close the slip road north of the crossroad after two accidents in as many months there.

Thank you also to everyone who has raised concerns over the Hayfield Rise development and the habitation of homes on the site before the Puffin crossing is completed. This unnecessary delay goes against a condition of the planning approval and I am in discussion with enforcement officers on this matter.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic start to the New Year. Please have a happy and restful break and take care of yourselves and each other.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Council met on 6th November with a full and varied agenda covering finance, grounds maintenance, emergency planning and the play area. All agendas, minutes and information about the Parish Council can be found on the website: https://www.greatcheverell.org/

Cllr Dominic Muns was in attendance and gave updates regarding highways and the consultation on the Local Plan. We also welcomed Holy Trinity Primary Academy and the Victoria Park Residents Association to the meeting.

Planning & Finance

Planning and finance were on the agenda as usual. At this time of year, members concentrate on budget setting for the new municipal year which starts in April 2024. With the economic situation continuing to be challenging, it is the desire of the council to keep any rise in expenditure to a minimum. Items in the budget include the play area, grounds maintenance and the new contribution to elections required by Wiltshire Council.

Local Plan

The Chairman and Clerk joined a meeting with Cllr Muns and the surrounding Parish Councils on **14th November** in West Lavington to consider the consultation on the local plan. A response has been submitted to the consultation from the Parish Council.

Resilience

The Parish Council is facilitating an important workshop on community resilience and emergency planning on **Saturday January 20th**. Please attend this important event to find out about what to do in an emergency and how you could support the community in such an eventuality – whether this is making a cuppa or picking up supplies in a 4x4! It all helps. Follow this link to book your place: **eventbrite.co.uk/e/cheverell-magna-community-resilience-workshop-tickets**

Artisan Fair

Following the wonderful and well attended Artisan Fair in September, another **Artisan Fair** is taking place on **Sunday 3rd December** at 10am until 2pm for that last minute Christmas shopping. Please pop in for a cuppa, chat and lovely products.

Defibrillator Training Event

Another **Defibrillator Training Event** is booked in the Pavilion **for 21st March** - please make a note in your diaries.

Litter Picking

There will be a further litter picking event in March following a successful clean up in October a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time on a sunny Sunday morning!

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place on **Monday 4th December at 7.3opm** in the Pavilion and all are welcome!

There is a casual vacancy on the Parish Council, so do get in touch with us if you would like to join our friendly team! For further information, including how to apply, please contact the clerk at parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



The Council is still working with other agencies on ascertaining responsibility for the discharge of surface water in the parish which has caused continuing problems in the recent wet weather. We are looking for **volunteers** to support our **Community Resilience Plan** and in particular **flood wardens** to help manage groundwater and flood risk through both villages. Perhaps if you live in a susceptible area you

would consider giving a little of your time to help the community by monitoring water levels and problem areas. Please contact Cllr Peter West on **pwest@westlavington.org.uk** to find out more.

Grants have been approved to support the Streetscene volunteers who provide seasonal planters and colourful flowers along the villages High Streets; and also to the Youth Club who provide activities, fun, and friendship for the youngsters of the village.

Repair work is progressing well at two locations of the boundary wall of the closed burial ground of All Saints' Church. Please take care if you are using the narrow All Saints Road and Church Lane.

A payment has been received from the insurance company in respect of the wooden gates at the Remembrance Avenue which were stolen in the summer. This will enable the council to replace them. The perpetrators have not been apprehended as there were no witnesses to the crime, but further security measures will be put in place with the new gates. We have also received a first instalment ordered by the Magistrates Court from the guilty party for the criminal damage caused to the playing field surface.

A fourth **defibrillator machine** has now been received and will soon be connected up in the red telephone box at the crossroads (A36o/B3098), making a total of four machines available in the two villages at: the bottom of Rutts Lane, the Village Hall, the crossroads A36o/B3098, and the bus stop in Littleton Panell High Street. Many thanks to those volunteers who regularly monitor the readiness of these machines.

Our Parish Steward has been working hard, checking drains, clearing overgrowing vegetation by road signs, clearing paths and pavements and sweeping the bus-shelters. If you are safely able to clear leaves etc from pavements in front of your property, it does help to stop the drains getting blocked and causing problems for other residents. Similarly, if you cut hedges facing onto the roads or pavements, please collect up the cuttings and recycle or compost.

Lavington Lane crossing: Hayfield have submitted the S278 application pack to Highways which includes details of the proposed traffic lights controlled Puffin road crossing on Lavington Lane which is anticipated will be in place in the spring. (See page 31)

The next Council meeting will be on **Thursday 7th December**, starting at **7.00 pm** in the Giles Room, Village Hall and the January meeting will be on **Thursday, 4th January 2024**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

May I and my fellow councillors wish you all a merry Christmas and our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy New Year.

Julia Ford, Chair, Parish Council

Keep the way clear!

As the winter pruning season draws in, here's a reminder that land and property owners are responsible for maintaining their boundaries so that our pavements, local footpaths, bridleways and byways are kept clear of overgrowth. The West Lavington Parish Council often receives complaints about overgrown hedges, not only on footpaths but also overhanging pavements. Residents have a legal duty to keep their hedges cut back to the required width (footpaths) or their boundary (by pavements).

Whilst tidying up your gardens and boundaries for the winter, if you have a Right of Way along your boundary or across your land, or you have a hedge overhanging a pavement, please have a look at the outside edge of your hedges and cut them back to your boundary line. Since this is a 'statutory duty', if landowners do not maintain their boundaries, Wiltshire Council may step in and clear the overgrowth themselves. This might sound like a good way of getting your hedges cut for free, but not only will the Council charge you for this work, they also have the power to prosecute landowners.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

This is a summary of the main points from the meeting on 25th October in Little Cheverell Village Hall. The full minutes can be found on the PC website at www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Clerk Update: Following advice from the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC), Louise Brebner has been appointed Parish Clerk. The Parish Council will register as an employer through HMRC/PAYE.

Managing speed on B3098: Dominic Muns is supporting the Council to insist that the metro count is repeated free of charge, as it was

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sited where traffic was having to slow down for a bend. The Council was not informed at the time that their application was apparently unsuitable!

Finance: Cllr Mike Phillips will begin work on a draft budget for discussion at the next meeting. This budget will enable the Council to decide on the precept required for delivery of planned projects for Little Cheverell.

Village Hall: the Trustees will apply for Temporary Event Licences to allow the sale of alcoholic drinks, on an event-by-event basis.

Request for Multiple Person Task for Strawberry Hill: The Council requested that the recently formed 'Multi person task group' could look at the cross-track drainage that had been suggested as a solution for the water draining onto the B3098 during heavy rain. The Council was told that the issue didn't meet intervention levels. Councillors will request a site meeting with the Countryside Access Officer and a Highway Technician to hopefully find a solution.

Co-opting a Parish Councillor: Following the resignation of Sue Ivey from the Parish Council, the process for co-opting a new councillor will begin.

Date of next meeting: January 17th, 2024, 7pm, Little Cheverell Village Hall.

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL





Returning after our half-term break, we continued looking at Halloween. We used our fine motor skills to scoop out our pumpkins, and explored what the inside of a pumpkin would feel like with our feet. We dressed up in our Halloween costumes on the 31st when the children had their Halloween Party. We finished that week talking about being Eco Friendly, looking at recycling, composting, and litter picking. We used our recycled cardboard to create some wonderful artwork.

We have celebrated Diwali, making paper lanterns and tea light holders and talking about why different people have different culture celebrations and why Diwali is celebrated.

The children worked hard to create our Remembrance Wreath, which we laid with the other wreaths made by DAPS children when we joined in their Remembrance service. The children also made individual poppies which were hung on our tree in the garden. Reverend Marion visited the children and spoke to them about Remembrance and what it feels like when we lose someone we love or a pet we have loved.

We all walked to Dauntsey House Care Home and delivered biscuits to the residents, and the children also sang a few of their favourite songs and the residents joined in. Weather permitting, we are hoping to visit again just before Christmas.

In December we have a Marvellous Maths workshop booked with Dave Hickory and we will also be visited by a local dentist to talk to the children about the importance of teeth cleaning. The children will be busy making Christmas crafts, which will include making individual cards for all the residents at Dauntsey House Care home. We will be holding an end of term Children's Christmas party with a special visit from Santa.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We currently have spaces in for 2 year-olds and 3-4 year-olds. If you have any queries please either call us on 01380 812551 or send an email to lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com or managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com



SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



The children at Old School Nursery have started their Christmas preparations and we have been learning some Makaton signs ready for our Christmas sing-along.

We had a 'Spotty day' for Children in Need, with everyone paying a pound to wear spotty clothes. We had a day of spotty fun and activities, raising money for a good cause.

We have just taken part in World Nursery Rhyme week, learning a different rhyme every day with a variety of linked activities. Nursery rhymes are an important part of literacy development, helping children to learn a sequence and introducing new words.

We are continuing with our mindful moments each day, encouraging children to manage their self-regulation with fun breathing and calming activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and peaceful Christmas and to thank everyone for the support over the year.

We offer a variety of sessions between 8am and 5pm on both term-time and all-year contracts. If you are interested in a place for your child from age 2, contact us on **01380 812418** or **oldschoolmanager@southhillsschool.com** to arrange a viewing.



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Decorating our tree: Every year, we welcome in December with our 'Dressing the Tree' event. Every child at DAPS makes their own tree decoration, and on the first day of December we all hang our decorations on the tree whilst singing carols together. It is a wonderful way to welcome the Christmas season into our school and a tradition that we all look forward to every year.

Nativity performances for our youngest children: Our much-loved Christmas nativity is always performed by our youngest pupils and it is often the first time they have performed on a stage or for an audience. Our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are busy learning their lines and practising their songs whilst our amazing staff are working on costumes, props, lines and choreography.

Christmas fun!: We also have lots of other exciting Christmas events — Christmas dinners, Christmas jumper day, Church carol services and class parties, to name but a few. Our lovely PTA team also support us at Christmas with our Wreath Making night. I love driving through the villages seeing the wreaths hanging on your doors knowing that many of you created these whilst supporting our school. Our PTA team also host a Festive Friday event where the children can enjoy a hot chocolate whilst taking part in all the fun activities put on for them and picking up a few stocking fillers. They also come into school the week before Christmas and create a full shop for our children so they can choose a present for their parents or loved adults for a Christmas surprise.

School starter 2023 open days: Throughout November, we have welcomed many parents considering schools for their child next September. If you would like to visit us, give us a call to arrange a time to come and look around. Whether you are choosing a school for your little one, moving to the area or considering an in-year transfer, it is so important to visit the school you are considering for your child. Come and see DAPS for yourselves.

Time for some thank yous!: Christmas is always a good time to reflect on the help and support our school gets from the community and I wanted to take this time to say a few thank yous. Firstly, to our DAPS children: your boundless energy, beaming smiles and enthusiasm to learn is what makes DAPS a truly wonderful school. Secondly, the parents, carers, PTA, staff and Governors who are involved with school every day. Your ongoing support of the school is what makes DAPS so special. Finally, thank you to everyone within our wider community. Whether it be your direct help such as the kind use of your facilities, helping walk the children to swimming each week or hearing children read in class, or the wider kindnesses, it all makes a huge difference and allows us to do the absolute best we can for our children. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and for that, we are always grateful to be in a wonderful one!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas season!

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

Christmas time at Holy Trinity

All children in the school are involved in preparing for the Christmas plays. The story of the Nativity is always central to our fun in this term, and the plays involve lots of singing, dancing and laughing as the children tell the story of Christmas. The children will also take part in a beautiful Christmas Service in the local church, with candles and singing. Lots of our worship this term will deal with how we can draw great messages and inspiration from this season, whether people of faith or not. We always finish the term

with a quiet meditation on the messages of Christmas – peace, generosity and welcome to all.

Creative curriculum

Children are always inspired to do great learning when taking part in a class theme, a school project, interschool festival/workshop, an offsite trip, or when an interesting expert joins us in the classroom. This month, Sarum class children had a trip to The Living Rainforest, learning all about rainforests and the creatures and plants that live in them, and how they have adapted to survive in the unique climate.

Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads whilst supporting healthy lifestyles and sustainable travel. We are delighted with the progress of Y6 children through Level 1 and 2 learning, with instructors commenting on the 'great behaviour and attitude of the children, who have been a credit to Holy Trinity.'

Our children showed great talent in the **Devizes Eisteddfod**, with beautiful work across a diverse range of categories including creative arts, music and KS2 choir. It is such great experience to stand up and perform in front of an audience and/or exhibit work. My thanks to all our staff, peripatetic teachers, accompanists and parents for giving Holy Trinity children these amazing opportunities. Congratulations to all the children for their outstanding commitment, aspiration and success.

Parents and Friends Association

We are very fortunate to have the support of a hardworking and committed PFA in our school - every year they provide wonderful events and resources to enrich the experience of our children. They also help to build a warm, welcoming community amongst our families, children and staff. They are busy working towards our Christmas Fayre and the Christmas party this term They will also decorate the school and ensure that Santa brings every child a gift.

Every Day is an Open Day

If you think your child would enjoy being at our school, please make an appointment to come and visit us, have a look around and chat to the Headteacher. There is lots of information on our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk and our phone number is 01380 813796.

We wish everyone in our school and wider communities a very blessed and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year!

Anna Woodman

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BOOKCLUB



Our theme for November was A Religious Connection:

Learning to Dance by Michael Mayne, a former BBC Radio presenter and Dean of Westminster. His theme is the dance: of life; of the cosmos, of the natural world; of music and paint and words; of relationships and of faith. The book is divided into months with quotations and our reader finds it a great source of comfort.

The Shack by William Paul Young is an international bestseller that explores life's toughest questions. After his daughter is abducted and possibly murdered in an abandoned shack, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack. What he finds there will change his life forever.

The Spire by William Golding is the beautifully written story of one man's overwhelming ambition to build a spire. More a stream of consciousness, this is the interesting story of Salisbury cathedral and the building of the spire.

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly-placed assistant to "Our Father Below."

In The Little World of Don Camillo by Giovanni Guareschi a hot-headed Catholic priest and the equally pugnacious Communist mayor, confront one another in a riotous and often hilarious manner. When Don Camillo unburdens himself in the village church, a voice from the cross above the high altar responds and his conversations with Il Cristo begin.

Mister God, this is Anna by 'Fynn'. Anna was four years old, neglected and abandoned, when 16-year old Fynn found her wandering round London's Docklands one foggy night in the1930s and took her home. The impact of this extraordinary child on Fynn, his friends and the neighbourhood was immense.

City of Tears by Kate Mosse: 1572 Sweeping from Paris and Chartres to the City of Tears itself - the great refugee city of Amsterdam - this is a story of one family's fight to stay together and survive against the devastating tides of history.

The End of the Affair by Graham Greene: this partly autobiographical novel is classic Greene and much recommended.

Conclave by Robert Harris: Behind the closed doors of the Roman Catholic Conclave the mysterious rituals surrounding the election of a new pope by a congregation of cardinal electors is brilliantly researched by Robert Harris, bringing an age old tradition to life.

Sue Bastone

Carer Support Wiltshire Carer Cafes



Our cafes are a great way to make new friends and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings. Come when you can and stay for as long, or as little as you like.

Devizes: 1st Wednesday of the month

Venue: The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1HS

Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Dates: 6 December, 3 January, 7 February, 6 March

Salisbury District Hospital:

Carer Café and Info Point (please note this is not a CSW carer café) **Venue:** Springs Restaurant, Salisbury District Hospital, Salisbury, SP2 8BJ

Time: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

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The first Sunday of Advent on December 3rd, is a time of expectant waiting to celebrate Christ's birth and prepare for His second coming. We focus on hope, which is so much more than wishful thinking. Hope holds us firm and keeps us trusting and looking forward, no matter how dark the world seems to be. This season is a time to remember that God is both the light at the end of a long tunnel and our faithful companion who will never desert or abandon us (Hebrews 13:5).

The Jewish people expected and longed for the Messiah, the One who would put an end to suffering, establish an eternal kingdom, and "uphold it with justice and righteousness" (Isaiah 9:1-7). And that expected Saviour came, fulfilling every prophecy ever written about Him. Because those assurances were proven true, we have hope. We can trust in Jesus' promise to come again in glory and knowing that where He is, we will one day be also (John 14:1-6).

For more reading to think about, see the passage in Luke 1:26-38.

Rev Fr David Knipe frdavidknipe@liberalcatholics.co.uk

(Prayer/Pastoral care/Bible Study).

www.liberalcatholics.co.uk

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

You shall call his name Jesus

"What's in a name?" asked Shakespeare's character, Juliet, "That which we call a rose, by any other word would smell as sweet." Smell as sweet, maybe, but I can't help thinking that roses are called roses and turnips, turnips for a reason. Although, maybe the Bard had a point. When it comes to the names our parents bestowed on us, or we gave to our children, I doubt the meaning of the name was a big factor.

My mum wanted to call me Alexander, But my dad registered the birth and dubbed me Guy. The name means 'wood', apparently. I guess the name was chosen more for how it sounded than what it meant. Unless he thought I looked as thick as two short planks. Oh, well. I'm stuck with it now.

When it came to naming Jesus, Mary and Joseph had little choice in the matter, for, according to the Gospel accounts, he was named by the Angel of the Lord. First, Mary was told, 'And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.' Then Joseph was informed concerning Mary, 'She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus', with the added word of explanation 'for he will save his people from their sins.'

'Jesus' is the Greek version of the Hebrew name 'Joshua', which means 'the Lord saves'. In Jesus' case his name could not have been more fitting. The Bible teaches that the Son of God came into the world as a human being to bring us back to God. He lived a perfect, blameless life, died on the cross for our sins and rose again from the dead. Now we may be saved, by faith in Jesus.

As the angel of the Lord said to the shepherds of old, 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.' 'What's in a name?' In the name of Jesus we find salvation.

Pastor: Guy Davies - www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm. On Christmas Eve at 4.30pm we will be having a 'Time for Tea + Christmas Special', a Carol Service, followed by a festive tea. On Christmas Day we will be joining Providence Baptist Church, Dilton March for their 10.00am service.



Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch has been temporarily suspended pending a Traffic Survey but will be back after it has been completed.

If you are interested in volunteering for CSW, please contact Parish Councillor Lorna Gough on lgough@westlavington.org.uk

TRINITY CHURCH

Jan 14th

lan 21st

lan 28th

We meet in the Community Hall, Market Lavington every Sunday morning at **10.30 am** unless stated otherwise.

Visitors to our informal style of worship in the United Reformed Church/Methodist tradition are always welcome. Do come along.

All services are accompanied by refreshments and we follow current regulations to help keep you safe.

Services For December 2023

Dec 3rd	Trinity Church Service		
	Led by Mr Eric Clifford		
Dec 10th	United Service, St Barnabas Church, Easterton		
	Led by Revd. Gary Gotham		
Dec 17th	Trinity Church is joining with St Barnabas Church.		
	Evening Service for Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 pm.		
	No 10 am Service in the Community Hall.		
Dec 24th	Trinity Church Service		
	Led by Jo Williams		
Dec 31st	st Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion		
	Led by Revd Gary Gotham		
Services For January 2024			
Jan 7th	Sector Service, St Andrews' Church, Devizes. 10.30am.		
	Led by Revd Gary Gotham		

Church Minister: Revd Gary Gotham, 69 Queens Road, Devizes.

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WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

DECEMBER	DECEMBER 2023			
Fri 9th to Sat 1st	Jack and the Beanstalk, Wharf Theatre, Devizes. Tickets £10 - £14			
Sat 2nd:	Crafts and Food Christmas Market, Furlong Close, Rowde 12-3pm.			
	Potterne Christmas Market, Village Hall and Social Club, 11am-3pm.			
Sat 2nd to Sun 3rd				
Sun 3rd:	Christmas Artisan Market, Pavilion, Gt Cheverell, 10am-2pm.			
Mon 4th:	DAPS Christmas Wreath Making, ML Community Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £20.			
	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, Pavilion, GC, 7.3opm.			
Tues 5th:	Dauntsey School Christmas Lunch, 12 noon.			
Thurs 7th:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL Village Hall, 7pm.			
Fri 8th:	Dauntsey's Choral Society Christmas Concert, St Matthew's Church, Rushall 7.30pm			
Sat 9th:	Devizes Lions Christmas Fair, Corn Exchange, Devizes 9am- 2.3opm.			
	White Horse Opera Christmas Concert, St John's Church, 7.3opm.			
	Wreath making workshops, Little Cheverell Village Hall, 10am - 12, and 2pm - 4pm.			
	Film Night: a Wonderful old fashioned Christmas movie! The Pavilion, Great Cheverell, 7pm. £5 temporary membership, valid for two movies, or £25 annual.			
Tues 12th:	Cheverell Garden Club Christmas Party and fun quiz, GC Village Hall, 7.3opm.			
Wed 13th:	Wed 13th: Pete Lamb's Heartbeats entertain at WL Village Hall, 2 for 2.30pm. Tickets £1 to include a Christmas meal. Contact Eileen Hinton on 01380 813264			
Fri 15th:				
Sat 16th:	Edington Arts Advent Concert with the choir of Gonville and Gaius College, Cambridge, Edington Priory Church 7.3 opm.			
	The Big Sound Christmas Concert in aid of Carmela's Stand Up to Muscular Dystrophy, St John's Church Devizes, 7pm. Tickets £6 from Devizes Books.			
Sat 16th - Sun 17th	St Barnabas Church Christmas Tree Festival.			

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Sun 17th:	Christmas Crafts for families, Little Cheverell Village Hall, afternoon.		
Wed 20th:	Knitting Club, Baptist Church Hall, WL, 10am.		
Sun 24th:	Mince pies and mulled wine, LC Village Hall, 4pm before Crib Service at 5pm.		
Fri 29th:	Mick Jogger and The Stones Experience, Corn Exchange, Devizes 8pm. Tickets £20.		
JANUARY 2024 Happy New Year!			
Thurs 4th:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL Village Hall, 7pm.		
Thurs 11th:	WI meeting to discuss WI Campaigns for the forthcoming year, guests welcome. Giles Room, WL Village Hall, 2pm.		
Sat 13th:	Film Night, Film hint: D'you Ken? The Pavilion, Great Cheverell, 7pm.		
Wed 17th: Knitting Club, Baptist Church Hall, WL, 10am. Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, 7pm, LC Village Hall.		ist Church Hall, WL, 10am.	
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Sat 20th:	Cheverell Magna Community Resilience workshop, Pavilion, Great Cheverell, 11am.		
Wed 24th:	Friendship Club, Sing along with Sian and Bob. Baptist Church Hall, WL, 2.30pm		
2024 dates for that new diary!			
Sat May 4th - Mon May 6th:		Urchfont Scarecrow Festival.	
Sat July 6th:		West Lavington Village Fete: Stallholders will be contacted in early 2024. suecbastone@gmail.com	
Sat Jul 20th -	Sun Jul 21st:	Market Lavington Vintage Meet.	
Sun Sep 22nd:		All Saints' Church Open Day.	

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Art Group: Thursday mornings, Giles Room, WL Village Hall, 9.30am - midday.

Cafe Scientifique: first Monday of the month, 7.30pm, The Bell Inn, Great Cheverell

Cheverells Garden Club: second Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, GC Village Hall

Dauntsey's Choral Society: Monday evenings, term time, Old Hall, Dauntsey's School 7.30-9.30pm

Friendly Fridays, Old School, Market Lavington 10am to 1pm, all ages

Gt Cheverell Book Club: last Tuesday of the month, 7pm

Gt Cheverell Friends and Neighbours: first Wednesday in the month, GC Village Hall 3pm.

Home Group: Tuesdays in term time, 46 High Street, West Lavington, 6.30 - 8pm

Kennet Quilters: second Monday in month, ML Community Hall, 1.30 - 4.30pm.

Knitting Club: Baptist Church hall on third Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Lavington Community Choir: Thursdays, ML Community Hall, 8pm for 8.15pm.

Lavington and District Swimming Club: Sundays 4-5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm, Thursdays 6.30am-7.30 am, Dauntsey's School Pool.

Lavington and District Garden Club: third Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm, WL Village Hall, £2 per meeting, £15 per year

Mothers' Union: second Monday of the Month, 2.15pm at 54 High Street, West Lavington, unless otherwise advised.

Tuesday Club: for 60+, Tuesdays, ML Community Hall 10am - 2pm

West Lavington Friendship Club: second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, Baptist Church Hall at 2.30pm, unless otherwise advertised.

West Lavington WI: second Thursday of the month, Giles Room WLVH, November to March 2pm.

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