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Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton July 2015					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
5th July 5th after Trinity (Proper 9)	10.30 am Worship Together Benefice Parish Communion at St Barnabas Church, Easterton Rev. Pat Strowger will be preaching as she celebrates the 10th Anniversary of her ordination as a Priest. Please do come and make this a special occasion.				
12th July 6th after Trinity (Proper 10)	11.00 am United Service At Easterton	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour	11.00 am United Service	11.00 am Communion by Extension	
19th July 7th after Trinity (Proper 11)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour/JAM Club Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
26th July 8th after Trinity (Proper 12)	9.30 am Family Communion and Baptism	9.30 am Parish Communion (O1T)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

VILLAGE CARE
West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell
TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826

Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton August 2015					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd August 9th after Trinity (Proper 13)	10.30 am Worship Together Benefice Parish Communion St Peter's Great Cheverell				
9th August 10th after Trinity (Proper 14)	11.00 am United Pet Service	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour	11.00 am United Pet Service at Market Lavington	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
16th August 11th after Trinity (Proper 15)	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Half Hour/JAM Club Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
23rd August 12th after Trinity (Proper 16)	9.30 am Family Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion (O1T)	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
30th August 13th after Trinity (Proper 17)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour/JAM Club Old School	9.30 am Matins (BCP)	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)		
6th September 14th after Trinity (Proper 18)	10.30 am Worship Together Benefice Parish Communion St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell				

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
11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

Dear Friends,

As summer comes, we in this part of the country are particularly fortunate to be able to enjoy the fruits of creation.

Just consider a couple of statistics:

- * there are 25,000 varieties of orchid; and the orchid is just one of 270,000 species of flower;
- * in our galaxy, there are 300,000 stars like our sun; and our galaxy is one of 100,000 million galaxies.

It has been estimated that for every grain of sand there are a million stars. Yet in a throwaway line, the writer of Genesis tells us, 'He also made the stars' (Genesis 1:6). God demonstrates his extraordinary generosity in the natural world.

Generosity is a very attractive characteristic in people. We tend to admire generosity. In the Bible there are a number of examples of considerable generosity: the little old widow who put a few coins in the temple coffers – it was all she had (Mark 12:41-44).

Generosity isn't just about money. In our age of opportunity and activity, giving others of our time – quality time – is a precious gift. Whilst many of us are over-busy a percentage of the population are lonely and yearn for meaningful relationships and the company of others.

God is extraordinarily generous; he *'gives generously to all'* (James 1:5). God's generosity to us is a primary motive for us to be generous to others whenever we can.

James Campbell

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 United Pet Service**



Sunday 9th August 2015
 St. Mary's Church, Market Lavington
 11.00 a.m.

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 Tickets £20
 From Michael Page 818510

**COFFEE MORNING/BRING
 & BUY AND RAFFLE**

Our second fundraising coffee morning for 2015 Operation Christmas Child will be held on

DATE:- Saturday 11th July
 TIME:- 10.00 a.m. -12.00 noon
 PLACE:- St. Andrew's Church
Please come and support us.

Raffle prizes gratefully received. For any further information please contact Sheila Mitchell on 01380 722424 or Janice Charlton on 07740720434, 01380 818533 or email mrs.charlton@gmail.com.

EARLY MORNING SWIMMING!

The Early Swimming Club meets in term-time at Dauntsey's School pool, from 6.45 to 7.55 a.m. on Monday and Thursday mornings.

There is space for new members (lengths swimming only), so if you are interested, please contact Julia Ford (812365) or email j.n.ford@btinternet.com for more information.

VILLAGE CARE & LINK AND WL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Joint Event - Horse Racing on a big screen and Quiz

There will be a joint fund raising event for the "Care Group" and WL Twinning Association on Friday 21st August at 7 p.m. in West Lavington Village Hall.

This is by way of an experiment prompted by the new requirement for the Care Group to raise additional income (because of funding cuts from Wiltshire Council) and the Twinning Association's need to attract more people to their events.

The event will be a quiz and horse racing evening, including a light bread, cheese and chutney supper. There will also be a wine bar. The Twinning Association will organise the event, and costs and profits will be shared equally between the two organisations.

Tickets are available at £5 each and include the supper. Please contact Michael Page (818510) or Malcolm Johnson email blocker38@hotmail.com.

Everyone is invited, members and non-members, the more the merrier. Families are especially welcome. Why not form a team and give it a name – the crazier the better?

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to raise funds for the Preschool and
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West Lavington Church Fete Saturday 11th July

From 2pm at the Village Hall and Field
To be opened by Mr Jim Hodges

All the Fun of the Fete - lots to see, do and buy!

Live music from the Market Lavington Concert Band!

Fun Family Dog Show!

Entries £2, from 2pm

Classes: Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Prettiest Bitch;
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Bottle Stall: Bridget and Steve Herniman on 813099
Bric a Brac & Toys and Games: Jean Morton on 812107
Mothers' Union Produce, Preserves and Cake Stall: Janet Hodges on 812467
Plants: Debbie West on 813345 **Teas:** Liz Evans on 813929

For more information, to book a stall or to volunteer your help
contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256

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KEEPING OUR VILLAGE HALL ALIVE

Elsewhere in this publication there is an acknowledgement of the 50 years of existence of West Lavington Village Hall. Indeed there is in the hall a photograph of the enthusiasts who worked so hard to bring it into being. For most of these years it has served as an invaluable resource for a range of activities such as the now sadly missed Lavington Amateur Dramatic Society. Moreover it has not stood still. Thanks to the careful and detailed plans of Bob Giles, giving rise to a Lottery Grant, a drama stage and a committee room (now called The Giles Room) were created and added.

All this might be encouraging but the passage of time has produced two situations not entirely to its advantage. First our neighbouring villages – Market Lavington and Great Cheverell – have subsequently built new halls, with up to date facilities, thereby understandably dissipating the local needs, and then our own hall has come to need refurbishment. Every effort is being made by the gallant Village Hall Committee to raise money, but there will at present be no “quick fix”. For that reason News and Views urges that the occasional appeals for support be met, whether by fuller use or by responding to its fund raising appeals.

Jim Hodges

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FIREWORK DISPLAY

Early Warning

On Saturday, July 4th at 9.50 p.m. Dauntsey's School will be holding a Firework Display for its Summer Ball, held to celebrate for some pupils the end of seven years at the school. Our apologies on their behalf for the very brief disturbance that it may cause.

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Following on from the huge success of Shabana Basij-Rasikh's talk at Dauntsey's school, Friends of SOLA (UK) are organising a charity cream tea at

West Lavington Village Hall

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Editor of News and Views would like to thank West Lavington Parish Council for the Certificate of Service and the gift that he received from the Chairman of the Parish Council at the recent Annual Parish Meeting in recognition of 25 years of editorship. In the same way he wishes to express his thanks to everyone who helps in various ways, especially the many who have delivered the magazines in West Lavington and the Cheverells for 25 years and - in some cases – even longer. As it is unlikely that he will still be editor 25 years hence, the offer to a successor is already open and will continue to be so in the future.

CELEBRATORY TEA PARTY

West Lavington Village Hall
Saturday September 19th at 3 p.m.

As part of its 50th Anniversary, members of the Committee of the Village Hall are organizing a Tea Party. Beverages and biscuits will be provided without charge for all local residents over 60 but everybody is welcome to attend. Cake and produce stall available.

Further details from Lynne Rayner: 812881 or email:Lynne@movement4you.com

COVER PICTURE

Our thanks to Marlis Rawlins for the picture of activity at the Great Cheverell Fete on June 20th. Pictures of village activities are always welcome.

And forget not the West Lavington Fete on Saturday, July 11th, which, it is hoped, will be an equally happy occasion with kindly weather

60TH EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL, AUGUST 23RD - 30TH

Compline by candlelight at 9.15pm on Sunday August 23rd marks the opening of the 60th Edington Music Festival, which finishes with Solemn Eucharist at 11.30am on Sunday 30th. The Festival Evening and Supper returns to its original format of buffets and desserts, and is on Wednesday 26th August; tickets at £22.20 can be ordered from John Peplow on 01225 81134.

Full details of services and music are on www.edingtonfestival.org.

FEEDBACK & CRAFT GROUP MEETING

Our next Craft Group meeting in aid of 2015 Operation Christmas Child will be held on

DATE :- Friday 3rd July

TIME :- 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

PLACE :- St Andrew's Church

Please bring any empty shoe boxes you may have and any donations of items for the shoe boxes. Craft materials will be available to take away and this is your chance to say what materials you would like to be available for the next meeting.

We are hoping to pack 100 10-14 year old shoe boxes so appropriate items gratefully received, especially hats and mittens (scarves are not as important for this age group). If you haven't been before please come and join us for coffee and a chat, see which activities take your fancy and help fill the shoe boxes for the Christmas shoe box appeal. You do not have to have any previous experience as we have crafts suitable for volunteers of all standards. For any further information please contact either Sheila Mitchell on 01380 722424 or Janice Charlton on 07740720434, 01380 818533 or email mrs.charlton@gmail.com.

THE NESTLING TRUST

In March this year I returned to Nepal.

The Nestling Trust were organizing a four day Dental Camp in the village of Marbu, where the Trust has been supporting a health clinic for the past year.

During my visit I was also happy to meet the building contractors whom the Nestling Trust appointed to construct the Children's Home at Sarangkot.

On 9th April '15 it was agreed for building work to commence.

On the 25th April 2015 at 11.56 local time a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal.

It killed more than eight and a half thousand people and injured more than 19,000. A second earthquake measuring 7.3 magnitude occurred on 12th May adding to loss of life and injury. Massive destruction was caused in Kathmandu, and other towns and many villages were reduced to rubble.

I would like to thank the many, many people who supported me through this time. Your prayers and messages gave me strength when I needed it most.

The Nestling Trust was able to offer immediate aid and took medical supplies, water, food, tents and plastic sheeting to remote villages. We are continuing to provide materials so villagers are able to construct simple bamboo and tin homes before the monsoon season arrives. The health clinic at Marbu is in ruins but our nurse continues to provide vital medical aid from a tent facility.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Lt Col John Carden Killed in Action 10th August 1915

John Carden was born in 1870 as the youngest of a nine children in a prosperous family. After education at the Royal Navy School he served in the Bulawayo Field Force and served in the Boer War. As a result of prominent service there he was appointed to the Order of St Michael and St George

He retired from the Rhodesia Police Force in 1912 and returned to England, where he settled with his wife and son in West Lavington. He took up the tenancy of Russell Cottage in Stibb Hill from December 1912. They also had a residence in south-west London at 67 Egerton Gardens. John volunteered his services when the Great War started and was given the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the 5th battalion Wiltshire Regiment.

At 1am on 10th August the battalion marched on a steep and winding course towards a gully at Salzli Biet in Gallipoli. The Battalion was guided by a New Zealand Officer and they arrived two hours before sunrise about 3am. The men were told to dig into dugouts and make themselves comfortable as the position was quite safe. Men therefore removed their equipment and rifles. As soon as it was light machine guns opened fire on the men lying in their dug outs. About 1/4 of an hour later there was a rush of Turks from both sides of the depression which drove the men, unarmed and unequipped down the gully.. The bottom of the gully was commanded by machine guns and so escape was cut off.

At the end of the day at least twelve officers and many men had been killed. Lt Col John Carden was listed as missing. He was later recorded as killed in action. He was mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished service in the field.

Lance Corporal Henry Blagdon PO/6388 Killed in Action 27th August 1915

Henry was one of twelve children born in West Lavington to agricultural labourer James Blagden and his wife Sarah Anne Early. Henry was born in 1871, and he grew up in Duck Street, West Lavington. His father died in 1884, and his mother remarried in 1889. Her new husband was Job Bailey, and the family lived in Church Street, West Lavington.

In 1891 Henry was working as an agricultural labourer. He was called up on 2nd August 1914 and was a part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force from 28th February 1915, serving with the 2nd Royal Marine Battalion. He became part of the Royal Naval Division which landed at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915.

Henry received four good conduct medals and achieved promotion to Lance Corporal.

On 27th August at 5pm the British contingent at Gallipoli, along with detachments from the Australian and New Zealand forces advanced on the Turkish troops with a heavy artillery bombardment.

The battle continued for two days, but there was eventual success with very heavy loss of life on both sides. The result was complete command of the hill overlooking the Anafarta Sagir valley, and safer lateral communications between Anzac and Suvla Bay. Allied casualties in this hotly contested affair amounted to 1,000. It is estimated the Turkish casualties were no less than 5,000. Three Turkish machine-guns and forty six prisoners were taken, as well as three trench mortars, 300 Turkish rifles, 60,000 rounds of ammunition, and 500 bombs. Four hundred acres were added to the territories of Anzac.

Henry was killed in action on 27th August 1915 at Gallipoli, in this battle.

DOG FOULING: DANGEROUS AND ANTI-SOCIAL

A message from West Lavington Parish Council

Dog faeces left in public are unsanitary and an eyesore. With summer weather on the way, they will smell and attract flies. They can carry a parasite which, if ingested by humans, can cause toxocarasis, which may lead to blindness and other health problems. 10% of all abortions in cattle in this country is caused by neosporosis, spread in dog faeces. Yet this highly dangerous and anti-social practice is increasing in the Parish of West Lavington!

A significant minority of dog owners leave their dog's mess for others to stand in. Children fall into it while playing on the recreation ground or step on it when walking along the path to school. Mothers push a pram through it. It is disgusting and dangerous. Even worse are those who put the faeces in a poo bag and then toss it away. Volunteers strimming our footpaths can accidentally explode discarded poo bags full of the faeces into the air.

The cure is simple. Clean up after your pet, using a poo bag. Then dispose of it in one of the 6 red dog bins provided by the Parish Council around the parameters of the recreation ground, or get rid of it at home.

Let's not give Wiltshire Council a reason to introduce dog mess DNA testing, as has happened in London, or force dog owners to register their pets on a DNA database or impose a serious fine on any dog walker found without a bag to collect waste.

Please help to eradicate this issue from the parish!

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

The Village Hall needs £8,000 to update the heating and lighting and we estimate a further £7,000 to replace damaged panelling and redecorate when the work is done. Thus far we have raised £5778 from grants, £500 from local businesses, £600 from the Spring Fayre and £128 from private donations, the vast majority of which was donated during the Spring Fayre. Whilst we continue to seek grant funding, we are still £8,000 short of the money needed. If you can spare a donation, however small, there are collection boxes in Cost Cutters and the Bridge Inn. Village Hall Committee members will also be pleased to take your money. Thank you in anticipation.

Steve Barr, West Lavington Village Hall Committee



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WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

There loads of things to enjoy at West Lavington Youth Club most evenings, and Fridays at Market Lavington so make sure that you do not miss out on the fun. Times of opening listed below.

Monday	7 – 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6 -7.30pm	Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30pm	DROP IN seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7 – 9pm	Seniors at Market Lavington

Eric Freeman - Chairman of The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club

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	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other
Hall - Daytime	£5.00	£7.00	£6.00	£9.00
Hall - Evening	£7.00	£9.00	£8.00	£11.00
Giles Meeting Room - Day	£4.00	£5.00	£5.00	£6.00
Giles Meeting Room - Eve	£5.00	£7.00	£6.00	£8.00
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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

In one of my recent Messages, I suggested that the General Election could be seen as an expression of the liberty of the people that can be linked back to the Magna Carta, signed 800 years ago.

A mere two hundred years ago, another event curtailed the career of a despotic ruler of the time and that too has had implications that resonate today. I refer, of course, to the Battle of Waterloo.

In the years before Waterloo, Napoleon had sought to extend his hegemony across the whole of Europe. Military power was part of it but Napoleon had also sought to diminish the prosperity and growth of his rival, Great Britain, by the imposition of a large-scale embargo against British trade. This policy was known as the Continental System and it was, in part, successful. British trade dropped considerably, but the law of unintended consequences applied and Marseille, Bordeaux and La Rochelle also suffered from the loss of trade. Across the continent, food prices rose and the resentment of client states against Napoleon increased. Russia's refusal to join the Continental System led eventually to the invasion of Russia in 1812 and Napoleon's defeat there marked the beginning of his downfall.

Indeed, the support of other nations was vital to Wellington's success at Waterloo. His army was described as a Coalition and included Dutch and Belgian troops and soldiers from various German states as well. The battle was eventually won only after the intervention of the Prussians under Blucher.

I am not sure if we can draw any lessons from this. The power of free trade? The need for alliances? The fact that what seems like a good idea at the time can have unintended consequences?

I can't help noticing that the Waterloo battlefield is very near to Brussels and, in a year or two's time, the liberty of the British people will again be expressed in the EU Referendum. It will be interesting to see if that too becomes a landmark in history.

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

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council's last meeting before the summer break takes place on Thursday, 2nd July. The Council will reconvene on Thursday, 3rd September.

Clerk's appointment: At the time of writing, the Council's personnel panel is in the process of interviewing applicants for the Parish Clerk position left vacant following the retirement of Peter Baxter at the end of June after 5 years of outstanding service to the Council and the community. As a consequence of his leaving, the Council's email address has now changed to clerk@westlavington.info.

BMX track: A contractor has been engaged to undertake refurbishment of the BMX track. The work will take in the region of 10 days to complete. It is intended that use of the track will resume by the time of the Church Fete on Saturday, July 11th.

Playground benches: An offer has been received from the Playgrounds Committee to fund replacement of two rotten picnic benches with products made of recyclable materials.

Hedge cutting: Property owners are reminded of their responsibility to cut back hedges that overhang pavements and footpaths on their land.

Loose manhole covers: In response to correspondence regarding loose manhole covers and gullies in Littleton Panell High Street, the matter has been reported to Wiltshire Council highways officers.

Semington Brook railings: In response to the Council's notification to Wiltshire Council's highways officers concerning the condition of the railings in Church Street, the Council has been informed that the reduction in the local government grant and budgetary pressures within Local Highways means that they are only able to carry out works which are a statutory duty and works to the railings are unlikely to be possible within their budgets.

Streetscene: Initial steps to enhance Littleton Panell/West Lavington's streetscene have been completed. Planting has taken place at Willow Court, the bus shelters, Hooks Court and Duck Street. Clearing of weeds from pavements abutting the road has also been undertaken. However, re-growth has already appeared. We applaud the neighbour in Littleton Panell who was witnessed re-clearing the weeds from in front of her house! Please help her and the streetscene volunteers to keep our street weed-free.

Scam arrest: Following an alert by Trading Standards passed to parish councils by the police, an arrest took place recently thanks to the vigilance of a local Councillor. The scam, mostly targeting elderly vulnerable people, involved door to door fish sellers who stated the price of their fish as "three fifty" but, instead of £3.50, typed £350 into the card reader to which the customer unwittingly entered his or her PIN number. Consequent upon the police warning, the gang were spotted at work in Sandfield and the details were forwarded to the police. Two men were arrested on suspicion of fraud.

To receive reports directly concerning crime prevention and activity in the area, individuals can sign up to the new Community Messaging Scheme – see: www.wiltshiremessaging.co.uk.

Sandra Gamble, Chairman

You can now follow the Parish Council on Twitter- find us at 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
Parish Website www.westlavington.info



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Donations to enrich our provision

We were delighted to receive a very generous donation of £750 from the Edington Station Yard Ltd this year, with a commitment for a similar sum in the next two years, to support music in our school. Until recently, Government funding has been available to support projects such as instrument tuition with a music specialist for every Year 3 child, but now that this funding has been withdrawn, we are going to have to find other sources of income to continue with our programme of enrichment. We were, therefore, extremely grateful when the Board of Edington Station Yard Ltd approached us with this offer of funding – their generosity will ensure that the Year 3 programme can continue. We are most fortunate to be part of such a strong and supportive community.

Changes to Education

We are preparing for a change of curriculum, assessment and inspection regimes in line with the Government's new protocols. From next year, the whole assessment process will be completely new, with different criteria (as yet not defined) for outstanding performance and with levels now a thing of the past. It is not clear yet how the new system will work but we know that our children will continue to achieve in the outstanding way in which they always do – our teachers are outstanding, our children are committed and aspirational and our families are supportive and engaged.

Summer term fun

This term is one of our favourites, with so many different things happening – all our children have had a trip to American museum in Bath, to support our topic on "The Quiltmaker's Gift" – this was a really interesting trip with children learning about Native Americans, European settlers and the culture of the early Americas.

Everyone has also had a workshop on renewable energy and a trip to the Solar Farm in Devizes as the result of a generous donation of time, buses, specialist input and resources by Gaiger Bros Ltd. This project has enriched the work we do on helping children to understand their role as "Stewards of Our World" - our children are going to have to deal with climate change and need to have a solid understanding of the issues involved. We are very grateful to the Gaigers for their support with this work.

Coming up, we also have several sports events, including Sports Day (always hotly contested in our school!), parties, art exhibitions, music concerts, a French concert, events to which parents are invited, Leavers' celebrations, a Eucharist with the Bishop presiding, and, of course, lots of outdoor activities and picnics to make best use of this wonderful summer weather.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Well, we can hardly believe that the end of the school year is fast approaching! It is that time of year again when we have to say goodbye to some of our children as they go on to the next stage of their learning adventure at 'big school'. We will be saying goodbye to Jacob, Darcey, Amara, Layla, Rhian, Lottie, Rosie-May, Ben, Preston, Jessica, Charlie, Harriet, Bella, Maisie, Chloe, Brooke, Rosie, Theo and Clio. We hope you all have an amazing summer break and we wish you luck as you start at school

in September. We will be having our sports day and leaver's ceremony and picnic on our last day of term, Friday 17th July.

We have had a fantastic term this term; our topic area has been 'Our favourite books and stories'. The children have been sharing their favourite stories with us and we have had a pyjama day, with hot chocolate and bed time stories. Our display boards are full of pictures from our favourite books, old and new. We have also been visited by ACTIVE Trowbridge on a regular basis over the term and the children have enjoyed participating in a variety of physical activities both inside and out, depending on the weather!

SUMMER FESTIVAL NIGHT: Thank you to everyone who came along to support us at our summer festival night. It was a great night; thank you to all the fundraising committee for all their hard work in organising this event in order to raise funds for our pre-school.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Literacy: Reading in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum), Positive Relationships 30-50 months "Discuss with children the characters in books being read. Encourage them to predict outcomes, to think of the alternate endings and to compare plots and the feelings of characters with their own experiences."

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 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 or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk



Our June meeting was the first in a series of garden visits that we will undertake this summer. We went to Windmill Cottage, in Market Lavington, which is a one acre cottage style, wildlife friendly garden.

The dwelling is in the middle of the plot and surrounded by garden. There is a large pond with an adjoining bog garden. There are many flower beds full of trees, shrubs and flowers. And there is a substantial vegetable garden, and fruit trees and fruit bushes. Between the flower beds there are tightly mown pathways. There are also plenty of patches of long grass left here and there in the garden to provide habitat for wildlife. Some of the boundaries of the garden are delineated by mixed hedges and a clear space has been left between the far side of the hedge and the actual boundary to allow room to prune the outside of the hedge. There are some paved pathways which must prove their worth in the winter. And there is a woodland walk to one side of the garden. Here and there rambling roses or other climbers are supported on archways and other structures. There are plenty of mature trees. Some of these trees were already in the garden when the current owners, Rupert and Gill Wade, moved in. Many of the trees were planted by the current owners and they are already large trees.

Tucked away at the far end of the garden is a large polytunnel filled with seedlings and plants at various stages of development. Rupert belongs to many garden clubs, some of which do seed and plant exchanges. Some of his seedlings are for sale but many are there to restock his own garden. He has a small glasshouse near the vegetable patch. English country gardens always appear as if they would require nothing more than a bit of pruning, mowing and weeding to keep them looking perfect. After all there are plenty of bulbs and shrubs and perennials that will just put on a good display each year, you might think. But as a garden matures different microclimates develop and you may find that plants are no longer thriving in a particular position. For instance, Rupert has found that some of his trees are providing more shade as they mature. So he has had to move his sun loving plants to other areas of the garden. Gardens evolve and require hours of hard work and planning to keep them looking as fresh and vibrant and as beautiful as the garden at Windmill Cottage.

As we moved through the garden the hedge rows and trees were alive with birds. We noticed that the hostas had no slug damage despite the fact that no slug pellets are used. Perhaps the birds, animals, frogs and toads, and insects in this wildlife friendly garden keep each other in check. Rupert has a painterly eye for colour and there were many exclamations of delight as particular flowers caught our attention.

As the sun began to set we adjourned to the large conservatory for tea, coffee and delicious home-made cake. In July we will visit some garden club members' gardens. The gardens are close enough together for most of us to manage without transport. However there will be transport provided for those who need it. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday 14th July. There is a charge of £2 for non members.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

Great Fun and Presentations Day held mid-June, with a BBQ and luckily the weather held out ok. Full List of Award Winners shown in the table in this edition.

Team Reports:

New Reception year training will start in September (first Saturday after term starts) either at Holy Trinity / Gt Cheverell or Worton –

contact Jason 07590-427999 to register

U7 – With only 1 loss in 2 years the team are looking forward to joining the League in September.

U8 – Great season, ending with tournaments in Devizes, Westbury and Trowbridge. Last session is on 3rd July, when the Chelsea FC Foundation will run a training evening for the squad.

U10 – Successful recent tour of Manchester and Bolton, including a visit to Old Trafford, was enjoyed by the whole team.

U14 – Ending in 6th place (3 points behind 3rd) in the top league. This International team recently completed a tour to Germany, playing 2 matches (winning one on penalties, and losing the other). Other highlights included a Tour of FC Koln stadium, the Dom (Cathedral) and Phantasieland. Many thanks for all those contributing to fundraising.

Full list of team contacts for next season in the next 2 editions.

The BADGERS' - Worton & Cheverell F.C.
2014/15 Presentations July 2015

	Respect Award	Players Player	Managers Player / Most Improved	Golden Boot/Glove
Under 6	Theo	Leon H.	Charlie	Leon H.
U7 - Badgers	Jensen G.	Thomas B.	Bailey P.	Cory N.
U7 - Wizards	Oliver E.	Archie B.	Theo C.	Thomas E.
U8 - Badgers	Dominic E.	Oscar T.	Joe B. / Elliot D.	Finley K.
U8 - Wizards	Joseph P.	Sam L.	Henry P. / Alexander H.	Toby W.
U9	Joe B.	Oliver R.	Oliver R.	Rory L.
U10	Ben L.	George L.	Eddie W.	Jake M.
U11	Jeremy B.	Charlie S.	Josh B.	James H.
U12	Henry	Jacob	Isaac	Luke
U14	to be announced in July. (U16 & Adults - not included)			

Steve Dagnall (Everton Supporter) 01380-72796
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BOOKMARK



Bookmark members met at the village hall for our June session. First up for discussion was *Mr. Mac & Me* by Esther Freud. The author's latest novel is set on the Suffolk coast in 1914 on the brink of war. It concerns a local lad and his unlikely friendship with the great, but misunderstood Glaswegian, Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Everyone loved this revealing story, full of sterling characters and vivid descriptions. It was deemed an absorbing read, one where the writer entirely draws you into her atmospheric setting.

Our second book choice was *Wake*, the debut novel by Anna Hope. This multi-layered novel is set over five days during November 1920, around the tale of the Unknown Soldier – from battlefield to abbey. It is also the emotional story of three London women whose lives are interwoven in the aftermath of the Great War. Our group felt the details of this period were so realistically rendered and we enjoyed the insights into Hammersmith Palais. Overall, we found *Wake* to be a touching and compelling read. We were unanimous in awarding our two novels 9 marks out of 10 – recommended reading.

We meet again on July 8th to discuss the Man Booker prize winning novel, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan and Harriet Lane's sinister narrative, *Her*. This session will also be held at the village hall, but on August 12th we shall be gathering at a member's house (venue tba) for US by David Nichols and Rumer Godden's *The Greengage Summer* which will have DVD screening.

Hild Marrow
hildward@tiscali.co.uk



For our June meeting we met to discuss the future of our group, the Church fete on July 11th, and how we could enrich our service to the village. We started with prayers and a short meditation.

For the Fete we would be grateful for produce, cakes, scones, jams, pickles and chutneys. I can collect, or, if you wish, please deliver to me at Cliffe Farm Cottage, or bring to the stall on the day. Thank you for your help.

At our next meeting we shall be having tea at Cliffe Farm Cottage. If you wish to know more, please contact me on 812467.

Janet Hodges (812467)

Lavington & District Gardening Club

Meetings held **3rd Wednesday of each month** at West Lavington village hall at **7.15pm.**

Why not come and see how our club can help you make the most of your garden.

Gardening Tip

Washday Blues for Slugs and Snails

A short-lived but very effective deterrent for slugs and snails is washing powder. A handful around a plant will stop the little devils by clogging up their slime glands. They are literally stopped in their tracks! Unfortunately, after the first shower of rain the effect is gone, so treat it as a temporary measure.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 15th July

Subject: Getting the most from your flowers

Guest Speaker: Victoria Logue

Monthly Competition: Vase of Sweet Peas

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



By the time you read this we should have all returned from our weekend visit to France and hopefully survived the "International River Regatta" on the Seine. The regatta comprised about 30 Kayaks, Canoes and Pedalos crewed by members of the West Lavington and St Pierre Twinning Associations. A full report in the next issue of News and Views.

Our next event, open to all, is a combined quiz and video horse racing evening described elsewhere in this issue. This is to be followed on 3rd October by a "A Taste of France" which will be a dining evening featuring famous French dishes. This again will be open to all, members and non-members alike. Tickets will be £12.50 each and can be obtained from Michael Page (818510) or Malcolm Johnson email blocker38@hotmail.com. Looking further ahead, we are having a "Burns Night" on Saturday January 23rd 2016.. Membership of the Association is open to all residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages. Families welcome! Membership fee is £15 for a household (£12 for over 60's). Apply to Malcolm Johnson email blocker38@hotmail.com.

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BAPTISMS

Mia Grace BOLLEN was baptised at St Peter's Church Little Cheverell by Rev James Campbell on 24th May 2015.

India Wilhemina FOX was baptised at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 31st May 2015.

FUNERALS

A service of thanksgiving for the life of **Margaret Cresswell HOFFMANN** was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 19th May 2015. She died in Cornwall on 19th March aged 102 years.

Elsa KIRKALDY of West Lavington died on 27th May 15 aged 103 years. A Service was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 8th June followed by cremation.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Two winners from Great Cheverell High Street. William Ellis wins the £40 prize, and Margaret Hayward the second £20 one. The draw was done by Terry Froud also of Great Cheverell. I was there to see there was no skulduggery – promise!

Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer

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The Great Charter of Liberty

Last month saw the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta, that 'Great Charter' of our civil liberties. Local school children took part in the celebrations in Salisbury, where a copy of the revered document is housed.

'Freedom' is one of the watchwords of our time. We rightly celebrate freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the freedom to get on with our lives subject to the rule of law. Magna Carta continues to enshrine our right to freedom from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment.

To be truly free is to be able to live as we should as human beings. Fish are at their most free when swimming in the sea and birds when they are flying through the air. That's what they were made to do. Christians believe that human beings were created by God and for God. It is when we live as he intended that we find true freedom.

The human story is a struggle to find freedom from those things that enslave us and keep us down; the greed, hatred and cruelty that fuel man's inhumanity to man. People may think that they are free when they live just how they please and give very little thought to others. But in fact they have become enslaved to selfishness.

Jesus came as the great liberator. His mission was to free us from the power of sin by his death and resurrection. In the words of what might be called the Bible's 'Magna Carta' Jesus said, 'if the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.' (John 8:36).

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Events (Followed by Refreshments):

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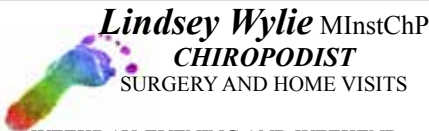


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