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Calendar of Services - November 2015 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st Nov All Saints	9-10.30 am Breakfast Church, West Lavington 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together, West Lavington Preacher – Robert de Berry				
8th November Remembrance Sunday	9 – 10.30am Breakfast Church, Old School 10.45am Remembrance Service	10.45am Remembrance Service	10.30am Remembrance Service	6.00pm Remembrance Service	12.15pm Act of Remembrance
15th November 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9 – 10 30am Breakfast Church, Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd November Christ the King	9.30 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion	9.00 – 10.30 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
29th November Advent Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9-10.30 am Breakfast Church Old School	6.00pm Advent Carols	11.00am Matins (BCP)	4.00pm Evensong (BCP)	

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.

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**All Saints West Lavington
Christmas Celebrations**

Sunday 20th December at 6 p.m.
Carol Service followed by Supper in the church

Monday 21st December at 7.30 p.m.
Carols at The Bridge Inn. Do join us for a drink and singing.

Tuesday 22nd December - Carol Singing around the village.

Meet at 6 p.m. outside The Haven, Littleton Panell, followed by a visit to Dautsey House (6.45-ish), then finishing at 7.30 p.m. at Wyneshore House, Church Street, by invitation from Terry & Jeannie O'Flynn.

We hope to raise funds towards a Swindon Radiotherapy Unit to treat local patients. Currently we have to travel to Oxford for treatment.

**ST PETERS CHURCH,
GREAT CHEVERELL
Autumn Fayre**

Sat. 21st Nov in the Village Hall from 2.00 until approx 4.30p.m.
Various stalls including cakes + gifts
Raffle for a Luxury Hamper a good start for Christmas.
Children's raffle with a prize every time and a colouring competition.
Please support our Village Church.

Gill Wilding.

All Saints, West Lavington:
Holy Trinity, Great Cheverell:
Holy Trinity, Little Cheverell:

CHURCHWARDENS

Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)
Ian Christie (813940)
Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

ADVENT SERVICE
All Saints Church, West Lavington



Sunday 29th November at 6pm
We are joined by singers from the Benefice for a candlelit service of readings & hymns to celebrate the coming of Christmas.
We welcome you all.

St. Peter's Church, Little Cheverell

COFFEE MORNING IN
THE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

10.30 - 12 Noon
Come and enjoy meeting your friends over cakes and coffee.
Bring and Buy food items for cake and produce tables most welcome. Christmas Cards for sale - RAFFLE etc.
Proceeds for the running of the Church.

Dear Friends,

Whilst we seem to be living through particularly violent times, our focus at Remembrance Day this year inevitably includes the momentous events of 100 years ago on mainland Europe.

Keeping hope alive at that time must have been a monumental task; poets played their part. I recently came across 'A little Te Deum for these times' by John Oxenham, printed in his 'All's well – some helpful verses for these dark days' published in 1915:

We thank thee, Lord

For mercies manifold in these dark days
 For Heart of Grace that would not suffer wrong;
 For all the stirrings of the dead dry bones;
 For bold self-steeling to the times' dread needs;
 For every sacrifice of self to thee;
 For ease and wealth and life so freely given;
 For thy deep sounding for the hearts of men;
 For thy deep opening of the hearts of men;
 For thy close knitting of the hearts of men;
 For all who sprang to answer the call;
 For their high courage and self-sacrifice;
 For their endurance under deadly stress;
 For all unknown heroes who have died
 To keep the land in violate and free;
 For all who came back from the gates of death;
 For all who pass to larger life with thee,
 and find in thee the wider liberty;
 For hope righteousness and enduring peace;
 For hope of cleaner earth and close heaven;
 With burdened hearts, but faith unquenchable –
 We thank thee, Lord.

Those whose faith remained 'unquenchable' in 1915, like those suffering for their faith in very different circumstances in our generation, remain a wonderful example to be honoured.

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For the third year we are sending Christmas presents to children of prisoners at Erlestoke and Guys Marsh prisons.

We are REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN and helping to keep family relationships alive while father is in prison, hoping and praying this will help alleviate re-offending.

Last year we sent 67 gifts, so this year on 2nd December we are having a fun time at Potterne Youth Centre wrapping this year's parcels.

We would like donations of £15 to buy, wrap and post each gift. (Any surplus money will be used next year).

If you would like to join with this worthwhile project, please send any donations to Mothers' Union Office, Crane Street, Salisbury SP1 2QB clearly stating 'Angel Tree Project' or give to Sandra Gamble / Ann Cowburn

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence 25th Nov – 10th Dec 15

Mothers' Union is pleased to participate in 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence 2015. Through our participation, we hope to bring the issue of violence against women and girls before God, to raise awareness within our communities and to advocate for change, especially through measures taken by governments.

Locally we are holding a service in;

Salisbury Cathedral on 1st December at 12 noon

The speaker will be Sue Cox, Manager of Salisbury Women's Refuge

All will be made welcome and any donations to Salisbury Women's Refuge will be gratefully accepted. Further information can found on website:

www.ahowardmu.wix.com/salisburymu
 or Sandra Gamble:- acanadiangamble@gmail.com

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on the 12th October turned from Monopoly to a planning and discussion meeting! When our great friends, John and Ann Cowburn, retire from Wiltshire, Ann Janes has generously offered her home for meetings. Should it not be convenient, Jeanette Giles has offered her home. We are very grateful to them for their kindness. It was a profitable meeting in that we managed to make some plans for 2016. Our theme will be The Challenge to Connect. We were delighted to welcome The Rev Renee Coulson to our group. She will be joining us when her busy life allows. At our next meeting we will have a Speaker from Erlestoke Prison.

Janet Hodges

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

West Lavington Branch of the Royal British Legion. Royal British Legion members are invited to muster in White Street from 10.15 a.m. on Sun, 8th November, and will then march to All Saints Church at 10.30.a.m. Please feel free to join us if you are a serving member of the Armed Forces or an ex-member. Once again we will be joined by the local Guides and Army cadets. The Remembrance Service will commence at 10.45 a.m.

On Wednesday, 11th November. there will be a simple act of remembrance at the war memorial at 11 am. - please join us.

Michael Challinor, Chairman of West Lavington Branch, Royal British Legion.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

West Lavington Village Hall
Friday. 20th November 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Coffee, Cake and Stalls
Fund Raising for Lavington Pre-School

Surgery Raffles

The Friends Organisations at both Market Lavington and Courtyard Surgeries are organising Christmas Raffles to raise funds to buy equipment that isn't provided by the NHS. Both practices would appreciate the donation of prizes.

Tickets will be on sale from mid-November until Mid-December.

WILTSHIRE RIDE + STRIDE

Seven children of Little Cheverell, aged 9 months (pushed by Mum) to 16 years, raised over £400 on Saturday, 12th September for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

Heartfelt thanks to all the grown ups who supported and sponsored their efforts!



A Date for your Diary!
The fifth

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WEST LAVINGTON FETE 2016

A date for your 2016 diary! The West Lavington Fete will be held on Saturday July 16th, from 2 p.m., at the Village Hall and Playing Field. We look forward to seeing you all then. If you would like a stall at the Fete, or would like to volunteer to help out, contact Tony Morton on 812107.

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

HEADS UP EVERYONE

Public consultation on the First Draft Neighbourhood Plan for the West Lavington Parish area will start this month.

You have already been informed by leaflet-drops on the process and consulted several times! However, this will be your chance for the first time to have your say on a range of proposals for future housing development in the parish.

Following those earlier consultations, work by volunteer members of a Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and advice from an independent environmental planning consultant, you are asked to consider proposals concerning possible numbers of new housing units and a short list of four site development options. Your views will provide guidance to make specific proposals in a Final Plan – voting on which will be by referendum. Proposed plan policies, on which your views are also sought, are designed to control future development in a way that best meets local requirements.

There is now a presumption at law in favour of approving development. However, neighbourhood planning, through 'localism' legislation, means that communities have more control over what and where it takes place. This is achieved through a community-led Neighbourhood Plan. Failing that, Wiltshire Council will bring about new development using a Development Plan Document.

Please be on the watch for details of the Draft Plan Consultation on the Parish Council's website (about to be re-launched), on notices throughout the villages and in News & Views. Consultation questionnaires will be delivered door-to-door. Printed copies of the Draft Plan will be sited at various locations and the full text will be posted on the internet. An introductory open meeting will take place at the Village Hall on a date to be announced.

YOUR SAY IS ALL IMPORTANT!
Sandra Gamble, Chairman

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall Committee is delighted to report that the refurbishment and subsequent redecoration of the Village Hall is now complete. We hope everyone will enjoy the refurbished hall and look after it as they use it.

The Committee would like to thank all our sponsors, chiefly the Area Board of Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council, Youth Action Wiltshire and Elite Registrations, plus of course private donors and the Spring Fayre. The Committee would also like to thank the companies carrying out the work all to an excellent standard, namely Nigel Arnold Electricals, DWR Services and ColourFlow Professional Decorating Services. An extra "thank you" is due to the latter, who decorated the kitchen area free of charge, saying the following, "The kitchen was completed in our spare time after work and at the weekend. We would like to make this a contribution to the village. We are all local (six decorators) and have enjoyed all its facilities over the years and would like to give something back to the community."

We would like to draw attention to the Afternoon Concert by Pete Lamb's Heartbeats on 25th November at 2 p.m. for 2.30 p.m. This event has very kindly been sponsored by the Friendship Club. With their agreement we intend to invite our representatives of our sponsors and our lead tradesmen and women as guests. Tickets are priced at £5 including afternoon tea.

We are doing our best to make the Village Hall as good a facility as we can for all to use. Please do use it.

Steve Barr, Chairman West Lavington Village Hall"

AFTERNOON CONCERT

To celebrate 50th Anniversary of
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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Happily there are no records from our villages In November or December 1915.

For those interested, the WW1 Commemoration Committee for Lavington and District, has produced a Christmas card which is currently on sale to raise funds for local charities.

The card is a replica of a card sent from West Lavington at Christmas in 1915, to the men from the village who were serving in the forces.

The cards cost £5 for 5 cards, and £2.50 of this will be donated to local charities. If you would like to see the card, or buy some, please let me know. The original can be seen in Ros Hooper's Photographic History of West Lavington volume Three on page 97.

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943

EDITOR'S NOTES

My thanks to Robin O'Neill for the cover photograph of the splendid Harvest Loaf displayed at the Great Cheverell Harvest Display and to baker, James Bollen of Little Cheverell, who had baked it.

A reminder to all contributors that, as there is no issue in January, notices about that month, as well as for December, should appear in our next issue.

Jim Hodges

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The final meeting of 2015, which will be the Annual General Meeting, will also be a Social Evening at Wyneshore House, White Street, West Lavington, through the kindness of Mr and Mrs T.O'Flynn, on November 25th at 7.15 p.m.



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In November on Saturday 14th "A Taste of Katmandu", a fabulous 3 Course Nepalese Dinner and a demonstration of Nepalese Cooking prepared by TV chef Peter Vaughan, will take place in Devizes Sports Hall (7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.). There will also be cultural dancing and music. Tickets (£40) available from Devizes Books or Market Lavington Post Office. Proceeds to Nestling Trust.

GUY FAWKES Early Warning

Pupils at Dauntsey's School Manor House will be celebrating on Sunday, November 8th, at 7 p.m. Apologies to those within earshot for any disturbance.

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GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HARVEST

St Peter's church would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who worked so hard to decorate the church with such a variety of wonderful displays. An early visitor, who came for a bell ringing training session and had an unexpected bonus, told us our flower ladies had done well, but we were able to tell him that it wasn't just the flower ladies and the church, but that people from all over the village – clubs, businesses, artists, craftspeople and village committees – had come together to do this. We had photographs, artwork and the work of other skilled hands. We had beautiful arrangements of flowers, foliage, fruit and vegetables everywhere, ranging from the huge to the tiny, the modern to the traditional and from imaginative creations artfully concealing frameworks and oasis underneath to the deceptive simplicity of garden flower filled vases and baskets. Nor was the animal kingdom neglected, with mice on the loaf on the altar, cows in the corn in the chancel, and a beehive, a cat, rabbits, horses, deer and even a snake on a log surprising our visitors.

Special mention must be made of all the children who helped us. Thank you to: the two year olds who collected crab apples and leaves for a rabbit to sweep up; the children of Holy Trinity School and its Gardening Club and the First Erlestoke Brownies whose amazing flowery artwork decorated either side of the porch to welcome our visitors; the children of Old School Nursery whose leaves, owls and toadstools embellished their display and the children who visited and made miniature gardens, did our quizzes and added fruit, animals and a splendid row of carrots to the branch on the wall.



Thank you to everyone who came to our harvest festival service on Sunday, when a church full of people raised the roof with traditional harvest hymns and gave thanks for the many blessings we enjoy here. Thank you to all who gave food for the Devizes food bank and a final final thank you goes to another two year old who helped our sidesmen take the offertory collection.

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RUNNING WITH A PURPOSE

News and Views always welcomes contributions which show a sense of activity, within our villages or for the world's causes beyond, whether it be for a Harvest Celebration, fund-raising for a village hall, Speedwatch, a Soapbox Derby, or a Carol Service. Hilary Stone, who amongst other things also sorts and delivers our magazine to distributors, takes part in the Devizes Carnival and Heaven knows what else, also walks and runs for charity.

This time she has undertaken to be involved in the Manchester Marathon (less famous than the London but just as far) in April 2016. We shall therefore publish month by month her account of her preparation and (to be hoped her completion). As to the Charity, more information to follow.

'Bad news, Good news'

That was the text my husband sent me when the answer to my application to the London Marathon was delivered by our Postie. Having completed the Bristol Half a couple of weeks before (2:23 - knocking 10 minutes of my only other half marathon time), I vowed I'd never do another long run. It was SO SO boring - and despite running under it twice, I didn't even see The Clifton Suspension Bridge! However, I was (secretly) slightly disappointed not to have got in to London! Then someone at Devizes Running Club suggested the Manchester Marathon - apparently, it's flat (very) and it's the 40th year it's been run (expect a nice big medal) ... and so I entered! It's not until April next year, so I have a few months to train. Between now and then I should have covered over 900 miles. My feeling is, the more people who know about it, the more likely I am to complete it and, knowing how much Jim loves contributions to N&V, I thought I'd keep the villages up to date with my progress over the next five months.

Hilary Stone

NOT ON THE GRAVEYARD, SURELY!

Regular readers of this publication may have noticed the frequency with which Parish Councils draw our attention to the dog fouling in public places – so frequent indeed that it is apparent that less than normal attention has been paid to these injunctions. Recently, however, we have received a complaint of a dog being allowed to wander loose in a graveyard, the owner being present and apparently unconcerned. There is some poignancy often for families visiting a graveyard – in this case in memory of a child. It is to be hoped that in this area some notice is taken not only by dog owners but by anyone else who might witness and feel constrained to point out what should be obvious.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES - From 1st October 2015

Rates per hour Day – 8 am-6 pm Evening 6pm - 12	Weekday (Mon-Fri)		Weekend (Sat & Sun)	
	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other
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- The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even if the Changing Rooms are not used.

DEVIZES AUTUMN FAIR 2015

The Devizes Autumn Fair Committee would like to thank all of you who came and supported our fair this year. You helped us raise a fantastic £7,700 which will be split between the 3 local hospices: Prospect, Salisbury & Dorothy House.

DUCK STREET FAIR - OCTOBER

Thank you for all your support and generous donations for this year's Duck Street Fair. The total raised for Cancer Research UK and special need charities is £4,800, which is a record.

Bo Miles-Hobbs and Anna Grew

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HMP Erlestoke is pleased to announce the opening of our new Farm Shop to Press and Public!

We will be selling:

- Fresh seasonal vegetables, this produce will be harvested daily from the Erlestoke House allotments.
- Garden plants and flowers from Erlestoke House Nursery
- Bespoke hand crafted furniture from our workshops, including benches, tables, planters, rocking horses, wishing well, wooden toys, Bird tables. The workshops will also make furniture to order.
- Free range eggs

Catalogue available 10% off all furniture during first week!

From HMP Erlestoke 'Guilty Pleasures' Bakery:

- A variety of handmade freshly baked cakes. Place an order for Christmas cakes. Birthday and other occasion cakes also made to order!

THE SHOP OPENING HOURS: Thursday Friday Saturday 12 - 4.00 p.m.

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Juliet.singer@hotmail.com Mobile: 07949 249357

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

More and more cuts to all our public services have had many impacts on all of us and it is unlikely to improve much in the immediate future. A consequence is that more and more self help is now needed and we are seeing that in every walk of life with increasing numbers of volunteers filling gaps that we have grown up leaving to the state.

One of those area's is that of road safety where the statutory bodies have had to reduce their efforts to concentrate on other matters, and they need our help.

In response to this need up and down the country more and more people are joining 'Community Speed Watch' schemes and we have one in Littleton Panell. We are the ones standing at the side of the road with our reflective coats checking the speed of passing traffic. We do this not because we are busybodies but because lots of vehicles go through our village at 40 and 50 mph and because there are hundreds of children walking and being driven to and from school each day, and we want to remind motorists that we live here and we want to keep it safe.

- We do not use a camera - it is a speed monitoring device. It tells us how fast a vehicle is travelling and takes no pictures
- Each member is trained and vetted by the Police
- Each location we operate from is checked and authorised by the Police on a village by village basis so West Lavington and Littleton Panel are two separate scheme locations
- Members receive no payment
- Details of vehicles travelling too fast are passed to the Police who will send warning letters or even visit/target individuals who repeatedly break the law.

At this time we have 8 volunteer members of the Littleton Panell scheme (2 more awaiting training). We are often asked why we do not operate in West Lavington and the simple truth is that there is no scheme in West Lavington because there are no West Lavington Volunteers - but there could be!!

If you are interested in assisting the Littleton Panell Scheme or starting to address the speeding issues in West Lavington then please contact me.

Steve Coxhead, Community Speed Watch Team Leader Littleton Panell
Steven.coxhead@tiscali.co.uk or 01380818497

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Every so often a word appears in the public vocabulary with unusual frequency. Not so long ago, the vogue word was “Sustainable”, which has been used to define everything that is supposedly desirable, such as renewable energy, organic farming and cycle routes.

Then “Resilient” appeared, which rather implies some sort of forthcoming apocalypse when only resilient communities or institutions could survive. “Community” has also emerged as a convenient geographical definition for administrative purposes.

Now, the fashionable word is “Devolution”. We are already familiar with this in the context of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland but the topic now has renewed interest. In addition, “Devo-max” has appeared, at least in the Scottish case, where it seems to mean “everything but responsibility”.

The equivalent word to devolution in Euro-speak is “Subsidiarity”, which is defined as “an organizing principle that matters ought to be handled by the smallest, lowest or least centralized competent authority.” You may be thrilled that this will probably be a central topic of the debates to come regarding the EU “Stay or Leave” referendum, whenever that will be. I only hope that such a hideous word as “subsidiarity” won’t be over-used.

A patronising tone should not confuse the principle question. Where should decision-making lie? If the central theme is “Political decisions should be taken at a local level if possible, rather than by a central authority”, then I am inclined to start at the bottom. Can decisions be made by individuals? If a group decision is required, can it be made by volunteers? Are corporate bodies led by elected volunteers required (i.e. Parish and Town Councils) with limited professional support? Where do professional administrative bodies like district, county or regional authorities fit in, with political guidance (paid or not)? Is a national authority appropriate (government, parliament)? Must nations defer to a higher multi-national community (the EU, UN or what)?

It looks as if the fashion for “devolution” is pushing decision-making down the line. This is not the place or the time for me to enter into EU debate. But Wiltshire Council wants as much independence as it can get from Westminster, and I can go along with that. Wiltshire also wants to devolve its powers and responsibilities. I hope the parish councils and the voluntary organisations are ready to accept their share!

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

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A FURTHER COMMUNICATION

The Parish Council aims to be as effective as possible and this means communicating with you using a variety of means.

At this time we have our website (being redesigned), a twitter site, display information/notices on the village notice board, and we give regular updates in the much appreciated and widely distributed ‘News and Views’, in addition of course to talking to people. In spite of this we acknowledge that there is always more we can do, such as making more use of e-communication to provide timely circulation of information from the Council.

To do this we would need to compile a database of e-mail addresses of anyone who wishes the Parish Council to send information directly to their mail box. The Parish Council is registered with the Information Commissioner.

If you would you like to receive information directly from the Parish Council by e-mail then please look out for further information coming up on how to register your email address.

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, Kate Elston (07782 251464) clerk@westlavington.info
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CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Your Parish Council met on Monday 5th October. The following items were part of the agenda.

PLANNING.

Applications for comment:

15/09558/TCA – 11 Church Road – Fell Cherry Tree – inappropriate location on boundary and steep bank; Walnut, reduce canopy by 30%; Oak, reduce canopy by 30%; Horse Chestnut, Fell – Diseased. The council raised no objections.

Neighbourhood Plan. Those who had expressed an interest in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan met again on the 14th of October where they decided to look at costs and options. The group will formally become a sub-committee of the Parish Council with Lynda Wearn as Chair and Dave Wearn as Secretary. The next meeting is being held on 1st December 8 p.m. at the Bell, and there is still plenty of time for you to be involved.

Footpaths:

Cllr Ann Lumb has prepared a detailed report on the condition of the footpaths in the village which she presented to the council. The council will now work together to resolve some of the issues the report advised.

Vacancies for Parish Councillor:

The Parish Council is happy to announce that both vacancies have been filled by co-option. We therefore welcome Stephan Pearce and Hazel Simons onto the council with effect from the November meeting.

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:

2nd November 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.

Cheverell Magna Parish Council



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hazel and Alder Strawberry Hill Walk

Hazel and Alder had a brilliant time walking up to Strawberry Hill. The children learnt lots about the history and geography of West Lavington and have made some lovely art work, music and poetry

following their visit.

Elm Class Family Tea Party

Elm Class had a tea party to celebrate Family in a fun and creative way. With Grandparents, Siblings, Parents and other relatives in attendance the children sang songs, gave homemade gift cards (made in Forest School) and enjoyed eating lots of homemade cakes and biscuits. Everyone had a fabulous time and we look forward to the next family event.

Visit to Devizes Opportunity Centre

Our older school council members visited Devizes Opportunity Centre. The School Council are currently deciding which local charity they would like to support this year and they wanted to find out a little bit more about what Devizes Opportunity Centre does. Both staff and children had a fabulous time.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Visit Birch Class

Birch class were visited by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust as part of their Our World topic. They found out about the materials that can be reused, recycled and composted and what happens to our rubbish when it is thrown away.

World Water Works Visit Hazel & Alder

Alder and Hazel Class have had a visit from a member of the World Water Works charity. They send water aid boxes to countries that have suffered natural disasters.

Garden Club

Gardening Club harvested lots of carrots, leeks, onions, beans and tomatoes, ate the rest of the raspberries and sang a harvest song! We learnt about the Spring & Autumn Equinoxes and also about the Summer & Winter Solstices. Our pumpkins & squashes are growing nicely (in time for All Hallow's Eve)!

Open Days

The DAPS Team welcomes you into school during our Open Days on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 12th and Tuesday 17th November.

Save the Date!

POD (People of DAPS) Christmas Market – Friday 11th December 2015 from 5 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Mrs Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

What a fabulous first term we have had! The Children's Investigations have been based around "Our country, Great Britain". As part of this we have been focusing on British Values such as equality and tolerance, we have invited the children to share with us any postcards or photographs of places within the UK that they have visited and we have talked about our Royal family, our currency and our British weather!

The children have been on some local walks and we have been talking about the changing seasons, this has inspired some great artwork too. We have also been regularly visited by ACTIVE Trowbridge this term and the children have loved this opportunity to learn new games and explore new equipment.

We have ended the term with a Halloween party where the children enjoyed music, games and face painting. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise this event, it was a great way to end a terrific term!

Next term the children have chosen to focus our investigations on 'leaves, trees and changing seasons' and we have lots of interesting activities planned. If you feel you have something relevant that you would like to share please let us know, it is always lovely for the children to have local visitors!

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Literacy: Writing in the EYFS, 40-60 months "Talk to children about the letters that represent the sounds they hear at the beginning of their own names and other familiar words."

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



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Autumn Term

Harvest is always a time for great rejoicing at Holy Trinity – lots of art, poetry and worship take place on the theme, and our donations are sent to the Devizes food bank to support families in crisis. Outdoor worship, always a favourite with the children, is particularly beautiful and meaningful at this time of year, as we stand around the outdoor reflection area and enjoy the amazing autumn world. Children have had fun at playtime making "Blobsters" with clay and autumn materials.

Library Refurbishment

We are all delighted with the new library – based on Mr Tumnus's house, from *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*; we have wonderful wooden bookcases, a little secret mouse hole and amazing murals that depict Narnian scenes, wooden beams and a fireplace. It has become the retreat the children wanted, helping them to value and love reading, and making it easier for them to access books.

Fundraising

Following a visit to our school of disabled Boccia athlete, Jonah Wright, the children decided that they would like to raise funds to help him with the costs of being a member of the English Boccia team. The Year 6 children arranged, managed and led a Boccia tournament in school with great success, showing brilliant leadership and organisational skills, and then ran a cake sale after school. Over £200 was raised for Jonah! We are so proud of our compassionate, aspirational children – what a great achievement.

Joining Holy Trinity

If you would like your child to attend Holy Trinity, please phone us on 01380 813 796 to come and see our school, and complete the on line admission form through Wiltshire Local Authority by 15th January 2016 (for children due to start in September 2016).

Admissions

We shall be consulting on our admissions policy this year as we are changing the pupil admission number from 21 to 20 in order to comply with the statutory duty to keep infant class sizes under 30. We are also consulting on offering children of staff priority for places at the school. Please look on our website <http://holy-trinity.co.uk/policies/> to access the policy and return any comments to the Headteacher or Governing Body.

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BOOKMARK



With an amended September date and a full house, members regrouped at the village hall to discuss *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce and *The Paying Guests* by Sarah Waters. Firstly, Queenie was not quite what we were expecting – and it was so terribly sad. We loved the characters, but felt the story line to be somewhat punctured. The author evoked a mixed reaction from our group and although there were both negative and positive comments, everyone agreed this companion novel had inspired us to re-read the original *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*.

Perhaps not the best Sarah Waters' book, but *The Paying Guests* was still deemed a well written novel, albeit a slow read which may have benefitted from editing. Perhaps it was repetitive in places, but we found the characters fascinating and the story line provided us with a good measure of shocks and class issues.

Two members managed to catch Turner's Wessex Exhibition in the Salisbury Museum; a display of his early work. This was thoroughly enjoyed, especially the surprising architecture and creative movement of water. We also had a small group entered in the quiz night at The Bell on October 15th fund raising for cancer; some tricky questions, but a tasty curry.

Two of the titles chosen for our Biography/Classic section on October 28th will be, *I am Scout*, the biography of Harper Lee by Charles J Shields – considered a great accompaniment to 'Mockingbird' and giving insight into the real (Nelle) Harper Lee, and *Vivienne Westwood* by Vivienne Westwood and Ian Kelly – written through Paris collections. We look forward to seeing what other choices the group has made.

Meanwhile, Lynda has kindly offered to host our social evening this year on December 9th - mulled wine provided, members to bring a plate for the buffet table; festive readings and childhood favourites an optional accessory.

And finally, although our reading group will be continuing happily into its ninth year, Hild Marrow has decided it's now the right moment to pass on her bookmark leadership. Time for another chapter - watch this page.....

Hild Marrow

Our thanks to Hild Marrow for her lively and interesting summary of the range and variety of books read over several years (Editor)



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our "Taste of France Dinner and Roulette" event was very enjoyable, especially with the new dimmable wall lighting and user-friendly heating in WL Village Hall.

The next event open to non-members is Burns Night on Saturday 23rd, January 2016, at WL Village Hall. More details nearer the time, but please put the date in your diary.

We also have a member-only event in November so why not join the club and receive details?

The next visit of our friends from St Pierre d'Autils is on the weekend of June 17th to 20th .

Membership of West Lavington Twinning Association is open to residents of West Lavington and nearby villages. To join just email me michaelpage007@btinternet.com or our Chairman Malcolm Johnson blocker38@hotmail.com and ask for a membership form. Membership fees are under £20 per year for a household. We hold many events throughout the year to raise money for the bi-annual visit of our French friends but mostly to have fun! Please join!

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



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At our October meeting Kathryn Cooper, owner of The Blossom Tree flower and gift shop in Market Lavington gave us an insight into the floristry business and also advised and encouraged us as we had a go at flower arranging.

We learned that most of the flowers sold through florists in the UK come from Holland (60%) and 15% come from Colombia. And Colombia is gradually increasing its percentage of the world flower market. A small percentage of flowers come from the UK. Many of the roses come from Kenya. The flowers are purchased at online auctions by wholesalers. These wholesalers then advertise the flowers on their own websites, showing a picture, details of where it was grown, the length of the stem, the quality (grade) and the units in which they can be purchased (e.g. 5 stems, 10 stems...). Florists order online and the flowers are delivered usually within 24 hours of being picked.

Kathryn trained in floristry and then worked within other floristry businesses before setting up her own business just over a year ago. She has been delighted by the support and encouragement that she has received in the local community. She holds some special event evenings such as the forthcoming Autumnal event, a Halloween evening and a Christmas event. As well as being a fun night out they also serve to showcase the arrays of special flowers and greenery on offer for that season.

After demonstrating how she would make a flower arrangement in a teacup she invited the audience to have a go. We had come equipped with our own china and a selection of flowers and greenery from our gardens to use and share. Kathryn had brought us some stock from the shop to use as well.

We learned that the bulk of the arrangements could be made using things from our own gardens and hedge rows but sometimes shop bought flowers and greenery could bring an extra splash of colour or an architectural quality to the arrangement. Weeds too, such as thistles and teasels, can be used. And you can raid your vegetable rack for chilli peppers and chard leaves. In fact, anything goes and you can let your imagination run riot. We were taught to cut the stems rather than break them and to strip off the lower leaves to prevent too much tightness at the base of the arrangement. Odd numbers of key flowers were easier to work with. On a small arrangement, raising the vase to nearer your eye level makes it easier to work. Also, it is easier to spot where you have gone wrong or where you can improve if you take a photo and view the photo. It was wonderful to see so much talent and artistry demonstrated by our fellow club members. Despite some initial declarations that they could not do flower arranging, everyone went home with an exquisite arrangement to keep or to give as a gift.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 November. Ray Broughton, who has been a lecturer at Sparsholt College and at RHS Wisley, will be sharing with us some 'Topical Tips and New Ideas'. Ray has given talks to other clubs in the area and judging by the feedback that we have received, he is a very accomplished and engaging speaker. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. There is a charge of £2 for non members. New members are always welcome.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Season is now well under way with the start of Cup competitions in certain age groups.

Under F.A. fair play rules we cannot report actual results of games played for all age groups under 11 who take part in the Mid-Wilts Youth and Minor Leagues.

Under 15s have had a mixed start to the season with one win against Malmesbury 6-2, but losing 2 matches against difficult opponents, Bath Arsenal and Trowbridge. However, in the Wiltshire Cup they go through to the next round having beaten a Swindon team (Northside Athletic) 3-2. The U15s are currently in the planning stages for their Summer Tour (having been to France and Germany previously).

Under 13 – good start with 3 wins and only losing one match 5-3 away at Frome.

Under 12 – recent 2-2 draw against Corsham, having won the week before away at local team Bromham 2-3.

Team contact details:

Reception Year (tasters) + Under 6 & 8's: Mark – 01380-813160/07974-723008.

Under 7 and 10/11 – Jason 07734-627449. Under 9s - Dave 07843-678781 U- 12: Stuart 07756-540864 ; U-13: Jake 07741-306303; U-15: Neil 01380-818193

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I am afraid that we have received no notice of Baptisms, Marriages or Deaths this month. It is hoped that it will be possible to record these in our next edition.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

At the most recent draw the winner was Bridie de Burgh (£40) and the second prize went to Jill Kyte (£20). The draw was carried out by Margaret Clarke of West Lavington.

Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer

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November: A Month to Remember

The recent film Inside Out is all about how memory helps to shape our identity. It focuses on Riley, an 11-year old girl and her struggle to adjust to life when her family moves from Minnesota to San Francisco. Her feelings are controlled by five characters representing her emotions; Joy, Sadness, Disgust, Fear and Anger. As we've come to expect of Pixar, the film is a visually stunning spectacle, especially as we join Joy and Sadness on a trip around Riley's brain as they seek to recover her personality-forming core memories. I won't spoil the plot for you by summarising it here. If you left it too late to catch the film in the cinema, get the DVD or something. You'll enjoy it. Watching it put me in mind of Augustine's classic treatment of the theme of memory in his Confessions. But that's probably just me.

The month of November evokes memories. There's Bonfire Night, which recalls Guy Fawkes' foiled attempt to blow up parliament. The old ditty calls us to 'Remember, remember the 5th of November/Gunpowder, treason and plot.' And then there's Remembrance Sunday on 8th November and Remembrance Day on the 11th, commemorating the end of the First World War. On those days the whole nation pauses to remember those who gave their lives for this country. Their sacrifice should not be forgotten.

Some of our memories are sad and others happy. In the film Inside Out, Joy keeps trying to cheer Riley up, as she's feeling out of sorts in her new environment. At all costs she wants to stop Sadness touching the girl's core memories. But it is only when Riley is allowed to feel sad that she realises how much she is loved and pulls back from doing something stupid. We wouldn't choose sad times in our lives. But they are often occasions when family and friends have rallied round and surprised us with the warmth of their love and care.

Memory is an important aspect of the Christian faith. Jesus knew that he was about to lay down his life so that those who believe in him may be forgiven and be put right with God. He told his followers to eat a simple meal of bread and wine in remembrance of him. The bread was a symbol of his body and the wine of his blood. Nigh on 2,000 years later Christians continue to remember Jesus in that way. The Lord wanted his people never to forget how much he loved them. He said, 'Greater love has no one than this, than this: to lay down his life for his friends.' That's something worth remembering all year round.

Pastor: Guy Davies

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Coffee Morning

Join us for a cuppa and a chat, 1st Saturday of the month, 10am-12 noon.

Time for Tea Plus

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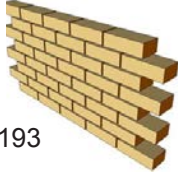
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