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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
7th June 1st after Trinity (Proper 5)	10.30 am Worship Together Benefice Parish Communion at All Saints' Church, West Lavington				
14th June 2nd after Trinity (Proper 6)	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 Simple Celebration Communion	
21st June 3rd after Trinity (Proper 7)	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)
28th June 4th after Trinity (Proper 8)	9.30 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Comunion	11.00 am Matins (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
5th July 5th after Trinity (Proper 9)	10.30 am Worship Together Benefice Parish Communion St Barnabas Church, Easterton				

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.

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

Dear Friends,

This month sees events to mark the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. It is of particular interest locally because of the existence of one of the four original copies in Salisbury Cathedral. The Diocese of Salisbury is marking the occasion by a pilgrimage from Old Sarum – the site of the original Cathedral – to the Cathedral on 14th June.

The Magna Carta was sealed under oath by King John on 15th June 1215. Since then it has been foundational for the preservation of liberty and the rights of the individual against tyrannical power by the State. No less than in King John's time, our world is dominated by powers and principalities that need to be held to account.

Just last week (15th May), the retired High Court Judge Sir Michael Tugendhat highlighted attempts by atheistic militants to silence Christians. He pointed out that a series of legal blows to the rights of Christians during the past decade had proved that human rights laws did not guarantee protection for believers to speak up for their faith. In his experience, judges have repeatedly found that equality laws have trumped the views of believers.

One of the latest examples was the case of the BA check-in clerk Nadia Eweida who was told by the airline that she could not wear a cross. Her case against BA was rejected by the British Courts, but the European Court of Human Rights eventually ruled that she had been discriminated against.

The spirit of the Magna Carta remains as relevant today as it ever did.

James Campbell

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From the Rectory

CHURCH NEWS

Following the Annual Meetings in April:

All Saints, WEST LAVINGTON

Bob Giles and Bonnie Matters were reappointed as Churchwardens. Michael Challinor has taken over from Kevin Dyer as PCC Secretary.

St Peter's, GREAT CHEVERELL

Ian Christie was reappointed as Churchwarden. Robin O'Neill has taken over from Louise George as PCC Treasurer.

St Peter's LITTLE CHEVERELL

Peregrine Rawlins was reappointed as Churchwarden. Sue Thomas has joined the PCC.

THE NEW PATTERN OF SERVICES

started across the five parishes at the beginning of May.

Sunday 7 June: 'Worship Together' Benefice Parish Communion, 10.30 a.m. at All Saints Church, West Lavington. Visiting Preacher: Hugh Hoskins, Rector of West Lavington & the Cheverells 1990-1997.

James Campbell

WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE GRAND DRAW

The Grand Draw depends for its success on prizes which have been kindly donated. If you would like to donate a prize, please call Michael Page on 818510.

All Saints Church West Lavington

Invite you to a

PROGRESSIVE SUMMER LUNCH

Saturday 25th July at 12 noon

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All Saints Church

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From Michael Page 818510

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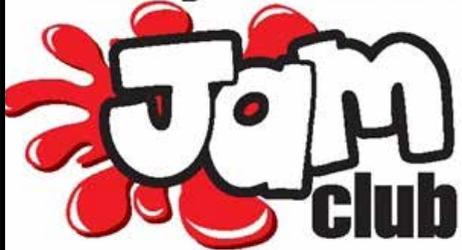
HENRIETTA GOGGS

For some years now a feature of the December issues of News and Views has been the notice of the Benefice Quiz, set for the five villages in the Benefice by members of each village. All this has been inspired and arranged by the enthusiasm of Henrietta Goggs, once of Easterton and, more recently of West Lavington. Her death in May, after a long and painful illness, has therefore been a loss to many of us. She has always been an unselfish contributor to the world in which she lived, not least to the cause of Driving to the Disabled and to a variety of charitable causes. Our sympathy goes, in his great loss, to Quentin – himself a selfless and consistent support to the life of the village in a variety of ways.

The Memorial Service for Henrietta will be held in West Lavington Church on Wednesday, June 10th at 2.30 p.m.

Coffee & bacon butties, activities & crafts, Worship & Bible teaching

Sunday Breakfast



Old School Market Lavington
from 9-10.30

Sundays 21st June, 19th July,

16th August more info from

James & Mary Campbell 816963

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PHOTO COMPETITION CHEVERELL FÊTE 2015

Just a reminder that the closing date is **Sunday 7th June.**

Cheverell Camera Club are promoting a photographic competition at the village fête on Saturday 20th June. Entry is free and anyone can enter up to three pictures. These can be on any subject but must have been taken within the parishes of Little and Great Cheverell over the past 18 months. Digital editing is permitted. There are three age groups: 11 and under, 18 and under and 19 and over (on the day of the fête). The judges will select winners in each category and award prizes, the best twelve pictures will be printed and framed, then displayed at the fête.

For full details and official rules email Robin O'Neill at cheverell.photo@btinternet.com

GREAT CHEVERELL

**SATURDAY
20th JUNE 2015**

VILLAGE FETE

*followed by
Midsummer Party
@ the Pavilion*

**THE PAVILION, OPPOSITE HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
2:00pm**

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Whats On

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Our cover this month celebrates the 100th birthday of Bill Titt on May 20th at Dauntsey House, an occasion with happy memories for all concerned. Bill was born in Scotland, the son of a Scottish mother and a Lavington born father who was then in the 1st Wiltshire Regiment, though the family returned to West Lavington shortly afterwards, for a time at Webb's Farm, a house coincidentally barely 200 yards from Dauntsey House where he now is.

He attended Dauntsey's School as a Day Pupil before, at the age of 18, moving from the village, not returning until a few years ago when he became a resident at Dauntsey House, where he is much loved by all who have come to know him.

To celebrate his special day he was invited to Dauntsey's where he was given a "grand tour" ending with tea in the Headmaster's Study. Our picture shows him in company with a Scottish Piper who visited Dauntsey House to celebrate the land of his mother's birth.

DO YOU REMEMBER MISS ROSS?

I am hoping to publish this year a collection of school photographs compiled by Miss Ross and now owned by Ben Hartley who has kindly given permission for me to do this, with all profits going to the Youth Club.

Miss Ross was a teacher at the Infants School in West Lavington from about 1918 to 1968. She taught several generations of West Lavington children.

I thought it would be good to add some of your memories of Miss Ross in the front of the book. So do you remember her? What can you tell me about her? How did she influence you? Do you have any tales or anecdotes about her?

If you can help, please either e-mail me your stories, or phone me if that easier.

Many thanks for your help.
Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT The Old School Day Centre

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who attended the WW1 commemorative market in Market Lavington on the Saturday 16th May. The weather was kind to us and our stall raised £137.85 for The Old School Day Centre.

'The winners in the raffle were Sue Amann and Lyn Austin and the 'Guess the Birthday' competition was won by Alec Choules.

A sponsored wheelchair push, organised by PHAB in Devizes in the afternoon, raised a further £113.00 for the Day Centre.

Once again we would like to express our thanks to our many supporters who help us to provide an enjoyable club for our very grateful members.

If you feel you would like to know more about us please contact Janice Charlton on 07740720434 or Barbara Galloway on 07884162559.

WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE

Saturday 11th July

From 2pm at the Village Playground

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Charles Pike killed in action 16.6.1915

Charles was born about 1887 in West Lavington. His father was John Pike, a gardener from Wilton, and his mother Eliza came from Suffolk. The family moved around a bit, but were living in West Lavington from about 1886 to 1890. They then settled in the Swindon area.

Charles enlisted into the 1st battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment and arrived in France on 18th May 1915. The battalion was then at Elzenwalle in Belgium, and having a relatively quiet time, according to the war diaries.

On 15th June the battalion marched to trenches on the Menin Road, and arrived there about 11.45pm. At 2.50 am that night, the British artillery commenced a bombardment on the German trenches. At around 9am the Germans began bombing heavily. It was during this action that Charles was killed. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Ypres Menin Gate memorial.

George H W Griffiths killed in action 22nd June 1915

George was born in 1866 in Handsworth, Birmingham. His father was George Griffiths, a barrister, and his mother was Emma Lucy Harvey.

In 1903 George came to West Lavington. He was certainly in the village in 1906 when he married Alice Riddle Burgess. Alice was the daughter of Ebenezer Burgess, who was described as a pathological painter. He must have been quite successful as the family seem to have lived in reasonably affluent circumstances.

George joined the 25th battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. They embarked at Plymouth on 12.2.1915, bound for East Africa, and they arrived in Mombasa on 4th May 1915. The Battalion was part of a Force in Africa which defended British Colonies from German Colonial raids mostly focused in the areas around Lake Tanganyika, British East African and German East African territory.

The first major battle to involve the Frontiersmen was Bukoba in June 1915. The British objective was the destruction of the Bukoba wireless station. Due to Bukoba's location on the shore of Lake Victoria, it was decided that the raid should take the form of an amphibious assault. The raid was launched from Kisumu in British East Africa on June 21st 1915. Amongst the units chosen for the attack were the Loyal North Lancashire and the 25th (Frontiersmen) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, more commonly known by their nickname the 25th 'Frontiersmen'. Upon reaching the objective at Bukoba the attackers were accidentally landed in a large swamp and were pinned down by fierce rifle and machine gun fire from the German positions. Finally managing to escape the swamp, the British force was then held up by snipers—who succeeded in stalling the attack until a Captain Meinertzhagen advanced towards them and opened fire, killing one and driving the rest away. The attack continued for a further two days in the town; however, casualties were light on both sides. The Frontiersmen took the town on June 23rd. An Australian member of the unit, Lieutenant Wilbur Dartnell, climbed to the top of the town hall and removed the German Imperial Ensign from the flagpole as a symbolic gesture of victory. George was killed in action on 22nd June 1915, and is buried in Dar Es Salaam Cemetery.

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Coffee Morning

The Annual West Lavington CRUK Coffee Morning held on Saturday 9th May was a great success and made just over £1200 for CRUK.

Thank you for all the supporters, helpers and cakes, bric-a-brac, books and raffle prizes donated, making the morning a great event and a happy occasion.

Bo, and Anna

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.

CLEAN LIVING FOR ALL

The West Lavington Parish Council's Footpath Working Group try to keep the popular footpaths and bridleways in the parish in good order for everybody to use and enjoy. This entails some hard work by the dedicated band of volunteers, especially at this time of year when the vegetation is growing so rapidly. However, there is nothing quite so disgusting as strimming on footpaths which are littered with piles of dog faeces.

If you have a dog, PLEASE pick up and TAKE HOME your dog's waste.



APPLY NOW FOR CHILCOTT WORKSHOP!

There is still time to join the choral workshop being run by former Kings Singer, international composer and choral conductor Bob Chilcott in Edington Priory Church on Saturday 20th June.

Bob will be working on his own St John Passion, and we have singers coming from all over the south of England, and Scotland with applications still coming in— but there are some places left, so please don't delay sending in your application. The workshop will run from registration at 9.30 through to 5.30, with the run-through performance, complete with soloists, from 6-7pm. Perfect for friends and family to listen to what you've been doing all day! Only £20, £18 Edington Angels, £10 students in full-time education or training. You can download an application form from www.edingtonarts.org, or phone Anne on 01380 831454. Concert tickets at £10 also bookable through the website, or ring 01380 871549 or 831256.

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Well, you've had your chance to participate in democracy. Whether or not you voted and whether or not the result was what you wanted, the die is cast and we have a government selected by the people in accordance with the rules of our system.

In the Devizes constituency, the turnout was over 71%, which is the highest since the election of 1992, nearly a quarter of a century ago. If a high participation rate is a good thing, then perhaps the health of our democracy is improving.

Another statistic of interest is that nearly 58% of the voters in the Devizes constituency supported the winning candidate, which is the highest proportion since 1935.

The democratic process, by definition, is competitive. In some ways it can also be confrontational but the same can be said of the legal process (criminally accused vs prosecutor, civil litigant vs defender) and to some degree, the planning process (applicant vs objectors). It is a reflection on civilisation if these contests are conducted without rancour. As far as I could tell, the interchange in this area between the protagonists in the General Election was almost unfailingly polite, which I think reflects well on our community and our society.

Having selected our representatives, we may, from time to time, need access to them so that they can deal with our personal issues. In the case of our MP, we can write or seek a personal meeting at one of the regular surgeries.

At county level, there are other opportunities to take an active part in the process of government. Full Council meetings, Cabinet meetings and most committee meetings are open to the public, who can usually speak if they wish. Locally, there is easy access to elected members (including me) through the Area Board, which meets every two months.

The next meeting of the Devizes Area Board is on Monday, 27th July. Doors open at 6.00 p.m. and the proceedings start at 6.30 p.m., usually going on until 8.30 p.m. It's too soon for me to confirm the location or the agenda but there are normally a number of topics of interest. Details will be published on <http://devizes.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/> and on the Wiltshire Council website.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Area Board.

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

Stagepost demolition: As reported earlier on the Parish Council website, some immediate neighbours of the Stagepost and other residents had expressed concern that asbestos might be present in the large pile of rubble left on the site by contractors acting for the owners in the demolition of the rear function room and outbuildings

Following referral of these concerns by the Parish Council to Wiltshire Council, a Health and Safety Inspector from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspected the site. He has advised that there is evidence to suggest that there has been low level asbestos on site (for which a licence is not required in order to remove it - for instance, cement sheeting/guttering) and that, although it has not been removed as well as it should have been, there is no significant contamination and the risk to the public from this is negligible and is no greater than from the normal background level. He will assess the inside of the remaining building but since the access to this area is secure, he will address this area during his further investigations/actions. He has also liaised with Wiltshire Council's Building Control Team and access to the site has been secured.

Stagepost planning: The Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 allows a public house (Class A4 'Drinking Establishment' Use) to change to a shop (Class A1 'Shops' Use) without the need to obtain planning permission. The change of use is 'permitted development' and the Local Planning Authority is unable to intervene. However, whilst a change of use may not need permission, any external building work associated with a change of use may still require planning permission.

Unbeknown to the Parish Council, the owners of the Stagepost obtained a "change of use" from a pub to a shop earlier this year. A factor in their favour was that they do not intend to demolish the main building. However, their application to make alterations to the outside of the building will be subject to consideration by the Parish Council at its June meeting in the usual way.

At the time of my writing, Wiltshire Council reports that it has no information on any potential future occupier of the site.

Streetscene: The first step of the newly formed and named Lavington/Panell Streetscene group - to replant Hooks Court frontage with plants that will lend colour and enhance the setting - has been completed. A tidy-up of weeds growing in the pavement along the High Street in Littleton Panell has also taken place and the street does now look much better. It is hoped that householders with properties on the High Street will be encouraged by this clean-up and now look to help keep their own frontages weed-free! Further planting will continue along the street as soon as planters ordered arrive. If you'd like to support the streetscene project with a small donation to help purchase plants, donation boxes can be found at Costcutters, the Surgery, The Churchill and the Bridge. Many thanks to everyone who has signed up in support or has already contributed.

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

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Planning. Decisions received: 15/00920/FUL – Treetops 34 High Street – Side and rear extensions and internal alterations to layout. Reroofing part to extend room within the loft – Approved with conditions.

Applications for comment: 15/03931/FUL – Little Owls 101 High Street – Installation of solar panels for electricity generation on A frame in the garden. 15/04149/TCA – The Banks 27 High Street – T1&2 Removal of diseased Ash tree, T3 Removal of Leylandii, H1 Removal of a Conifer hedge approx. 7.5 metres long and 2.4 metres high. The hedge is currently set in approx.. 1.2 metres from the property boundary. The hedge will be replaced by a 1.83 metre high close boarded fence which will be set back to the property boundary. **The council raised no objections to the two applications.**

30 mph limit on The Green. We are pleased to report that a 30 mph limit has been approved on The Green, from the 20 mph terminals to a point near Greenlands Farm entrance. The Parish Council has been asked by Wiltshire Council to contribute to the cost of this scheme and has agreed to do so.

Dog Fouling. Thank you to those residents who have taken notice of the report in last 3 months News and Views regarding the issue of leaving filled dog poo bags on site or in hedges rather than taking to the nearest waste bin. The situation has improved but has not been eliminated. New signs are due to be installed around the village, and the Dog Warden will continue to visit the village for spot checks whenever possible.

Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors. Further to the previous resignation of Paul Stevens and the recent resignation of Lynda Wearn, the council now carries two vacancies. If you are interested in joining the council please contact the clerk at the details below. Don't forget a full set of minutes of the last year's Parish Council meetings are available on the village website or the most recent signed minutes which are always on the two village notice boards.

Dates for your diary:

1st June 2015 7.30 p.m. - Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, Pavilion, Witchcombe close.

Parish Council contact details, Mrs Anita Whittle, Clerk to Cheverell Magna Council, 18 Southay, Bratton, Westbury, BA13 4RT. Tel 01380 830765 or email parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

Don't forget to take a look at your village website www.greatcheverell.org.

Cheverell Magna Parish Council



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

KS1 and EYFS Summer Ball

On Friday 15th May KS1 and Early Years held a summer ball to celebrate the first half of our Heroes and Villains topic. Following a fun-filled morning of activities, the children dressed as Queens, Kings, Princesses, Princes and Knights. We had a Royal

Procession, with the Kings and Queens of Elm, Willow and Birch Classes, Ballroom Dancing and then a Kings Feast.

Hazel Class Trip

Hazel Class are looking forward to their residential trip to Hooke Court in Wales later on this month. They will be taking part in lots of fun activities including investigating rock pools, coastal steering and a night walk.

Junior Good Citizen

Oak Class will be taking part in Junior Good Citizen this year. Junior Good Citizen is designed to educate children about situations which can end up causing injuries or accidents, encourage them to respond appropriately to emergency situations and highlight the contribution that they can make to creating safer communities by being 'good citizens.'

Mandy Francis
Admin. Asst.

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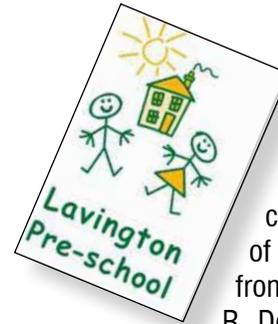
NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

New Children It was wonderful to meet the families of the children who will be starting with us in the Foundation Stage in September. As we welcome these new members to our school family, we are aware that relationships started now are likely to last until the end of primary school and probably well beyond.

Not only are these families part of our Holy Trinity school community as important partners in their child's education, but many families have formed lifelong friendships with each other through their involvement in school.

Residential Trips The children in Key Stage 2 all have the opportunity to go on residential trips each year. Children in Years 5 and 6 went to the Forest of Dean and children in Years 3 and 4 went to Oxenwood. They take part in lots of adventure activities whilst on these trips – canoeing, caving, archery, climbing, biking and much more. But, even more importantly, they learn courage, resilience, team work, independence and joy in testing themselves to the limit. We are very grateful to our extraordinary team of teachers who take responsibility for so many children, for 24 hours a day, to allow them to have these wonderful experiences. It is a heavy duty of care that the teachers accept in order to enrich the lives of the children they teach in this way.

SATS Our Year 6 children wrote the statutory Key Stage 2 assessments in May – in Reading, Writing, Maths, and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. These are the tests that the government uses to rank schools, and in which our children do so well that we are judged to be in the top few percent of the country. In order to prove our probity in administering these tests, we invited heads of department from Lavington School to come and observe us as we ran the tests. This is a comment from the Head of English: *"I was really impressed with the maturity of the students – who settled beautifully to complete their test – and the high standards with which you, and the school, have upheld the responsibilities of conducting fair and accurate tests."* As ever, we are very proud of our children, who do so well academically but, more importantly, we are proud that they live out the school values of courage, compassion, aspiration and joy in all that they do.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. We finished last term with our annual sponsored Trike Ride, the weather was perfect and the children worked really hard to complete as many laps as possible. We would like to say thank you to all the committee who helped us with the organisation and management of the event and to all the generous donations to our Easter raffle from Bowood, Finkley Down Farm, Devizes Books, Coral Cove, R. Douse and Son, Boomerang, Cholderton Charlie's and Butterfly

World. We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did.

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, we will be investigating 'Baby Animals and Spring' and we are planning some spring walks to look at how we can use all our senses to feel that spring is here. All our butterflies have now hatched and flown away but we have some lovely pictures of them in the classroom for everyone to see. We will be looking at lots of pictures and stories of baby animals this term and we will be drawing our own pictures too. We will also be watching our flower garden grow!

We were really lucky to take delivery of our play castle for the garden at the end of last term; we were able to buy this with the money raised by our hard working fundraising committee, so thank you to all of them. All the children are enjoying playing in the castle which features a turret and a slide!

SUMMER FESTIVAL NIGHT: Please put this date in your diary and book a babysitter! The Pre-school committee are busy organising a night to remember on **Saturday 13th June** in Market Lavington Community Hall from 8 p.m. **There will be a live Britpop covers band, real ale, cider and cocktails!** Tickets will be available soon from the Pre-school, members of the Pre-school committee and Market Lavington Post Office. **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. Our Top Tip for this month is from Personal, Social and Emotional Development in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum), Managing feelings and behaviour 40 - 60 months "Provide activities that require give and take or sharing for things to be fair".

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

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Mike Burgess maintains that there are five things that you need to get right in order to 'get the most out of your vegetable plot'. At our May meeting he listed these and then, using colour slides to illustrate his talk, he explained how and to what extent you could influence the yield.

Firstly he explained how important it was to have the right soil structure. The crumbs of soil need to have a good network of spaces between the particles within the crumb. And between the crumbs you need to have a good network of spaces to allow drainage. The spaces within the crumb hold moisture. To achieve a good structure you need to dig the topsoil. It has been found that crop yield can be improved 95% by digging the subsoil too because the roots can find more water. If you do not walk on your vegetable beds or leave them bare during heavy rainfall you can get away with a major dig every six years. Mike has six vegetable beds and does a major dig on one bed each year. If you have 4 foot wide bed with walkways either side you can reach the rows, if they are parallel to the walkways, without walking on the bed.

Ensuring that your crops receive the correct amount of nutrients is the second way to achieve good yields. Different vegetable crops require different amounts of each nutrient. For instance cabbages require a large amount of nitrogen but peas do not.

Water has a big influence on yield. Mike advised that gardeners should have a rain gauge. By measuring how much rain has fallen you can calculate how much more water you need to give at critical phases of the plant development. When plants are producing flowers or fruits they need more water to achieve optimum yields. When potatoes produce flowers they are beginning to form the tubers and so need more water to increase yields. If you overwater root crops such as carrots and radishes they will produce lots of leaf and less root. It has been proven that applying water two weeks before harvesting increases the yield.

Getting the spacing between plants right was Mike's fourth way of influencing vegetable yield. Studies have proven that there is an optimum planting density. For example it is best to have 8 onion plants per square foot and for beetroot 10 to 12 plants per square foot.

You can also improve the yield from your vegetable plot by cropping sequence. As soon as one crop is harvested you can plant another with a different growing season. And by not having bare soil you can keep weeding to a minimum.

On Tuesday 9 June we have a visit to the garden at Windmill Cottage in Market Lavington, a one acre cottage style, wildlife friendly garden. There is a charge of £1 for members and £3 for non members. As there is limited parking please assemble at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 6.45 p.m. to arrange to share transport.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

The Annual Club Fun & Presentation day is Saturday 13th June from 12.00 noon onwards. Location this year will be the Northbrook ground in Market Lavington – please contact your coach for full details on how to get there and park. Various matches with BBQ /drinks followed by presentations. Non-Club members are also welcome to come along and join in.

Under 6s (next season's Under 7s) – a great thanks to Barber Gary Hatto to help a local youth team look a cut above the rest by sponsoring the teams new Kit.

Under 14s : are ending the season with 3 wins and a draw in the last 4 matches, to move into 4th position in their respective league. The Team now prepare for their International tour to Germany, departing on 26 May, with a visit to FC Koln (Cologne) and with 2 matches against local teams. Many thanks for all those who have supported the various fund raising activities over the last few months to allow this tour to take place.

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BOOKMARK



Bookmark members gathered at the village hall on 29th April to discuss the contents of Catherine Hall's *The Repercussions* and *In the Light of Morning* by Tim Pears. *The Repercussions* is a story told via 21st century letters written by a war photographer based in Afghanistan and an imaginary WW I hospital diary; the tale compares two women living through their respective war eras. As a group we found this novel to be revealing, poignant and extremely well crafted; our only criticism being the two pregnancies, which felt a little contrived. Catherine Hall is a popular author with our group and we scored this, her latest novel, 9 marks out of 10.

Tim Pears' new novel is a manly, but far from male chauvinist, saga of three British soldiers parachuted into Nazi-occupied Slovenia in 1944 to assist the rag-tag band of ill-equipped partisans. This is a depiction of a largely forgotten World War II side affair in Eastern Europe and one which we knew little about. This is very much a 'hands on' combat novel which was deemed well researched and well written. We found the tale of this unlikely camaraderie within the ambiguity of conflict an interesting story line and awarded it 8 points, but in summing up, we have been overwhelmed by the war.

Bookmark members and friends enjoyed a day in London recently, visiting the National Gallery in London for the *Inventing Impressionism* exhibition, featuring the collection of Paul Durand-Ruel. Wow! It was an amazing experience - obviously a long day, but one which we all felt was worthwhile. The exhibition has been such a success that the gallery has extended viewing times.

On Wednesday June 3rd we re-group at the village hall to chat about *Mr. Mac & Me* by Esther Freud and Anna Hope's *Wake*. The following session will be on July 8th, and the August meeting will incorporate DVD screening.

Hild Marrow
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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We had a most interesting talk and discussion on fostering by Angela Pearce. We were told of the heartache, the success and the rewards of fostering. We were told of the endless list of training sessions she

had to undergo, and the wonderful backup she had, when things went wrong. You have to be a very special person to foster. This is something Angela has always wanted to do and she seems to be making a great success of it. We all found the afternoon very interesting.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 8th June. Details to follow.

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

Turn vacuum cleaner fluff into tip-top tomato food
Tomato plants are hungry little devils and fussy eaters! They crave trace elements and minerals as well as normal plant foods. The best source for trace elements is your vacuum cleaner fluff! One handful per week mulched into the soil at the base of your plants gives amazing results - healthier plants as well as better tasting fruit with thinner skins.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 17th June
Subject: Attracting butterflies and moths to your garden
Guest Speaker: Tony Coultis

Monthly Competition: Plate of new potatoes

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Throughout the year we hold fund raising events to finance visits and entertainment for our French friends when they visit us every other year. This year, in June, we are travelling to St Pierre d'Autils where we shall be hosted free by French families.

We periodically hold French lesson both for beginners and for more advanced speakers, and we are also forming a small choir. Why not join us? In May we held a Downton Abbey "Roaring Twenties" evening and on 21st August we shall hold a quiz night which will be a joint event with the Care Group. Looking further ahead on Saturday 23rd January 2016 we shall hold a Burns Night.

Other events are in the pipeline so watch this space! Membership for a household is only £15 pa (or £12 for seniors) and is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages.

Contact our Chairman Malcolm Johnson - blocker38@hotmail.com or Michael Page 818510

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

JUNE AT TRINITY CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY HALL Market Lavington

7th June 10.30 am	Rev Gary Gotham Holy Communion
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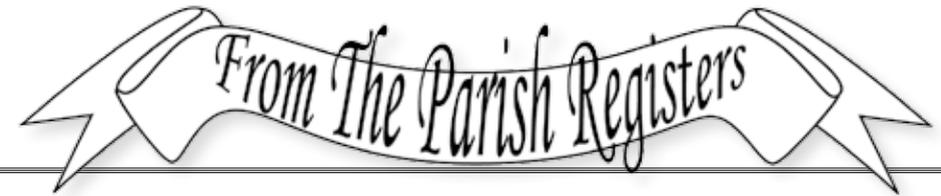
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WEDDINGS

Jessica WEARN and **Hugh VOLPE** were married at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell, by Rev Pat Strowger, on Saturday 16th May 2015.

BAPTISMS

Jackson William KOZLOWSKI of Horton, was baptized on 19th April by Rev Ann Cocking at St Barnabas Church, Easterton.

FUNERALS

Trevor William MOULD, formerly of Yeovil, died at BUPA, Market Lavington on 1st April, aged 94 years. His funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium was on 27th April 2015.

Margaret Evelyn (Peg) FAULKNER of Easterton, died on 2nd April, aged 93 years. Her funeral, at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 29th April 2015, was followed by burial at Drove Lane Cemetery.

Janet Patricia BAILEY of Great Cheverell died on 9th April, aged 68 years. Her funeral and burial at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell took place on 1st May 2015.

Norah WELLS of West Lavington died on 19th April aged 91 years. Her funeral at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 5th May 2015 was followed by cremation.

Norman David FRANKLIN formerly of Market Lavington, died on 14th February, aged 88 years. After cremation at West Wiltshire Crematorium on 3rd March, his ashes were buried at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 4th March 2015.

Florence Geraldine ARNOLD of Littleton Panell, died aged 74 years, Her funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium was held on 6th May 2015.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the £40 first prize was Doreen Wolleter of Sandfields, and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Bridget Green of Russell Mill Lane. Both live in West Lavington.

The draw was done by Bonnie Matters also of West Lavington.

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As we know, it was none of the above. The exit poll on election night and the subsequent result showed that almost all of the opinion polls were wrong and David Cameron is now back in Downing Street at the head of a Conservative majority government. Whether that'll for good or ill I'll leave you to judge, but it only goes to show that things don't always turn out as expected.

When Jesus exercised his ministry on earth many Jewish people were looking forward to the coming Messiah. They hoped that he would smash the enemies of God's people, overthrow Roman rule over the land of Israel, and put the world to rights. Jesus didn't quite fit the bill. He had power alright; the power to heal and forgive. But he didn't do a lot of enemy bashing. In fact, he taught his followers to love their enemies. When his opponents had him crucified he prayed, "Father forgive them, they know not what they are doing."

Couldn't have been the Messiah, then. But it was through his death on the cross that Jesus accomplished the salvation of the world. He died in weakness for our sins so that through faith in him we might be put right with God. Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of God and appointed the world's true Lord and King. False expectations can skew our understanding of reality. Things aren't always what they seem. The once-crucified Jesus is Lord.

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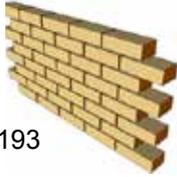
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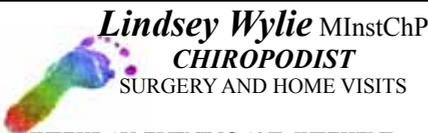
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