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Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton May 2015					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together				
10th May 6th Sunday of Easter	11.00 am United Service	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00 am Rogation	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's, ML	11.00 am Rogation	
17th May 7th Sunday of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour/JAM Club Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion 6.00 pm Deanery Evening Prayer	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
24th May Pentecost	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)
31st May Trinity Sunday	10.30 am Cluster Communion at Edington Priory.				

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,

The result of the General Election on 7 May is more uncertain than any for years. It is likely that 1/3 people won't vote – many disillusioned with politics.

Just over 20 years ago John Major established the Committee in Standards in Public Life following the cash-for-questions affair. They established '*The Seven Principles of Public Life*' – known as Nolan Principles: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

All the political parties have in some degree been guilty of falling short of those standards – the expenses claims are just a recent example. In February the Church of England Bishops called for a 'fresh moral vision', writing of Britain's 'almost moribund political culture' in an unprecedented 52 page letter that inevitably had a mixed press. In a recent book entitled, *The Triumph of the Political Class*, Peter Osborne claims that our politicians are reverting to a situation similar to that which existed in the 18th Century when 'public men sought office as a means of enriching themselves and rewarding their relations, clients and dependants'. I would want to add that there are many exceptions to this.

In his analysis Peter Osborne highlights how during the latter part of 18th Century and throughout the 19th attitudes in politics changed from those of personal gain to the idea of public duty. He believes that this change was the work of two relatively small groups: a group of classical scholars who wished to emulate classical Roman virtue; and a group of evangelical Christian reformers including William Wilberforce who were guided by a deep desire to see the nation return to the spiritual, social and moral tenets of the Bible.

The 19th Century consensus that the Christian message and moral standards were norms for society has been fading increasingly fast for at least two generations, really much longer. There won't be a Wilberforce in No.10 on the morning of 8 May, but many of us believe that the result of leaving the God of the Bible out of private and public life will continue to have a detrimental effect on the health of our nation.

James Campbell

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From the Rectory

THE NEW PATTERN OF SERVICES

starts across the five parishes at the beginning of May.

Sunday 3 May: 'Worship Together' Benefice Parish Communion, 10.30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Market Lavington. Visiting Preacher: John Paton, Christ Church, Oxford
Full details of all the services for the other Sundays in May are in the Calendar of Services, on Church Noticeboards and available in each Church to take away.

Sunday 31 May: Cluster Communion Service with Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke & Coulson, 10.30 a.m. Edington Priory.

Also this month: Annual Devizes Deanery Evening Service, this year at All Saints' Church, West Lavington, **Sunday 17 May** at 6.00 p.m.. Preacher - the Rural Dean, Jonathan Triffitt, who will shortly be moving to Blandford.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE PEGGY HOFFMAN

A service will be held in West Lavington Church on Tuesday, 19th May at 2 p.m. to celebrate the life of Peggy Hoffman who died recently at the remarkable age of 102. Her family will be delighted if any of her friends or any grateful former patients of her husband, Dr Arthur Hoffman, could join them for the occasion.

GREAT CHEVERELL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS CLUB

There will be a Cheese and Wine Evening in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th May at 8.00 p.m. Tickets will cost £5.00 to include a free glass of wine.

These will be on sale from beginning of May and can be obtained from Mr M James and Mrs W. Wilshin.

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 27th May at 7.30 p.m. In the Village Hall

All electors in West Lavington and Littleton Panell are invited to come along – meet friends and neighbours, meet your parish councillors and hear what's been going on in the parish over the last year.

You can find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan for housing development and hear from many village organisations about what they have been up to, and how you too can get involved.

And anyone can ask about anything going on anywhere in the parish – if we don't know we probably know who does!

You can always find out more about your local area from the parish website on www.westlavington.info



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Gifts	Hilary Carr	813465
	Anne Christie	813940
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The West Lavington Church Fete will be on Saturday 11th July from 2 p.m. on the Village Playing Field.

Entrance and parking are completely free and there will be all the regular attractions and more, including a **Fun Family Dog Show** ("the best run in the area!"), **Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Classic Cars**, and the fantastic **Prize Draw!** Plus lots of interesting stalls, including the usual bargain buys of Bric a Brac, Bottles, Books, Produce, Cakes, and Garden Plants. To keep you refreshed through the afternoon there will be homemade teas, ice creams, and a beer tent. Watch out for more Fete news in the June issue of *News and Views!*

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Why not give a little time and join the fantastic Fete team to help us organise and run the day? Many hands make light work! If you can help, or if you would like to run a stall or attraction at the Fete, please contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256.

BAKE OFF FOR THE FETE!

Our team providing teas in the Village Hall for the Fete needs your cakes! If you would like to practise your bake off skills and make cakes, large or small, for the day, please contact Liz Evans on 813929.

FUN FAMILY DOG SHOW

Why not enter your dog in the Fete Dog Show? Entries cost just £2 and there are eight classes: Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; Best Puppy (up to 9 months); Most Obedient and Best Tricks; Waggiest Tail; Best 6 Legs; and Prettiest Eyes. The overall winner of the winning dogs from each class will win the Grand Prize of Best in Show! There are prizes for each Class to be won, kindly provided by Rangebourne Pets of Devizes, who deliver pet foods every Tuesday to West Lavington (you can contact Rangebourne on 725294).

Entries for the Dog Show will be taken on the day from 2 p.m.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES DISPLAY

We hope to run a display of village activities in the Village Hall on the day of the Fete. If you run a Club or an activity in West Lavington or Littleton Panell and would like to tell more people about it, why not be part of the display, or even consider taking your own stall.

Contact Bob Giles on 813256 or Tony Morton on 812107.

PHOTO COMPETITION CHEVERELL FÊTE 2015

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.

The closing date is Sunday 7th June. 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

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Arthur Lancaster was born in 1890 in Great Cheverell, the son of John Lancaster and his wife Maria. John worked as a farm labourer. Maria was a widow when she married John Lancaster, so Arthur grew up with five half brothers and sisters who were considerably older than he was.

Arthur enlisted in the Rifle Brigade when he was eighteen years of age in 1908. He was posted to the 4th battalion of the Rifle Brigade in May 1909, and he served in Cairo from 1910 and in Dagshai, India from February 1913. The battalion sailed from Bombay India in August 1914, and landed at Devonport on 18th November 1914. They moved to Winchester and ultimately landed at Le Havre on 21st December 1914.

Arthur was promoted to acting corporal in 1913, to corporal in October 1914, and to Sergeant on 29th.

At 5.30am on 8 May a violent German artillery bombardment began on the British lines causing massive destruction – especially in vulnerable trenches on the forward slopes of the Ridge. The subsequent German infantry assault was repelled by the surviving British battalions. A second German thrust on the ridge was held but a third assault at 10 a.m., forced the remaining defenders to fall back. Tenacious defence, hastily improvised counter-attacks and a crucial night advance of 10th Brigade restored a precarious situation.

There were further attacks over the next few days, but the Germans made no significant breakthrough. On 13 May, a day of ceaseless rain and shelling, the trenches were a quagmire and six days of intense fighting yielded German gains of around 1,000 yards of front between Hooze and Mouse Trap Farm but at such high cost in casualties that offensive operations were halted.

It was during this battle that Arthur lost his life on 10th May 1915.

**If you have any further information, please contact Lyn Dyson
01380 8143943 or e-mail: lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BRING & BUY SALE

The Bring & Buy Sale held in aid of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal on Saturday 18th April raised £170.94. This is a great start to our fund raising for the year and, with the donations already coming in, we are very optimistic that this could be one of our best years yet.

Thank you so much to all those who came along on the day to donate, buy and help. Please continue to look out for empty shoe boxes for us to wrap as we have already started filling boxes and last year they were in very short supply.

If you would like to get involved this years please contact either Janice Charlton on 01380 818533 or Sheila Mitchell on 01380 722424.

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Our charity provides free support to people all over Wiltshire but our beautiful county is so large that we struggle to let everyone know that we exist. That's where you come in – you can help us raise our profile in your local parish.

Here are a few ways you could help:

- Contribute a regular article/column to your parish newsletter (like this one!)
- Put up promotional posters in your local village hall, shops or noticeboards
- Attend a local carers café to help provide social support for carers
- Link-up with local village events to tell people more about us.

You can give as little or as much time as you can. We really value our volunteers and we offer social events, access to training for your role and reimburse your out of pocket expenses.

If you could help us reach more of the carers living in your area, please give Alan Docherty at Carer Support Wiltshire a call on 01380 871690, or email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk.

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THE DAUNTSEY LEGACY

In West Lavington we live in the shadow of the Dauntsey family. With Dauntsey's School, Dauntsey Academy Primary School, Dauntsey's almshouses, and Dauntsey House, you can't avoid them. So who were these people who have left their mark on our village?

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Your continued support for the history projects which help fund the youth club, is greatly appreciated.

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April was a busy month. We supported the Village Hall Fayre by taking a table, and sold plants and produce. We were delighted to make £120. Thank you to all those who gave donations to us, and potted up lovely plants for us to sell. Others also raided their larders for us to sell Marmalade, jams etc. On April 13th we were very privileged to be given the use of the O'Flynn's home where we entertained about 25 to tea. The garden was looking wonderful and we had a delightful afternoon enjoying the Spring sunshine and eating a large and delicious tea, provided by our members.

Our next meeting is on Monday 11th May, when we shall be discussing Fostering and Keeping Children Safe.

Janet Hodges (812467)

Steeple Rocks!

Following the great success of last November's musical evening in conjunction with Opus One Big Band in St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton, we would like to announce a further concert on Friday May 1st in Warminster Civic Centre. This joint event will be in aid of the charity Help For Heroes and we hope to see as many local people there as possible. Details of how to buy tickets etc will be on our website steeplerockschoir.weebly.com



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Adrienne Hale

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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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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

How is your memory? If, like me, you are getting on a bit, you may find that it's easier to remember some events from your early life than it is to remember things from just days ago. Those old memories may give you the idea that life was once nicer than it is now.

Somebody recently told me that they thought the world was better 40 years ago. Less traffic, better television, polite children, respectable politicians. However, I'm not entirely sure they were right about the 70's. I remember the oil crisis, the three day week, strikes culminating in the Winter of Discontent, stagflation, IMF bailout, devaluation, the cold war, Carlos the Jackel, Bloody Sunday, punk rock, maxi-skirts. Architecture was at its worst and I'm not even sure the weather was better.

At least in those days I was at ease with the cutting edge of technology. I was among the first to buy a Sinclair computer and I soon mastered the electronic game of tennis that it offered. I even had a phonecard that worked in cashless telephone boxes.

Unfortunately, I have since succumbed to another feature of the ageing process, that it is now harder to keep up with technology and social trends. I'm old enough to think that mobile phones are phones, but mobile. In fact, they are super computers that can access almost anything on the internet, can send or receive emails or texts, can take photos or movies, can direct you like sat-navs and can have applications (apps) that perform miracles. With the My Wiltshire app, for example, you can report things like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting on the go using your smartphone. More details are here <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/report.htm>. If you are young enough, give it a try!

Education is one of those areas where, to some, the old world was particularly sweet. However, I have recently had the opportunity to visit many of our schools and, without exception, I have been impressed with the teachers and the children that I have met. Over 85% of children in Wiltshire are now in schools rated by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding, which is well above the national average. All of the schools in this area come into one of those categories and the head teachers, the staff and the pupils all deserve credit for that achievement despite the fact that our funding from government per child is about the lowest in the country. Of course, the world is not perfect and who can tell what lies ahead. But I hope one phrase used by my grandfather still holds true. When asked how things were going, he'd invariably reply "Onwards and upwards".

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

Dog-fouling: Last month I wrote with a request to dog owners to ensure that no dog poo (which, of course, includes filled dog poo bags) is left, or placed intentionally, in public spaces. Nevertheless, the situation has not improved and an increase in dog fouling has been reported around the playing fields where six highly visible dog waste bins are situated. Dog fouling is anti-social and has health risk implications. Please be aware that dog mess left or discarded in a place to which the public has access is an offence. I do not doubt for a moment that most owners are very careful to dispose properly of their dog's waste, but evidence of contrary conduct will be reported to the WC Dog Warden who will be carrying out patrols.

Parish Council vacancies: Anyone interested in applying for the vacancy that has arisen in the role of Parish Councillor or in knowing more about the job, please visit the Parish Council website or the Parish Council's Notice Board, or contact the Clerk.

In respect of the vacancy which will arise in the role of Clerk to the Council on the retirement of the present Clerk at the end of June, an advertisement on the Parish Council website provides details of the role and how to apply together with a job description and person specification. Please contact the current Clerk if you would like an informal discussion about the position.

Grey spaces transformed: Greener spaces, it is claimed, make for better lives. Might a small community "beautification" project – such as a sprinkle of flower displays, tree planting, some bus shelter artwork and litter pick-up – have the potential to transform a dull A360 street-scene, enhance the look of road frontages and improve village well-being? An enthusiastic response from West Lavington Parish residents at the Spring Fayre has been very encouraging. If you would like to get involved, have ideas to suggest, or could volunteer for some digging etc. please let me know on 01380 812616. Watch out too for further information.

Neighbours: Good Neighbour Community Organiser, Alex North, visited the Parish Council at its last meeting to fill in councillors regarding his work after a year in the job. Alex is passionate about what he does. Two luncheon clubs at The Churchill are very well attended, one bringing in residents from West Lavington/Littleton Panell and the other from Erlestoke, where the luncheon club was forced to shut due to the recent closure of the pub there. Alex is also keen to set up a book exchange in the Churchill. So, if you have any books you'd like to contribute, please mention this to Churchill staff or Alex on 07557 922027.

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: 15/01690/TCA – 83 High Street – Fell Silver Birch – No Objection

Dog Fouling. Thank you to those residents who have taken notice of the report in last 2 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.

Village Clean Up Day Saturday 18th April. A big thank you to all who came to help with litter picking, gardening and refreshments on the village clean-up day. It was a great success and the giving of your free time was much appreciated.

Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April. The Annual Parish meeting was well supported and thank you to everyone who sent in or presented a report.

Resignation of Cllr Lynda Wearn. It is with sadness that the council reports the resignation of Lynda Wearn both as Chairman and Councillor. Lynda has served on this Parish Council for the last ten years, being Chairman for the last eight. The Parish Council and villagers of Great Cheverell thank her for her hard work for them over the last ten years. We wish her well for the future.

Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors. Further to the previous resignation of Paul Stevens and the resignation of Lynda Wearn, the council now carries two vacancies. If you're 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 are always on the two village noticeboards.

Dates for your diary:

11th May 7.30pm - 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.

ST BARNABAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Although News and Views normally confines its Primary School news to D.A.P.S and Holy Trinity School, we are pleased on this occasion to include a tribute to St Barnabas after their recent very commendable Ofsted inspection

Triumph at Recent Ofsted Inspection

Strong leadership, and adherence to statutory responsibilities from the Head, governors and staff of St Barnabas Primary School, have accelerated the development of their school into achieving a 'good' grading across all areas during their recent Ofsted inspection on 11- 12 March 2015.

The extremely positive report covering leadership and management, behaviour and safety, quality of teaching, achievement of pupils and Early Years includes the following comments:

'The headteacher has set a clear direction for the school and has shown that she is ambitious for improvement. She has adopted a firm and resolute approach to leadership and set high expectations for the staff. As a result, teachers hold similarly high expectations for pupil achievement. Such expectations have had a positive impact on improving pupils' progress and attainment to a good standard.'

The inspector also remarks on the quality of St Barnabas' children in that:

'the school's supportive Christian ethos, and adults' high expectations, do much to promote pupils' good behaviour. The pupils themselves say that other pupils are typically well behaved. Pupils show a real eagerness to learn and in the classroom, their attitude to learning is very positive.'

Congratulations to the staff, governors, pupils and wider community on all of their hard work and dedication, which has made St Barnabas into such an effective and caring village primary school as confirmed by our inspector:

'The teachers and their assistants are adept at fostering good and trusting working relationships with pupils. This, in turn, results in the warm atmosphere for learning in all the classrooms, and the calm and supportive ethos in the whole school'

For further information on the Ofsted report or about St Barnabas Primary School, contact the head Jill Hibbs or Chair of Governors Bridget Herniman on 01380 813436

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary Academy Midday Supervisory Assistant (MDSA) We are recruiting for an MDSA post on a 6 hour a week contract – working each day of the week from 11.55 – 1.05. We need someone who knows how to make lunch times fun whilst keeping clear boundaries in place and setting high expectations for good behaviour. The rate of pay starts at £7.11 per hour (Wiltshire Pay Grade B, points 7 – 9). Benefits include a good pension scheme and some holiday pay. Please ask at the school office for an application form if you are interested in this post. The offer of the post will be conditional on checks, including the DBS checks, being satisfactory. References will be sought. Closing date for applications is **Friday 1st May**.

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION Downton Abbey Roaring Twenties Evening



On Friday May 22nd Lord and Lady Grantham will be hosting the annual Downton Abbey party for all those above and below stairs. This year the event will be held not at Highclere Castle but at the West Lavington Village Hall in the County of Wiltshire.

Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. The celebration meal will be followed by the latest 1920s dance crazes including the Charleston. Tickets are priced at £12.50 and include a four course banquet and a cocktail on arrival. All are welcome. Come as your favourite Downton Abbey character or simply as yourselves. You do not have to dress up to attend.

Our visit to France draws ever closer (the weekend of June 19 to 22nd). Make your own way there to St Pierre d'Autils, but once there accommodation, meals etc are free. It's not too late to join the Association and take part in the visit. Membership for a household is only £15pa (or £12 for seniors).

Membership 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)



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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Marcus Dancer, whose nursery is situated at Sandleheath, Fordingbridge, has been growing clematis for as long as he can remember, and maintains that he could suggest a clematis suited to every soil and every aspect, with the exception of boggy or waterlogged soil, as clematis just

do not like to have their roots soggy.

At our April meeting Marcus described the different groups of clematis and circulated some large photographs of the different varieties as he spoke about them.

The groups were : Evergreen, Winter flowering, Nepalensis, Montana, Large Flowering Hybrid, Viticella, Texensis, Tangutika, Herbacious, Alpinas and Macropetalas. For each group Marcus recommended particular examples, explaining where they should be planted and when they would flower. For example, the Tangutika group have very attractive seed heads and love a hot, dry and sunny position, and flower from midsummer into autumn. The Alpinas, with their single bells and the Macropetalas with double bells can take exposed, elevated sites and are happy in full sun or semi-shade, and they flower in spring.

When all the various groups had been described Marcus led us through the different pruning procedures. This, he said, was the issue which caused the amateur gardener the most problems. It was also the topic which featured in most of the questions from the audience.

Pruning group 1 includes the evergreens, winter flowering, alpinas – this group needs no pruning except sometimes, a bit of a tidy up after flowering.

Pruning group 2 includes all the large flowered hybrids which have two crops of flowers, so February and March is the core pruning time. The technique is to move down the stem until you reach a plump bud and then prune off the dead wood above it.

Pruning group 3 is every other variety and these plants are reduced to about 2 feet from ground level during February/March. Also it is a very good idea to put a thick mulch of garden compost at this time.

To help with identification Marcus offered us the following guidance: If the clematis flowers after the second week in June and has small flowers it is in group 3 but if it flowers before and it has big flowers then it is group 2.

At the end of the meeting there was much enthusiasm from members to purchase wonderful clematis plants that Marcus had brought from his nursery.

Our next meeting is on 12th May. Mike Burgess will be giving a talk on how to 'Get the best from your veg plot'. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

On the morning of Saturday 30th May we will be holding the Garden Club Plant Sale in Great Cheverell Village Hall.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

DATE FOR DIARIES: The Annual Club Fun & Presentation day is Saturday 13th June from noon onwards (Details of location to be advised).

Whilst the summer tournaments are starting to take shape for the various teams in the Club, the league and cup matches continue, with the Under 10s playing the Gordon Banks Cup Final against

Corsham recently.

At Under 7 and 8 levels, the squads had a day out at Swindon Town FC, with a tour of the ground followed by an hour and half training session nearby, to then return to the stadium to watch Swindon beat Peterborough 1-0 . Great day out, and many thanks for the coaches for organising this eye opener for the younger players. Training now takes place Friday evenings at St Barnabas' with Under 5 from 5.30-6.00, and U7/8 from 6.00-7.00 p.m.

At Under 11 level, a new Jose Mourinho is required ! For next season we are looking for a new manager (when they will be at U12 level). The team are looking for any interested parent or prospective footballer to volunteer. Next season training will be Saturday a.m., with matches on Sundays. If interested please contact Ian Cook on 07825016411 or email iancook21@yahoo.com.

(Ed: Many thanks Ian for all your help throughout the last few years in giving the team the focus and development they deserved).

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BOOKMARK



For a small group, we certainly read a mountain of crime books for our March session. Four members chose *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healey. This novel turned out to be more a study of dementia, but the subject matter was considered well depicted and overall a good read. Two other members opted for *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. This best selling psychological thriller was deemed a gripping read; one which kept us guessing and comes highly recommended.

Amongst the individual crime choices members enjoyed were, *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn, now adapted for a movie starring Rosamund Pike, and *The Son* by Jo Nesbo, featuring a relentless avenging angel. The two novels of local interest were, *The Burning*, latest in the very credible M.R. Hall series of Jenny Cooper the Coroner – set in and around the Bristol area, and *Sight Unseen* by Robert Goddard, a crime placed at Avebury. Our group also enjoyed reading from two of the four ‘Queens of Crime’ during the 1920s & 1930s, *Gaudy Nights* by Dorothy L. Sayers, a Lord Peter Wimsey novel and one of Ngiao Marsh’s Inspector Roderick Alleyn of the Metropolitan Police series. We also covered *A Death in Tuscany* by Michele Giutturi, 2nd in the Chief of the Florence Flying Squad sequence; *I Am Pilgrim* by Terry Hayes, an intense international spy thriller with an all too real terrorist plot; *The Profiler* by Chris Taylor & *The Mermaids Singing* by Val McDermid (deemed garish but cleverly written). How’s that for a village hall crime session! And not one ‘butler wot dun it’.

We were pleased to see the recent ITV mini series *Arthur & George* starring Martin Clunes as this was an adaptation of Julian Barnes’s debut novel chosen for our initial reading list in 2007. *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky was another of our early book selections and is currently being screened in local cinemas – although this adaptation is not as highly rated.

We recently read *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland, a novel set in and around Renoir’s painting, featuring the birth of impressionism. We were subsequently delighted to discover the National Gallery is presenting the UK’s first major exhibition devoted to Paul Durand-Ruel, who discovered the Impressionists. Book Club members and fellow art lovers can’t wait to experience this event which is scheduled for early May.

Meanwhile, on April 29th we shall be reviewing Catherine Hall’s *The Repercussions and In the light of Morning* by Tim Pears (or Tinned pears as our members now call him).

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Lavington & District Gardening Club

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Gardening Tip

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Next Meeting:

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

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FUNERALS

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Hugh Brian Burton DAVY of West Lavington died on 23rd March, aged 84 years. His funeral and burial at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was held on 27th March 2015.

BAPTISMS

Elsie Elizabeth SHARPLES was baptised at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell by Rev Ann Cocking on 14th March 2015.

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.

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Faith in Politics

Comedian Russell Brand is the acknowledged leader of the 'don't vote, it only encourages them' brigade. As longsuffering voters begin to tire of election debates, poll predictions and wall-to-wall news coverage it's tempting to think that he might have a point. However, politics does matter and the Government we elect on 7th May will have power to change our lives for good or ill. It's not my place to presume to tell you how to vote. While the Bible lays down some guidelines on what we should expect from the State, it does not give us any neat 'proof texts' that will show us where we should place our cross on the ballot paper. You will find Christians in all the major parties and no single party has a monopoly on truth and justice.

In an increasingly secular age faith-based views are often sidelined in public life. Yet the Christian faith has inspired its followers to campaign against slavery and the exploitation of the poor. Believers have provided for the needy at home and abroad. Many food banks are run by Christian groups. Those who follow Jesus should get involved in politics at a local and national level where they may act as salt and light. Faith in the world of politics and public life can be a force for good. But without resorting to Russell Brand-inspired apathy, our expectations of what politicians can achieve should be tempered by reality. We know all too well that grand manifesto promises may be broken as the best laid political plans are overtaken by events. Politics is after all, 'the art of the possible'.

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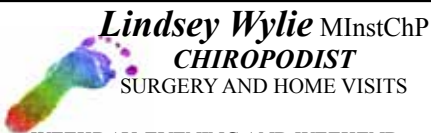
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