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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>5th October 16th after Trinity</b>	9.30 am Half Hour Service*	9.30am Parish Communion (Trad)	11.00 am <b>Harvest Celebration</b>	11.00 am Simple Celebration	6 pm <b>Harvest Festival</b>
<b>12th October 17th after Trinity</b>	11.00 am United <b>Harvest</b> Service In the Community Hall	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am United <b>Harvest</b> Service in the Community Hall	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>19th October 18th after Trinity</b>	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	10.00 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
<b>26th October Last after Trinity</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am JAM Club, Old School, ML	9.30 am Half Hour Service		11.00 am Parish Communion	

**Regular worship in our sister churches:**

- 9.00am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell\*
- 10.30am Trinity Church in the Community Hall Market Lavington\* 17th and 24th February
- 11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

**VILLAGE CARE**  
**West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell**  
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**Dear Friends,**

Whether Scotland becomes a separate nation or not will be known within 24 hours of writing this. It's an issue that seems to have come upon us very suddenly and one with huge repercussions that have scarcely been debated. I've been saddened by the short-termism of some of the debate – getting rid of Westminster governments when we all know that they come and go – and the unwillingness to consider the bigger picture. Whatever the result, half of those living north of the border will be unhappy and relationships within what is now the UK will change.

As we reflect on the Union and what constitutes unity, maybe there's something to be learnt from the Church. Unity is a question that Christians wrestle with, as we worship within different denominations and as we hold very different views within our own churches.

Famously in John 17 Jesus prayed for the believers that '*they may all be one*'. Such unity is not about all agreeing about everything, nor about all believing the same thing; rather it's about relationships. For Christians, as we come to fully appreciate God's love for us, so we are more likely to be able to respond positively to the command '*to love one another*'.

The cause of Christian unity both today and down the centuries has been hindered because people have loved their own religious organisations, their own creeds and their own rituals more than they have loved each other. If we realised how much God loves us, we'd be better at loving each other wherever we all come from.

**James Campbell**

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**From the Rectory**

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**BENEFICE CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Would anyone like to set 20 questions for  
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**Henrietta GOGGS**  
**01380 813736 or hgoggs@hotmail.com**

**GREAT CHEVERELL FRIENDS  
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We meet on the first Wednesday of the  
 month in the Village Hall at 3.00 p.m. We  
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 includes home made cake and tea. If you  
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 find people you know from the village. If  
 you need transport please ring Wendy  
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**Wendy Wilshin**

**LAVINGTON & DISTRICT  
 GARDENING CLUB**

The October meeting of the Gardening  
 Club will be held in West Lavington Village  
 Hall at 7.15 p.m. on October 15th when Gill  
 Hazel will be giving a talk on Gladioli and  
 other specialist bulbs.

The subject of this month's competition  
 will be a Vase of Michaelmas Daisies.

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News & Information

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We will also offer bakery courses. These will include half and full day courses; currently we offer bread courses with the bread baked in our wood-fired bread oven in the garden, a range of cake courses and seasonal courses e.g gingerbread house making courses. Our website will be up and running in October at [www.countrycottagecakesandbakery.co.uk](http://www.countrycottagecakesandbakery.co.uk) Search for us on Face Book or give James Bollen a call on 01380 812580 / 07846085393 to discuss your requirements or request a quotation.

## THE OIL CLUB

An advertisement has recently arrived, offering the opportunity for those with oil-fired central heating to avail themselves of a delivery service in which the organisers seek out the best prices for customers and thence a collective distribution of oil, thereby reducing the number of different oil firms operating. Details of this are on the West Lavington Notice Board and also on the website [www.westlavington.info](http://www.westlavington.info).

You are reminded however that, in a more local sense, a similar facility has been available for the last five years and regularly advertised as *Findmyheatingoil in News and Views*. On a personal note I have been using this service throughout that time and I have been grateful for the efficiency and integrity of this local facility. It is one of the many local enterprises advertised in *News and Views* that merit our support.

Jim Hodges

## Duck Street Fair

In aid of Cancer Research UK and ROC  
Wednesday 1st October, 6.00pm-9.00pm

&

Thursday 2nd October, 9.00am – 2.00pm  
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## WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR NHS SERVICES IN WILTSHIRE?

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group is led by local GPs. We plan and pay for the majority of NHS services that you use across the county. Over the next five years, we know that demand for NHS services in Wiltshire will continue to increase but the money we have available to spend on these services will not increase at the same rate.

Modern advances in healthcare are helping people to live for longer than ever before which is a cause for celebration. However, this does mean that the demand for NHS services from the over-65s is expected to increase significantly over the coming years. As a result, the CCG needs to adapt the way we provide NHS services so that they better meet the needs of our ageing population.

### How will we meet this challenge?

The CCG has developed a Five Year Plan to enable us to respond to this challenge. Our plan sets out how we can continue to provide high quality but affordable health services in Wiltshire between now and 2019. We won't be doing it alone either. Our key partners like Wiltshire Council, GP surgeries, local hospitals and other NHS providers are vital to the success of the plan.

It will mean some major changes to the shape of health care services in Wiltshire. Our vision is that health and social care services should support and sustain independent living and as the organisation responsible for designing and commissioning those services, we are keen to make them both affordable and the best possible for local people.

Our model for the future of health care in Wiltshire is based on three key principles:

1. Encourage and support Wiltshire residents to take on more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing
2. Provide fair access to a high quality and affordable system of care for the greatest number of people
3. Provide less care in hospitals and more care at home or in the community

To achieve these aims we will need to change the way in which we spend our budget. We will:

1. Spend more money on health education and prevention to help people take more personal responsibility for their health and wellbeing
2. Spend more money to improve community care and increase the range of services provided in a local setting
3. As a result, we would need to spend proportionately less money on providing bed-based care in hospital

We are going to split Wiltshire up into 20 clusters of approximately 20,000 people. Each cluster will have an integrated team of GP surgeries, community nurses and therapists together with social worker support which will work together to ensure that we have a more joined up system of health and social care.

### How can you get more involved?

The CCG has already been carrying out a wide-ranging consultation about our Five Year Plan across the county and this has included public meetings, outreach events, and presentations to a variety of organisations. You may have been involved in one of these events?

Over the next few months the CCG will be giving presentations at the 18 Area Boards across the county. Each Area Board is planning a health fair with lots of different stalls for you to visit followed by presentations from the CCG and Wiltshire Council about our plans for improving health and social care. To find out the date of the Health Fair in your area please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/healthfairs](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/healthfairs)

We hope you can join us for your local Area Board Health Fair but if you are not able to attend then you can find out more about the CCG's plans at [www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk) If you'd like to talk to someone at the CCG then you can email [WCCG.info@nhs.net](mailto:WCCG.info@nhs.net) or call 01380 728899

**A Date for your Diary!**

The fourth

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**ST MARY'S STEEPLE ASHTON PRESERVATION TRUST**

St Mary's Preservation Trust are proud to announce the details of their forthcoming Autumn concert to be held in St Mary's Church on Saturday 29th November at 7.30 p.m. The concert will include the fabulous Steeple Rocks Choir and the amazing Opus One Swing Band featuring Bernard Wight who are bound to get feet tapping. If the Spring concert was anything to go by, please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment, available at £10 from Steeple Ashton Shop and choir members. For further details please ring Richard Young on 01380 831349.

**MUSICIANS WANTED****Market Lavington Concert Band**

The Band was formed in 2012 by the current Musical Director, Mervyn Smith (an ex military musician) and currently has 18 members ranging from novices to ex professional musicians. Mervyn's aim is to gently improve every player's confidence, technical ability and general musicianship by playing a wide selection of music .

Like most Bands we are looking for new players to swell our numbers so whether you're proficient, learning an instrument or returning after a long lay-off from playing, why not come along to one of our rehearsals? The band rehearsals are now held in Easterton Village Hall every Wednesday evening from 8pm - 9.30pm. so either simply come along to one of our rehearsals or contact Mervyn for further information on : 07985665417

**DARK SIDE OF THE MOON**

Calling all Pink Floyd fans! Purple Fish are performing Dark Side of the Moon once more. After last year's tremendously successful event, for which we would sincerely like to thank all those who supported us, we have been constantly asked if we would do it all again? So, after many cups of tea and discussion the simple answer is yes, we will do it again on **Saturday November 22nd at 7.30pm** at The Corn Exchange, Devizes this time, in aid of Dorothy House. We will update everyone with more details as the time gets closer, but for now this is a date for your diary, we would love to see you there. (Purple Fish)

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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

My special thanks to Joy Thomas who has retired from the regular commitment to sorting out and delivering each month copies of News and Views to distributors. This is an invaluable service demanding time and travel which she has always uncomplainingly undertaken. I am likewise grateful to Hilary Stone who has taken on her role and, indeed to Mike Brain in Little Cheverell and the Wilshins in Great Great Cheverell, as well as the various volunteers (one of them over 90 years old) who do the monthly trek to get the issues to your doors.

Thanks also to Lynda Wearn for the cover picture of a recent Fun Day held by the Cheverells Garden Club. Photographs, especially of "portrait" dimensions, of activities within our three villages are always welcome.

**Jim Hodges**

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 October 14,28  
 November 11,25 December 9,23

Great Cheverell	Lay-by near school	9.45-10.00
Great Cheverell	The old school	10.05-10.20
Littleton Panell	Lay-by in High Street	10.30-10.45
West Lavington	School	10.50-12.10



### GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

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Mark, my husband, and I are hosting this at our house: 46 High Street, West Lavington, Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm (we promise we will finish by 9.30 p.m.!). Anyone is welcome – bring a friend!

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**We look forward to meeting you.**  
Caroline Spindlow

### VILLAGE PANTOMIME

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**Thursday 16th October at 7 p.m.**  
and each Thursday subsequently in  
Great Cheverell Pavilion.

**The show will be 29th – 31st January**

If you would like to be involved either behind the scenes or in front of the curtain, please come along initially to have a look at the script and talk about the show.

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## WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

What a summer the members have had. As well as the usual meetings at West and Market Lavington we have had really exciting trips to Basingstoke for Ice Skating, Warminster for Paintballing and South Cerney for loads of fun on the water. We also had our mammoth catering event at the West Lavington Manor. We attended the Church Fete, and much more.

What else would you enjoy doing? Let us know. Come on down to the sessions at West and Market Lavington and join in the fun

Monday	7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6.00 - 7.30 p.m. Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30 p.m. DROP IN Seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Seniors at Market Lavington

**Thank you all for your continued support.**

**Eric Freeman - Chairman, The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club**

## VILLAGE CARE AND LINK

Village Care and Link provides transport to mainly medical-related appointments for people who have no other means of getting to those appointments. The service is available to residents of West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell and is much appreciated and sometimes essential to those who use. It relies entirely on volunteer drivers and telephone operators.

**If you need transport, call our central number 01380 816826**

Village Care and Link, previously known as “The Care Group” was formed in 1982. We were deeply saddened to hear of the death last month of Bill Parish. Bill was one of the early members of the Care Group and was our treasurer and driver co-ordinator. He will be greatly missed.

**Michael Page, Chairman**

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

### Francis Herbert Marks killed in action 24th October 1914

Frank Marks was born in Bulkington in 1892, the son of George Marks and his wife Sarah Hobbs. George came from Bulkington, but Sarah was born in West Lavington. They had nine children.

In 1911 the family was living in Little Cheverell. George was working as a cowman, and their three eldest sons, including Frank, were all working as labourers on the dairy farm. The family moved to The Gables, 74 High Street, Littleton Panell around the time of WW1.

Frank served with the 2nd battalion of the Wiltshire regiment, which landed in Zeebrugge on 7th October 1914. They were engaged in the first battle of Ypres, and Frank was killed in action on 24.10.1914 at Beselare, Belgium. Superior numbers of German forces attacked the trenches at 5.30 a.m. They were initially repelled, with heavy German losses, but a second wave of attack was more successful, leading to continuous fighting for more than two hours. The Germans managed to breach the defences, and the Wiltshires were forced to retreat with loss of sixty six men, and many more were captured.

Frank has no known grave and is remembered on the Menin Gate at Ypres and the West Lavington war memorial.

### Arthur Beaven Budgell killed in action 31st October 1914

Arthur, or Beaven as he was known in the family, was born in 1894 in Fordingbridge, Hampshire. His father, Eli Budgell was a coachman, originally from Yeovil in Somerset. Eli's wife was Emma Marlow, and she came from Fordingbridge, the daughter of a miller.

Beaven was the youngest child of Eli and Emma. They lived at a' Becketts Cottage in Littleton Panell in 1911, so it seems likely that Eli was the coachman for the Holloway family who were living at a' Becketts at that time. Beaven had a sister and three older brothers.

Beaven was a regular soldier prior to the outbreak of World War One. He enlisted into the 2nd Dragoon Guards, otherwise known as Queen's Bays, and was with the regiment in Aldershot in 1911. At the outbreak of World War 1 his regiment was part of the original British Expeditionary Force, arriving in France on 16th August 1914. The regiment formed a part of the 1st Cavalry division, and they were charged with defending the ridge at Messines, to prevent the Germans from advancing to Ypres.

On 31st October, the Germans began an attack at 4.30 a.m. After nearly five hours of heavy fighting, they succeeded in breaking through the British line, and the British were forced to retreat, with a house to house battle as they made their way out of the town. It was during this battle that Beaven was killed, near Hollebeke.

Beaven has no known grave, but is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, and the West Lavington war memorial.

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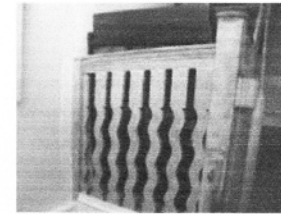
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## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dauntsey Academy Primary School is proud to share that over the summer holiday we have built a seventh classroom, extending our provision to one form entry. Our new class names are:

Oak Class  
Rowan Class  
Hazel Class  
Alder Class  
Birch Class  
Willow Class  
Elm Class.



Our Open Days are on Thursday 6th, Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th November.

We look forward to welcoming the community to our official Birch Classroom Opening in November; further information will be distributed locally.

### Oak Class Fundraising

Oak Class have been busy fundraising for their forthcoming trip to Plas Pencelli. They raised an amazing £465 bag packing at Sainsbury's in Devizes. Thank you to everyone that supported them. As part of their Maths learning they have been exploring profit and loss and, with this in mind, the pupils intend to re-invest some of the money collected to bake cakes to sell after school.

### Jeans for Genes

On Friday 19th September we all came to school wearing our jeans in support of Jeans for Genes Day. We raised £172 for the Jeans for Genes charity.

Mandy Francis Admin. Asst.



## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Great start to the school year!

We had a wonderful start to our school year – in the very first week of term, we took all our children to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to see HMS Victory and the Mary Rose. This was a tremendous way to start our topic centred around Turner's painting of The Fighting Temeraire (which was a sister ship to HMS Victory). Children have completed wonderful projects on this theme already – biographies of Admiral Lord Nelson and Turner, comparison between the Tudor ship, the Mary Rose, and the Georgian ship, the Victory, studies of life on board the ships, the Battle of Trafalgar and the food that was eaten, to name but a few. We have also seen some lovely art from the children on the theme.

### New children

We are always delighted to welcome our new children into our school – most of them into the Foundation Stage but others in various year groups through the school. We are a warm and welcoming community and new children settle quickly. We have been particularly pleased with the youngest children who have adjusted to school life and routines remarkably quickly! Our strong and supportive families help to ensure that transition is effective and learning is outstanding.

### Universal Infant Free School Meals

In line with government requirements, all children in the Infants (Foundation stage, Year 1 and Year 2) receive free school meals if they want them. This initiative has rolled out very successfully in our school, thanks to the careful planning and preparation of our catering and MDSA team. In addition to enjoying the food, children work hard on table manners, being polite to each other, engaging in good conversation with others at the table and helping the younger children so that important life skills are learnt at lunch time as they are through the whole school day.

### Academic Excellence

Once again, the academic achievements of our children have been outstanding – our average point score in the KS2 SATS this year was 31.8 and every Year 6 child achieved a level 4 or better in all subjects. More than a quarter of our children achieved Level 5 in all subjects – an exceptional achievement. Comparative data (allowing us to compare ourselves with schools nationally) will be available in late October, and will show that we have, once again, excelled in all areas – phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATS.

### Admission to Holy Trinity

If you would like your child to be admitted to Holy Trinity, please contact the school on **01380 813796** to arrange to meet us and look around the school. Whilst we are oversubscribed in most year groups, occasionally places do become available. If your child is due to start school in September 2015, please remember to apply for a place before 15th January 2015. We have 19 places available for the Foundation Stage next year, and our admissions policy is available on our website.

See more about our school, including photos and policies, on [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk).



## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

So far this term the children have been really enjoying their investigations into our topic area, 'the weather', and all our new children have settled well and made new friends. Last week we made our own sunshine using paper plates and bright tissue paper; we made lightening clouds with cotton wool and paint and we made some rainbows using various different materials, some collected from the garden. Some of the children also painted and took home some beautiful pictures of the people they love.

**TOP TIP:** As part of our monthly entry we have decided to incorporate a top tip to help extend your child's learning and development. This week you could '*help your child to notice and discuss patterns around them e.g. rubbings from grates, covers or bricks*'. This is from the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage), Understanding the world, 40-60 months.

**BRISTOL STANDARD:** Lavington Pre-school has recently committed to gaining the Bristol Standard certificate, '*The Bristol Standard is a self evaluation framework that enables settings to continually reflect on their practice to improve the quality and effectiveness of their provision for all children and families*'. If you would like any more information on this or have any questions please come and ask, we have a leaflet which explains in greater detail the framework of the Bristol Standard.

**2 YEAR OLD FUNDING:** In April 2014 the Government broadened the criteria for 2 year old funding for up to 15 hours per week and you may now find that you fall into the eligibility criteria if you have a child between 24 - 36 months old. If you are a parent in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Tax credit and have an annual household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs).

Or if the two year old:

- Has a statutory statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care plan. As statements and statutory plans are issued by Wiltshire council we are able to identify these children internally. Therefore parents are unable to self-refer for funding based on this criteria
- Has left local authority care through a Special Guardianship Order, adoption or a Residence Order
- Is currently a Looked After Child, for example in foster care
- Is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

If you think you might be eligible, you will need to complete a funding form: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/early-years-better-2gether-funding.pdf>

We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website [www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: [info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk)

## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

If you have a good memory you may recall that, over a year ago, I wrote about the benefits of joint working with other public sector organisations. The police are now sharing Wiltshire Council offices and one of the areas where that association is proving most valuable is in safeguarding vulnerable children. In recent times, this has been a very topical subject!

One other area where joint working is proving helpful is public health, which was integrated with the Council in April 2013. The new public health team has just published its first annual report for the year 2013/14. As I write, the report has only just been approved by the Cabinet and I cannot provide an easy link, but by the time you read this is will probably be available online via [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/publichealthwilts.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/publichealthwilts.htm) where there is much other useful information.

In its first year the public health team has successfully contained a measles outbreak, has supported around 2,500 people to stop smoking and has helped 285 people at risk of diabetes. It also successfully dealt with the health effects of the flooding last winter – remember that?

Other areas of importance include Early Intervention, ensuring children have the best start in life, reducing childhood obesity, reducing the impacts of drugs and alcohol and ensuring sexual health and wellbeing for young people. 5,900 young people were tested for Chlamydia of which 8.7% were positive and all of whom were treated.

For older people there were many other actions including assisting in the development of the Joint Wiltshire Dementia Strategy and supporting the "Before I Forget" campaign. More information is available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/socialcareadults/healthandmedicaladvice/mentalhealthdementia.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/socialcareadults/healthandmedicaladvice/mentalhealthdementia.htm).

Wiltshire Council and the NHS CCG are working closely together on the wider aspects of mental health and a consultation will soon be underway on the strategy to deal with this. If this is an area that concerns you, look out for the publicity.

One other consultation that is now underway involves the Fire & Rescue Service that is considering a merger with Dorset and closer association with Wiltshire and Swindon Councils. I wholly support the latter idea. If you want to take part, you can find the information here [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/strengtheningourfrs](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/strengtheningourfrs).

If you have difficulty accessing the internet for any of these items, please do not hesitate to contact me.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to [richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by phone on 07762 018209.

## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

After a glorious summer, it's back to work. The Parish Council's first meeting of the autumn season took place on Thursday, 4th September, with a very full agenda. You will find below some reminders and issues of particular importance that we'd like to bring to everyone's attention.

**Back-to-school:** The Footpath Working Group continues to be busy clearing paths and strimming. Now that classes have resumed, we would ask householders please to cut back (to their property line) any hedges which extend over the pavements in order that young people walking to and from school can have full use of the pavement width – many thanks!

**BMX track repairs and fencing damage:** Works to repair the surface of the BMX track have been completed. Repairs following vandalism to part of the fence line on the northern perimeter of the recreation ground - which subsequently resulted in an accident involving injury - have also been arranged. They will include improvements to the overall condition of the fence structure.

**Recreation ground littering and waste:** Sadly, casual littering around the recreation ground, never previously a problem, has become a serious issue over the summer. As a parish, we are very fortunate to have such marvellous extended playing facilities. In order that all may enjoy them fully, users are urged to bin their litter in one of the bins provided or take it home for disposal.

New arrangements for waste removal from the recreation ground have been put in place. They will be managed by the Village Hall cleaner with grant funding from the Council. Three bins will be in service - in the Village Hall car park, Robert's Playground, and next to the BMX track - plus a new suite of six dog waste bins located around the perimeter of the grounds. The litter bin situated outside the recreation ground between Eastfield and Holmfield will be removed.

**New police communities crime and anti-social initiative:** Wiltshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon are looking to involve communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour. Working alongside Neighbourhood Watch, Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging aims to improve the flow of information between communities and the police. All residents can subscribe directly for free messages - by email, text or voicemail - about policing and crime matters relating to their area.

Background information for the new police initiative can be found at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk/index.php/information/community-messaging](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/index.php/information/community-messaging). Although not yet fully rolled out in our area, you can still sign up and be included when the service is launched locally. To sign up, visit [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk).

In view of this new police information distribution system, the Parish Council's view is that there should no longer be a need for the Council to promote Neighbourhood Watch.

**Sandra Gamble, Chairman**

You can now follow the Parish Council on Twitter- find us at [www.twitter.com/westlavingtonpc](http://www.twitter.com/westlavingtonpc) and keep in touch.

If you have ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT The Clerk to the Parish Council, Peter Baxter on 07734 483883 or [clerkpc@sky.com](mailto:clerkpc@sky.com)

Parish Website [www.westlavington.info](http://www.westlavington.info)

## WEST LAVINGTON RECREATION GROUND

### Temporary Closure Of Part, for One Day

As you may recall, some damage was done to trees in the January gales. Although the urgent clearing up is now complete, some additional work is still necessary. Therefore, throughout **Monday 13 October** the south side of the Recreation Ground will be **closed to all access** to enable tree surgeons to fell some trees along the side of Mill Lane. Could you please keep clear of the site and ensure children do not use the play equipment during this time.

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We welcomed Teresa Wood to talk about the children of Chernobyl. Teresa and her family are committed Christians, and have had children to stay from Chernobyl,

and have also been there to help renew and restore facilities, so that bathrooms and kitchens were in fit condition for schools. Their work has not only to help heal the children of Chernobyl, but also to work in very practical ways. It was very uplifting to see how greatly they had made a difference to the children's lives. We were invited to buy very pretty jewellery and boxes etc made in Chernobyl. Good to start our Christmas shopping so early.

At our October meeting, on Monday 13th October, Joanne Triffit will be speaking to us about Parenting.

**Janet Hodges (812467)**

### WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



We have started a new round of fund raising events in preparation for the next visit of the French in 2016. Next year we shall visit them on the weekend of 19th to 21st June 2015. Any member of the Association can come; accommodation is with one of the French families - all you have to pay for is the journey.

So far we have planned the following events: Beaujolais and Brie evening 21st November (the Beaujolais Nouveau date being 15th November); Curry Evening to include sari tying in West Lavington Village Hall 23rd or 30th January and our big event – A Regency Evening including dancing, demonstration dancing and supper. This will be held in March next year.

You can join the WL Twinning Association by calling our chairman Malcom Johnson on 01380 818147 or myself.

**Michael Page, Secretary (01380 818510)**

### BOOKMARK



Our members met at the village hall in September to discuss Margaret Forster's *The Unknown Bridesmaid* and *The Aftermath* by Rhidian Brook. Neither novel was a barrel of laughs, but we still enjoyed reading them. We agreed the former wasn't one of the author's best novels, but it was deemed interesting, although slightly disturbing. The protagonist is a somewhat spooky child psychologist who has a sympathetic eye and ear for troubled children - because she was herself defined as a problem child. But the adult Julia has not moved on from her own situation, which questions her career choice and ability! We liked Margaret Forster's writing and agreed with a high profile literary review – but we had to look up solipsistic! We scored the author's latest novel 8 marks out of 10.

*The Aftermath* is a post-apocalyptic story set in Hamburg in 1946, where occupying British forces attempt to filter and classify a destitute German population. In a harsh winter, countless displaced adults and feral orphans compete to survive in an era of denazification and non-fraternisation. The novel is a narrative of both sides' barbarities and repercussions, but is not altogether a tale of doom & gloom. The characters seem to jump out of the page, and there are many lighter moments, including compassion, human decency, adolescent humour and a little romance. Our group found *The Aftermath* to be both absorbing and enlightening on a subject we knew little about. We awarded this novel 9 marks out of 10.

The final two reads for our book club this year will be *The Signature of all Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert and Lori Baker's *The Glass Ocean* – to be discussed on October 29th at Great Cheverell's village hall (7.30 p.m.)

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Our annual 'Fun' show proved to be as popular as ever. There were many entries in all the categories. And those who came to the view the exhibits were amazed by how artistic gardeners can be. There were bowls of vegetables and fruit that looked like still life paintings. The flower arrangements were a feast to the eye. And while I partook of tea and delicious homemade cake I overheard some conversations that made me realise that there had been some fierce competition despite the 'Fun' label on the event. One overheard conversation was between a husband and wife team discussing who had been responsible for most of their haul of awards. And another conversation analysed the criteria the judges may have used to choose the best scones and notes were made to ensure that next year's entry would get a higher accolade.

Our September meeting got off to a bad start when our projector refused to work. Undaunted, Robin O' Neill proceeded to give us a spellbinding account of a trip to Japan that he and his wife had made this Summer. We gathered close to his computer to see the pictures. They went on a cruise which stopped at various ports in Japan. During their trip they were able to visit nine gardens. They found that peace and tranquility were high on the agenda of Japanese garden design. It was also about the fine art of landscaping. Ponds, bubbling streams, boulders, paths and trees played a large role in the design. Everything was meticulous in detail. Many of the gardens did not allow people to walk about. Instead they would have a viewing area from which you could see the beautiful garden and hear the trickling streams and admire the attention to detail. Japan is a heavily populated country. They are a very polite people and despite the crowds Robin and his wife felt that there was a tangible tranquility. In Tokyo they found some small gardens that were a green oasis surrounded by high rise. In Kyoto they visited Kinkaku, a temple covered in gold leaf that appears to float above the mirror pond. From the verandah you can view the many islands and pine trees. In all directions are carefully planned vistas. Also in Kyoto they visited Nyojo castle, a wooden castle among cherry and plum trees, and overlooking a large pond and three islands. Here they were entranced by the 'nightingale floor'. The floor had wooden floorboards that squeaked when you walked on it so that the castle guards could hear anyone trying to approach. In Nagasaki they visited the Peace park built at the ground zero of the atomic bomb. They also visited the Glover garden which has commanding views of Nagasaki harbour from its position on a hilltop. In Yasugi they visited the Adachi art gallery. This is a contemporary art gallery which has viewing windows through which you can see the adjacent gardens. Each window forms a beautiful frame to an entrancing view. On Tuesday 14th October Sue Robinson will be giving a talk entitled Planting with Bulbs. Sue has worked at Hilliers Nurseries for 15 years and is responsible for all in-house training. She is also part of Hilliers award winning Chelsea Garden Show team. There will be some plants for sale during the evening. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. New members are always welcome. The charge for non-members is £2 per meeting.



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Season is now in full swing again, with age groups from reception year (age 5) to Adult level. It is a credit to this Club that we now have 3 Adult teams (2 Saturday, and 1 Sunday League team), with many of the players starting in the Club at Junior level.

At the Junior level, we now have a small group of 5 year olds who train at St.Barnabas' School on Saturday mornings at 09.00 a.m. Whilst the Under 7 and 8s are also playing matches here, with recent good results for both U7 teams – (Badgers and Cubs) against Bishops Cannings and Calne, whilst the Under 8's played Trowbridge. Big thank you to the team kit sponsors for this season to H K Motors (Under 7 team) and Phil Stone Builders (U8 team).

Preseason U14's have played matches at Warminster, Corsham and Trowbridge Town registering wins in each of the games. Their first game of the league season was away against 'Bath Arsenal' (Mid-Somer Norton League and Cup Winners last season) and they registered a very credible 1-1 draw. A goal from Harry Davis with assist from Alfie Brinton, backed up by 3 stunning saves from James Black were the highlights of a very hardworking performance. The only downside was a trip to the hospital for Harry Davis afterwards after injuring his knee. X-Rays proved clear, so just recovery time required.

As ever new players welcome to join – see contact team details on website.

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 Rev Gary Gotham  
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**FUNERALS**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have recently been bereaved.*

**Olive Patricia CAMPBELL** of West Lavington died on 13th August, aged 80 years. Her funeral and burial took place at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington on 22nd August 2014.

**Charles William “Bill” PARISH** of West Lavington died on 20th August aged 79 years. His funeral and burial at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington was held on 2nd September 2014.

**Aileen Freda CORSER** of Market Lavington died on 29th August, aged 98 years. Her funeral at West Wilts Crematorium was held on 16th September 2014.

**Frederick William CHILDS** formerly of Little Cheverell, died on 30th July aged 84 years. His funeral was at West Wilts Crematorium on 12th August and his ashes were buried at St Peter’s Church, Little Cheverell on 15th September 2014.

**BAPTISMS**

**Helena Emily Lauren SYSUM** was baptised at all Saints’ Church, West Lavington by Rev Jennifer Haynes on Sunday 17th August 2014.

**Aoifa Dorothy SPARKES** was baptised at St Peter’s Church, Great Cheverell by Rev James Campbell on Sunday 7th September 2014.



## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Gratitude is the antidote for grumpiness. People who think that the world owes them a living are always quick to complain about anything and everything. You know the sort. But the fact is that whatever our problems in life, we have a lot for which to be thankful. We live in a beautiful part of the country with green fields, rolling hills and trees decked in their autumn hues. Our local shops are packed with plentiful supplies of food and drinks. It's easy to take these things for granted. But a moment's thought should make us grateful for rather than grumpily about our lot in life.

Some of the Psalms in the Bible are full of exuberant thanks to God for his goodness in creating this world and so richly providing for our needs. Psalm 65 pictures valleys clothed with grain shouting for joy. If the very fields proclaim God's praise, then we should also thank him everything that comes to us from his hands.

Psalm 65 also speaks of God providing atonement for our transgressions. That was the gift that cost God the most to give. He sent his Son the Lord Jesus Christ into our world of selfishness and ingratitude to die on the cross for our sins. Through faith in Jesus we receive God's offer of forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. What a giving and forgiving God! Recognising that whatever we may possess is a gift from God should make us grateful to him and generous towards others who are in need.

*All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all His love.*

Join us to 'Thank God for Harvest!' on Sunday 5th October  
11am Speaker: Russell Short. 6pm Speaker: Jim Short  
All produce will be donated to Leonora Home for the Elderly  
Please drop off any gifts of fresh or dried foods during the Coffee Morning

### Events:

Coffee Morning, join us for a cuppa and a chat, 1st Saturday of the month, 10am-12 noon.  
'Knit & Chat' women's meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, from 2.30pm.

**Pastor: Guy Davies** [www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk](http://www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk)

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