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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
4th October 18th after Trinity (Proper 22)	9 – 10.30 am Breakfast Church Old School, Market Lavington 10.30 am Benefice Parish Communion at St Mary's, Market Lavington Preacher – Roger Morgan				6 pm Harvest Festival & Supper
11th October 19th after Trinity (Proper 23)	11.00 am United Service At Trinity in the Community Hall	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 – 10.30 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service at Trinity in the Community Hall	11.00 am Harvest Festival	
18th October Luke The Evangelist (Proper 24)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9 – 10.30 am 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)
25th October (Last After Trinity) Bible Sunday (Proper 25)	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)
1st November All Saints	9/9.30 am Breakfast Church, West Lavington 10.30 am Worship Together Benefice Parish Communion All Saints' Church, West Lavington Preacher – Robert de Berry				

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
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'Village Harvest'
at St Peter's, Great Cheverell
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Harvest Festival service Sunday 11 October at 11 a.m.

Displays by people from all over the village, including artists and craftspeople, beekeepers, bell ringers, blacksmith, Book Club, Brownies, Curry Club, Ecumenical fellowship group, farmers, Friends and Neighbours, Gardening Club, Holy Trinity School, Josephine's, Kyte's Garage, Lunch Club, Ministry team, Old School Nursery, Parish Council, Photography Club, Post Office, Soapbox Derby, St Peter's congregation, St Peter's PCC, Theatre Club, Village Hall, Wine Club.

JMC

ST PETER'S CHURCH
Little Cheverell Harvest Service
All denominations welcome.
Sunday 4th October at 6.00 p.m.

followed by

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 We would very much welcome
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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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.*

ALL SOULS SERVICE

The annual service to remember those loved ones who have died, both during the past year and longer ago, will take place on

Friday 30th October 7.00 p.m
St. Barnabas Church, Easterton

You are very welcome to attend. If you cannot be there but would like the name of a family member to be read out, please write their names on the sheets at the back of the churches or send it to the Office (816963) or churchlavington@ gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Rudyard Kipling's poem 'If' first appeared in 1909 and has been a huge favourite of many since. 'If you can keep your head, when all about are losing theirs and blaming it on you' was written amidst a life of many trials, hardships and sorrows.

In 'Word for Today' I recently read an anonymous poet's contemporary version on 'If':

'If you can start the day without caffeine
 If you can get going without pep pills
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it
 If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you any time
 If you can forgive a friend's lack of consideration
 If you can overlook it when those who love you take it out on you, when,
 through no fault of your own, something goes wrong
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment
 If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him
 If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend
 If you can face the world without lies and deceit
 If you can conquer tension without medical help
 If you can relax without liquor
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs
 If you can say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed
 or colour, religion or politics
 Then, my friend, you are almost as good as your dog!'

In Proverbs 9:9-10 we read, 'Instruct the wise, and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous, and they will add to their learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...

James Campbell

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**COFFEE MORNING
 BRING & BUY AND RAFFLE**

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

DATE:- Saturday 10th October
TIME:- 10.00am -12.00noon
PLACE:- St. Andrew's Church

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

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 Holy Trinity, Great Cheverell: Ian Christie (813940)
 Holy Trinity, Little Cheverell: Peregrine Rawlins (816315) Barny Beddow (813748)

“A Sprinkling of Stardust”

POSTPONEMENT

Regrettably, owing to illness, this wonderful musical event has had to be postponed from Saturday 24 October 2015, but despair not, as this unmissable evening will be back early in 2016 - so please watch this space and wait for the new date.

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Full programme details are available on the Edington Arts website,

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Tickets are £20, £15 and £10 in advance (10% discount for Edington Angels); on the door add £2, from music@edingtonarts.org, or by phoning 01380 831256 / 871549. 18 and unders come FREE, and there will be interval drinks.

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.

LITTLE CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

An Extraordinary meeting will be held on 19th October when the Committee (now only numbering three members) will meet to decide on its future, due to the lack of interest in joining the Committee. It is likely the Committee will decide to disband and that the Hall will close with effect from 31st December 2015.

Helena Warnock, Chairman



A Date for your Diary!
The fifth

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WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS


Since our last bulletin we have been busy inside the Hall. New lighting on the wall pictures, and uplights above, have much improved the ambience. New blower heaters have been fitted at both ends of the Hall to boost the heating and all coin-in-the-slot meters have been replaced by timers. As heating will no longer be paid for by coins-in-the-slot meters, a small increase in hire charges is required and is published in this issue.

The 50 year old hardboard panelling has been replaced, where not already repaired, and plastering carried out to make good all the electrical and carpentry works. Next is to decorate the whole of the main Hall, which the committee hopes will be completed in October.

Clearly all this work has to be funded. We have applied for another grant from the Area Board of Wiltshire Council, and may be lucky with another separate bid, but nonetheless

will have to dig alarmingly deep into reserve funds. You can help by donating in our boxes in Costcutters and the Bridge Inn or to Committee members at 3 Fieldside, 2 Strawberry Hill or 56 High Street. A really good alternative is to support the Howden-Jones Concert on 29 October, 7 p.m. for 7.30 in the Hall by buying tickets and perhaps bringing a little extra to help fund the improvements. It will be an opportunity to admire the latter and to enjoy a concert which was very popular last year. Details are provided in this issue. We hope to see you there.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

One of the great compensations of producing this magazine is the awareness that I gain from reading of the kind of activities that give each of our villages its own individuality and collective life. **This has been especially so in this edition where there are reports on such various occasions as the Soap Box Derby, the Devizes Carnival the concerts to sustain and support the existence of our village halls, the Gardening Clubs and the Harvest Festivals. In the last case of course almost none of us will have experienced the "hands on" involvement for so many of us that would have taken place 200 years ago in village life with the consequent sense of achievement of the Harvest Home, but the sense of gratitude for the benefits we gain in life remain.**

I am particularly grateful for the reports and photographs that show what happened in recent months, and my thanks to Hilary Stone and others for the Carnival pictures and Jane Andrew and Stephen Burgess (SB Photography) too for the record of the Soap Box Derby.

Jim Hodges

THANKS TO EVERYONE! WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE

The organisers of the West Lavington Church Fete (way back in July!) would like to let our supporters know that the Fete raised a magnificent total of £3500.38, the best since 2008! Our thanks go to everyone who came to the Fete - which we hope you all enjoyed - and especially to the more than 90 helpers and volunteers whose hard work helped to make it such a success.

Thanks, and appreciation too, to the magnificent Market Lavington Community Band, whose music created a wonderful atmosphere; to Dauntsey's School for their tables; to the Classic car owners; to Lynn Harley, Macqueen's Vets and Rangebourne Pets and the Paddock Veterinary Practice for their support for the Fun Family Dog Show; to Costcutters, The Churchill Arms and Sainsbury's and Edwin Giddings of Devizes for their support for the Bottle stall; to our commercial stall holders; and, of course, to all those who generously donated goods to the village Stalls.

We couldn't do it without any of you!

Tony Morton Bob Giles Sue Bonney



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The Nestling Trust would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising event, the Silent Movie and Silent Auction night. Buster Keaton and Steam Boat Bill, was brought to life by the wonderful piano accompaniment by James Harpham. It was such a fun evening - great old fashioned humour which seemed to delight the audience. We are immensely grateful to James and to the many people who came to make the whole event such a success. Nearly £3000 was raised to help with relief work in Nepal, following the devastating earthquakes.

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.

UNITED PRAYER MEETING

Praying for the Local Community and beyond on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

- 5 October The Rectory
– we shall be praying for the Refugee crisis
- 2 November St. Arbucks
- 7 December The Rectory

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Lyn Dyson

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DEVIZES CARNIVAL 2015

Littleton Panell Leads The Way (with a little help from others)

We started arriving on The Green from 2 p.m., a motley collection of cowboys, Red Indians, builders, GIs and leather-clad bikers.

We were 'People of the Village' doing Village People! It all started at the end of July when a couple of us decided that it was more fun to actually be in the carnival than to watch it! The word spread and more and more people came forward wanting to join in and we ended up with over seventy in our troupe, with ages ranging from 5 to 70 years old!



We had three or four dance rehearsals over the summer and gradually people learned the routines and began to get their own costumes together. We wanted each group to be more or less identical, so builders all had gold hard hats; Red Indians all had the same set of feather headdresses; cowboys all had identical Stetsons and chaps;



The GIs wore camouflage and the bikers wore all black. After judging (we came second in our group) we danced our way around Devizes behind a truck blasting out the iconic Village People hits of 'Y.M.C.A' and 'In The Navy'. The crowds loved us! We had masses of compliments and so many people joined in with the singing and the actions- one even commented to a colleague that they wanted to live where we lived!! !

Over 90 minutes and almost eight miles of dancing, and even the tiniest members of our group kept going all the way round! Their energy was awesome! We had great fun and a lot of laughs! If you saw us, I hope we entertained you! We're already talking about next year so look out for us! People of the Village.

Hilary Stone





This year's Soapbox Derby was very well attended despite the weather. Many hundreds of people lined the streets to watch the carts go round the course. We had 23 entrants from families to adults, people even entered on the day. We raised approximately £700 from the BBQ, Entrants and Donations. This will be added to other monies raised from our many other events which the Soapbox Derby Committee are holding during the year, and divided up to Dorothy House, British Heart Foundation, Pancreatic Cancer, St Peter's Church and The Pavilion, Village Hall and Holy Trinity School. The Soapbox Derby Committee has been running for 10 years and so far we have raised

£30,000 for Charity and amenities in Great Cheverell; our aim is to have fun and raise money for charity. We have already held a Party @ the Pavilion with 6 live bands, the next event is The Ball held at Dauntsey's School on the 24th October, A refined evening with Jed Stone as compère, a mystery act and then dancing to Soul Solution, 3 course meal, Auction and Raffle, £37.50 per ticket.

Then on the 31st of October we are holding a family Halloween event in The Pavilion Great Cheverell.

For Ball tickets contact Jane Andrew 01380 812439

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday August 8th Peter and Janine Fanshawe hosted an Open Garden afternoon to raise money for the Village Hall. The weather was perfect and all the visitors enjoyed sitting in the sun, enjoying the setting and the tea and cakes provided. In all, £300 was raised for the hall funds.

There will be a Bingo Evening on Monday 26th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. For those interested in Whist there is a Whist Drive every Friday night commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Wendy Wilshin

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

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
Hall - Daytime	£6.00	£8.00	£7.00	£10.00
Hall - Evening	£8.00	£10.00	£9.00	£12.00
Giles Meeting Room - Day	£4.50	£5.50	£5.50	£6.50
Giles Meeting Room - Eve	£5.50	£7.50	£6.50	£8.50
Changing Rooms Are charged at Hall rate				

Use of cooker in the kitchen - £5.00 Use of Stage Lights - £10.00

- Telephone bookings to Lynne Rayner on 01380 812881.
- Email bookings to Lynne@movement4you.com.
- **Bookings must include event preparation and clear-up time**
- Local rates are for village clubs and societies, registered charities and local private hire only.
- Minimum charge is for 2 hours and 3 hours weekend. A non-refundable deposit or booking fee of £10 is required to secure a booking.
- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to rebook that date.
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ERLESTOKE AND COULSTON CRICKET CLUB

The season over, the cricket pitches put to bed for the winter and the kit is packed away into hibernation until next. Some of it may even get washed!

This could be a miserable time of the year for the club and its players – but not when we have the ECCC Bonfire Night to look forward to!

The Cricket Club Bonfire up at the Walled Garden will be on Saturday November 7th. The fire is usually lit at around 5.30 p.m. with the firework display beginning at 6.00 p.m. We will be serving burgers, hot dogs, hot soup, mulled wine and various beverages.

The Cricket Club bonfire has established a great local reputation for a wonderful firework, display, bonfire and conviviality. The Walled Garden makes a safe environment for children and car parking is on-site.

So come along to Bonfire Night on Saturday 7th November. The car access with plenty of parking is by a lane at the side of the George and Dragon pub. There will be stewards on the road.

The Sean Gilbert memorial cricket festival held over a weekend in early August was a great success with good crowds enjoying the various games and activities and there was plenty of fun and laughter. Just the kind of day and event that Sean would have loved and it was good to have him there with us.

The few stalwart players managed to play through the night and on in to Sunday and Sean's candle shone throughout. Sponsorship money is still coming in and some pledges are still awaited but the festival has already raised £2500. The proceeds will be split between Macmillan Nurses and ECCC. A big thank you to all who came along and supported the event and helped make the weekend such a success.

If you would like to keep in touch with happenings and news at Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club you can now follow us on twitter at @erlestokeccc.

Jasper Dorgan, Chairman ECCC

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Where would you draw the line? I am not thinking about social behaviour (as you may have guessed) but geographical, administrative boundaries. To a geography geek like me, it is an interesting subject.

The definition of administrative boundaries is an ancient art. You may know that the origin of shire counties goes back to Saxon times (Sussex = south Saxons, Norfolk = north folk, etc.). So do parishes. It is not by accident that five of the parishes in this Division are on the spring line at the edge of the Plain (Erlestoke, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, West Lavington and Market Lavington) and each has a component on the high chalk-land (grazing) and the lower greensand and clay (arable and forest). It is not by accident either that the parish once owned by the Bishop of Salisbury (West Lavington, formerly called Bishop's Lavington) has the strongest spring and the largest area of the Plain. Look at the map if you want an indication of where power then lay!

Today, the sense of identity that runs with these ancient boundaries still runs deep. How many of you would wish Little Cheverell to merge with Great Cheverell? West Lavington with Market Lavington? Marston with Worton?

No such changes are planned but, elsewhere, change is in the air. Before the next town and county elections in 2017, Roundway parish will merge with Devizes Town, and bits of Bishops Cannings will too. This will reflect the fact that Devizes has effectively grown to absorb these formerly rural areas.

After 2017, boundary changes to Unitary Council Divisions will be necessary to accommodate the population change that army rebasing will bring to Tidworth, Ludgershall, Bulford and Larkill. Perhaps that review will also correct the current anomaly that Poulshot, in sight of Devizes, is aligned administratively at county level with Melksham.

Not long ago, the national Boundary Commission proposed that this Division should become part of a new constituency of Shaftesbury and Warminster. We saw off that foolish idea but the fact that it arose in the first place indicates that the bureaucrats charged with reviewing boundaries are not always aware of geography. Clearly, the Boundary Commission knew nothing of Salisbury Plain.

The administrative boundaries of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire Service, the NHS and the EU are also potentially contentious. We geographers have much to keep us interested.

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

My fellow councillors and I were greatly saddened to receive news of the sudden death of our fellow councillor **David Wood** during the council's summer recess in August. David had joined the council in 2013, having previously been a regular participator from the public gallery at council meetings.

David was, says his wife, Jenny, "very community minded, his passion for helping others always coming first". Before joining the council he had formed the Littleton Pannell Community Speed Watch Group, continuation of which is now planned under the leadership of his friend and colleague, Steven Coxhead.

David's work on the parish council included membership of the Village Hall committee where he supported the refurbishment project currently taking place. He also took a great interest in footpath matters, no doubt connected with the enjoyment he experienced walking the family dog Skye and meeting up with other dog owners for a chat as they walked

During his three year management of the George and Dragon in Potterne, David took great pleasure in keeping a perfect pint whilst entertaining his customers!

Before that he ran his own plumbing business and worked as a consultant at locations such as the Barbican, the Old Bailey, Selfridges and the Bristol Royal Infirmary. However, Jenny says "he was never happier than when he was driving a full sized steam train on the Bluebell Railway or a miniature one on the Great Bulkington Railway".

Above all, David was a family man. He and Jenny were married for over 48 years with two sons, Ian and Michael, two daughters in law and four grandchildren, Rhiannon, Rowan, Finlay, and Peggy.

All members of West Lavington Parish Council have joined me in sending our heart-felt condolences to Jenny and family for their loss.

David's death leaves a new vacancy on the council. An earlier vacancy that followed the retirement of Trevor Jones was filled by the co-option of **Bonnie Matters** at the September meeting.

Bonnie and her husband and family have lived in the parish since 1997. Bonnie worked for 17 years at Dauntsey's School in the school uniform department, becoming manager in 2006. She is a joint Church Warden of All Saints Church, sings in the church choir, is a member of the Parochial Church Council and represents it at Deanery Synod. She is also a member of the Social and Fundraising Committee and has been on the West Lavington Alms Houses committee for over 10 years. She is a keen member of the newly formed Streetscene group. Bonnie says, "I have always been part of village life in some way or other and now I have retired have more time to give. I do not offer expertise in any area but wish to make living in this parish as happy and harmonious for everyone as possible."

For further information about any of the above or other matter, please contact the council's new clerk, **Kaye Elston** (see contact details below).

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.org
info Parish Website www.westlavington.info

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Your Parish Council met on Monday 7th September.

PLANNING - Decisions received

15/06128/REM – Common Farm Common Lane, Reserved matters approval following (14/01375/OUT) for (a) The scale of the development; (b) The layout of the development; (c) The external appearance of the development; (d) The landscaping of the site; (e) The means of access to the site. Approved with Conditions. 15/07355/TCA – The Banks – 27 High Street – Removal of Leylandii Hedge. No Objection 15/06855/FUL – 50 Junction Green Lane Southeast to Westbury Road Garston – two storey extension based on similar footprint of approved scheme E/10/0948/FUL – Approved with conditions

Applications for comment:

15/07461/FUL – Lower Green Farm 46 The Green – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to garden land.

After consultation with the Councillors during August the clerk submitted the following response. The numbers were 3 against 2 in favour.

Cheverell Magna Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

Although the architect has designed the 'house' with black timber cladding which is supposed to make it similar in appearance to a nearby barn with black cladding, the planned building is totally out of keeping with anything else along this stretch of the village and is totally unsuitable for the surrounding conservation area.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is appreciative of the participation so far with the issue of planning and improving our community for the future. The meeting on 10th September was an initial consultation with residents and was to be the guide is to whether there is sufficient support and commitment to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan. A second meeting will be held on 14th October at 8 p.m. at The Bell with further specific information with regard to the costs involved in Neighbourhood Planning and an overview of different options available for small villages; Design Statement, Development Order and Neighbourhood Plans.

We do hope that as many residents as possible will attend this next meeting, as a Neighbourhood Plan is a large undertaking and needs the engagement of the community. The outcome of the meeting, should people agree, would be the formation of a steering group - so volunteers will be inevitable, plenty of time to practice putting your hands up!

We look forward to seeing you.

Footpaths:

Cllr Lumb has agreed to take over the issue of footpaths in the village. She will prepare a survey on footpaths and asked Councillors and residents to email on her annlumb@googlemail.com about any problems relating to footpath access, undergrowth, litter etc. to include in her report.

Vacancy for 1 Parish Councillor

Your Parish Council is still looking for 1 more Councillor to fill a recent vacancy. 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 years 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:

5th October 2015 7.30pm - Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, Pavilion, Witchcombe close.

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

Cheverell Magna Parish Council



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School has started the academic year with Philippa Winbolt as our new Acting Headteacher. After six years as Head, Rob Lakin left DAPS at the end of the summer term to take up a new position as Headteacher of a large primary school in Carlisle.

Rob achieved great things at DAPS through his hard work and commitment, not least our conversion to Academy status and the additional 7th classroom. He has raised the profile of DAPS throughout the local area by creating a mixture of learning excellence and fun. He leaves a great legacy for Philippa and her team to build on this year and in the future.

Philippa has been a superb deputy head at DAPS and fully understands the vision and ethos of the school. With our existing experienced staff and the new teachers who have joined us we are all looking forward to the coming year. The Governors will give Philippa and her staff their full support in the future.

John Ford, DAPS Chair of Governors

From day one of the Autumn term, there has been a lovely, calm and purposeful atmosphere at school and we're quickly settling into the reassuringly familiar routine. I arrived at DAPS 18 months ago and quickly felt at home. To be surrounded by such stunning grounds and to be a part of such a warm and motivated team is a real treat. Add to that supportive parents and an incredible group of children and you have the reasons why DAPS is such a special community. My role this year as acting head is to continue the hard work started by the team with Mr Lakin and nurture the school community that offers our pupils an exciting and rounded education, develops a life long love of learning and encourages pupils to strive for the stars as they continue on their life's journey.

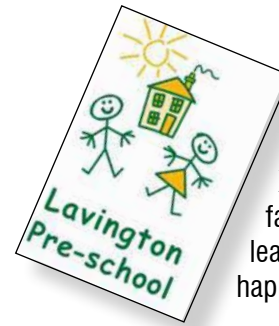
We have three open days coming up in November and anyone wishing to look around our fabulous school would be warmly welcomed by the DAPS team.

Philippa Winbolt, Acting Headteacher

OPEN DAYS

The DAPS Team

welcome you on 4, 12 & 17 November



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope you all had an amazing summer break and are ready for the new term. We have several new starters join us this term and would like to welcome Elsie, Xavier, Oli, Nola, Wolfie, Guy, Freddie, Billy and Paige, and their families, to our Pre-school. We have also seen many of our leavers starting 'Big School' and they all look so grown up and happy! It is such a pleasure to see them flourish and move on.

This term the Children's Investigations will be based around "Our country, Great Britain". As part of this we will be focusing on British Values, celebrating what it means to be British and how this is embedded in our day to day curriculum. We have invited the children to share with us any postcards or photographs of places within the UK that they have visited but 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! The children have already been on some local walks and we have been talking about our weather and the 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.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Understanding the world in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum), 40-60 months "Help children to find out about their environment by talking to people, examining photographs and simple maps and visiting local places."

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



Joanna Woodd (*yes, she is spelt like that! – Ed*) came to talk to us about our new overseas links. These are the Anadam and Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal.

They are made up of about 500 small islands which are very small and primitive. They still look upon women as objects, and unwanted young girls are sold on to slavery. Sadly, communication has been very poor, and we have not been able to establish any proper links. When we do we shall know how to help them.

Our other links are in Nigeria, in the Jebba and Idah area. Farming is very difficult and we still have to establish communication on how to progress in aid. The same applies to the Gewing area in Botswana and the Ains area in Kenya. All these new links have asked for our prayers in particular, and we hope that by bettering our communication and dialogue we can be a positive link.

Ann Cowburn provided Fair Trade biscuits and cakes for our really delicious tea; we were very glad to welcome members from the Deanery to this meeting.

At our next meeting on October 12th we shall be playing a special MU version of Monopoly at the Vicarage.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



On 3rd October we have our "Taste of France Dinner and Roulette" event.

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

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)

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

For Ripe Tomatoes – Go Bananas!

Towards the end of the growing season, tomatoes both inside and out, become very slow to ripen. The answer is simple, a Pound of Bananas. Hang the bananas individually amongst the tomato plants. The banana skins give off loads of ethylene as they quickly ripen and before you know it, any reluctant green tomato will have gone red.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 21st

Subject: The wonders of Westonbirt

Guest Speaker: Graham Anstey

Monthly Competition: Vase of Michaelmas Daisies



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Do you think “Plant naming and identification “ sounds a bit dry? Not a bit of it, in September we had a lively and entertaining evening with Carl Gill. He arrived laden with prunings, which he handed out freely to us for identification and comment. Interesting discussions ensued about pests,

poisons, pruning, and a host of other things. He wore his learning lightly, spoke from and about experience and we all found out new things.

We heard, for instance, that you should not burn laurel in an enclosed space – it contains cyanide – and don’t carry laurel prunings to the tip in your car without plenty of ventilation.

We were taught how to tell the difference between hornbeam and beech, even when they have no leaves (look at the buds). We identified cedar by scent and learned that, improbably, cotoneaster, pyracanthus, apple trees and roses all belong to the same family (rosaceae – look at the shape of the flower petals and fruit). The brown spots on sycamore leaves and black spot on our roses are not all bad news – these fungi flourish only when the air is clean.

Capital letters, lower case letters, inverted commas and x in plant names can tell us a lot about the plants – acer grosseri hersii – a maple with white striped trunk and branches, was a spontaneous mutation in the wild, but acer platanoides “Crimson King” has been cultivated; primula x kewensis is a cross between two primulas, but the overpowering leylandii hedge, x cupresso leylandii, was an accidental cross between two totally different types of conifer – and we were given some good alternatives to it for hedging too.

The Latin names which some of us struggle to remember are not all Latin – some come from Greek or indeed English. Although they can help us know exactly which plant we’re talking about, they can change. A plant discovery, given a name we know, may years later be found to be something which had already been identified and named, or the naming rules may change. Often the familiar name persists and is widely used – alyssum maritima, that lovely white useful ground cover is actually, apparently lobularia maritima. But there is the possibility that the plant you try to buy in a garden centre, where someone much younger than you tells you “ Sorry, no, we don’t have that”, is there all the time, but they know it by its newer name .

Our September fun show was no less entertaining. Tables were laden with herbs and vegetables, flowers and fruit, drinks made with garden produce, scones and sponges. Sidelong glances were cast – thought bubbles invisibly hovering: “Is mine better than that one?” or “Oh it’s certainly not as good as that” as we placed our own offerings and admired others. We trooped back after the judging for coffee and cake – either celebration or comfort in defeat and a most enjoyable morning of convivial rivalry ended with a judicious sampling from some of the bottles.

On to the next meeting – on October 13th you can learn about “Winding down for winter” from Alan Christopher, who trained with Bath Parks Department, became landscape clerk of works at Bath University and moved on to running his own garden maintenance business. We meet in Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for 7.30 – non members (£2) and new members are always welcome.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. ‘The Badgers’

Activity within the Club has started at all levels, with participation in the local leagues organised under FA rules. We are always looking for new members to join, and trust you can support your local Club which covers all the Village communities from Keevil / Seend / to Urchfont areas. The annual membership fees are very low, and the Club is run by volunteers at all levels.

At the younger age levels the following training schedules are in place for October (Phone contact details below for all age groups):

New Reception Year ‘Taster’ sessions – Fridays at 5.30 pm at St Barnabas School (Mkt Lavington) – contact: Mark Goddard

Under 6 (year 1) – same as above (Parent helpers required)

Under 7 (Year 2) – Friday at 4.00 pm at Five Lanes Worton School – contact Jason Reynolds

Under 8 – Friday at 6.00 pm at St Barnabas School (Mkt Lavington) – Mark Goddard

Under 9 - same as Under 8 training – Dave Kiddle

Under 10/11 – Friday 5.00 pm at Five Lanes Worton site - contact Jason Reynolds

Other age groups – see coach contact details below.

Date for Diaries: ‘Badgers Bash’ = Saturday 10 October at 7.30 pm at Market Lavington Community Hall. The Club are organising a Band/Disco evening – please see poster in this edition or contact Mark Goddard / Dave Kiddle – details below. Come along and Support your Local Club.

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BAPTISMS

Frederick James BARKER of Calne was baptised by Rev James Campbell at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 30th August 2015.

Henry George MATTHEWS died on 5th May 2015 aged 78 years. His funeral was held on 5th June 2015. Their ashes were buried together at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 24th August 2015.

FUNERALS

The ashes of **Douglas Henry COLEMAN**, who died aged 88 on 22nd January 2015, were buried at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 13th August 2015.

David Robert WOOD of Littleton Panell died on 7th August, aged 73 years. His funeral at West Wilts Crematorium was held on 27th August 2015.

Colin George MILES of Market Lavington died on 13th July 2015, aged 75 years. His funeral at West Wilts Crematorium was on 31st July and ashes were buried at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 22nd August 2015.

The ashes of **Charlotte Mary STRONG**, who died aged 94 years on 12th February 2015, were buried at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 5th September 2015.

Mary Christine MATTHEWS died 24th February 2015, aged 78 years. Her funeral was held on 10th March. **Brian**

Jacob Allen ANDREWS of West Lavington died on 28th August aged 3 years. His funeral at all Saints' Church, West Lavington on 9th September was followed by burial at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winner of the £40 first prize was Fred West and the winner of the £20 second prize was Sally Hale. Both live in West Lavington. The draw was done by Lizzie Woffindale under the close supervision of her mother Sharon.

Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

'All Good Gifts Around Us'

At this time of year churches traditionally hold their Harvest Thanksgiving Services. There seems to be something old fashioned about doing that. Quaint, even. People gather to bellow out the old harvest hymns like, 'We plough the fields and scatter'. They bring food produce along with them for the harvest display: tins of stuff, fruit and veg etc. 'What's all that about?' you may ask. Well, Harvest Services help to remind us that 'All good gifts around us' are not sent from Tesco, Morrisons, Aldi, or Amazon, but from 'heaven above'. We can sometimes forget that in our materialistic, consumer-driven society.

God is the 'giver of every good and perfect gift'. He has not simply given us enough to sustain bare existence. Imagine that all we had to live on was a tasteless, vitamin enriched gloop. Yuk. Rather, we have been granted a rich variety of foods to eat; sweet and savoury, crunchy and soft. That is a sign of God's goodness towards human beings. He has abundantly provided us with all things to enjoy.

Yes, there are some people who barely have enough to eat, but that's usually due to man's inhumanity to man. Each year the earth produces enough to feed the world. The produce that is brought along to church services is distributed to help people in need. Bread is an important part of our staple diet. How could we get by without our lunchtime sarnies, or cheese on toast? The Bible describes Jesus as the 'Bread of Life'. He is able to satisfy our deepest spiritual longings and desires. Of all God's good gifts, Jesus is the best. He said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." Please find details of our Harvest Services below to which all are welcome:

Pastor: Guy Davies
www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk

Events

Coffee Morning

Join us for a cuppa and a chat, 1st Saturday of the month, 10am-12 noon.
 Donations of dried and tinned food for Harvest Service display can be dropped off during the coffee morning.

Harvest Services

Sunday 4th October, 11am & 6pm
 Produce donated will be divided between
 Leonora Pilgrim Home for the elderly & the local food bank.

Time for Tea Plus

Sunday 25th October, 4.30pm
 Join us at the Chapel for Sunday Tea, followed by a half hour service.
 All welcome!

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