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Calendar of Services - September 2015 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th September 14th after Trinity (Proper 18)	10.30 am Worship Together Benefice Parish Communion (BCP) St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell Speaker – Peter Harris				
13th September 15th after Trinity (Proper 19)	11.00 am United Service At St Barnabas, Easterton	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour (with Ebenezer Church)	11.00 am United Service	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
20th September 16th after Trinity (Proper 20)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9 – 10.30 am HH/JAM Club Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Harvest Festival	10.00 am Welcome to Worship (not communion)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
27th September 17th after Trinity (Proper 21)	9.30 am Harvest Festival	11.00 am Harvest Festival And Lunch		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
4th October 18th after Trinity (Proper 22)	9 – 10.30 am Breakfast Church Old School, Market Lavington				6.00 pm Harvest Festival & Supper
	10.30 am Benefice Parish Communion at St Mary's, Market Lavington				

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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HARVEST FESTIVALS 2015

20th September: Easterton (11.00 a.m.)
27th September: Market Lavington (9.30 a.m.)

All contributions of produce will be gratefully received, including fruit and vegetables to decorate the churches in the traditional manner.

After the services:

Perishable items - fruit and veg. – will be available to be bought or distributed as appropriate.

Imperishable items - tins and packets etc; - will be given to the Devizes Food Bank.

If you're not planning to come to a Harvest Service in Church, you could still drop off donations of dry food for the Food Bank, either in one of the wooden boxes provided at the back of most of our churches or at the checkout at Sainsbury's or Morrisons in Devizes.

JMC

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

followed by

HARVEST SUPPER in the VILLAGE HALL at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets for supper and a glass of wine £8.00 – Phone Marlis on 816 318

We look forward to seeing you.

We would very much welcome donations of non-perishable food for the Food Bank in Devizes.

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Change Of Date For Your Diary

May we also remind you about our Coffee Morning in aid of St Peter's Church funds to be held in the Village Hall in Little Cheverell on Saturday 21st November from 10.30 to 12.00.

Dear Friends,

History is littered with examples of unlikely men and women who have been used for good. William Cary, often known as ‘the father of modern missions’, had an inauspicious start to life.

He was born in 1761 into a desperately poor family and consequently received a very limited education. He was apprenticed as a shoemaker, but simply didn’t make the grade. He tried his hand at running a school, but it was a flop. His marriage was an unhappy one; his daughter died early – an event that left him bald for life. His attempt at pastoring a small church lessened his chances of ordination – because, by common consent, his sermons were too boring for words!

Despite such a record, Cary formed a missionary society, with himself as the first candidate. He set sail for India. Over the years he translated the whole Bible into six local languages, as well portions of it into 29 other languages. One day he lost 10 years’ translation work in a fire; he just started again. He also made significant contributions to literature, education, literacy and agriculture; he helped ensure that infanticide was outlawed. His life impacted literally millions of people.

Before dying, knowing that one of his supporters wanted to write his biography, Carey conveyed his wishes, ‘If one should think it worth his while to write my life, I will give you a criterion by which you may judge of its correctness. If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond this will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything’

We live in a world of sprinters: we’d all benefit from learning from the plodders as well.

James Campbell

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EARLY MORNING SWIMMING!

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

There is space for new members (lengths swimming only) so if you are interested, please contact Julia Ford on 01380 812365 or email j.n.ford@btinternet.com for more information.

ADVANCE NOTICE – A CONCERT

To help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the West Lavington Village Hall and to raise funds for the refurbishment, the Friendship Club is sponsoring a concert of 50s, 60s and 70 music with the “Heartbeats”.

**Date: Wednesday 25th
 November at 2 p.m.**

**Venue : The Village Hall
 Admission £5**

Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of October, so watch this space

WEST LAVINGTON FETE

I would like to thank all those people who kindly donated items to the Bric a Brac stall for last Saturday’s Fete, including our friends from Great Cheverell and the Courtyard Surgery. We had one or two items which fetched excellent prices and our total of £517.95 was a wonderful tribute to donors and those who worked so hard selling a quite fantastic volume of goods. Thank you, all the buyers!

Jean Morton.



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COVER PICTURE

Our thanks to Peregrine Rawlins for the picture of a Jay.

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11th West Lavington Church
18th Old School Market Lavington
25th Easterton Church

more info from James and Mary Campbell 816963

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Saturday September 12th, 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Enjoy the fresh Wiltshire air and raise a bit of money for your local churches! Just walk, ride, cycle or scoot between one church and another or as many as you wish to participate in Ride+Stride. Sponsors may offer an amount per church visited or a total sum. Some churches will even welcome you with a drink and a bite to eat! Half of all money raised goes to the church (or churches) of your choice, with the other half used by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to award grants to churches with special maintenance needs.

Feeling competitive? There are **cash prizes** for the best achieving cyclists and walkers from different age groups, including several for under 15-year-olds.

Anyone can join in on **September 12th**. Plan your own route or get ideas from <http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/things-to-do/outdoor-activities/cycling>. The list of open churches, together with a sponsorship form can be found on the Ride+Stride page at <http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk>.

The chances are very high that you will enjoy it!

For more information, please contact Charles Graham (01672 514301 or ctg100@hotmail.com) or visit <http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk>

Residents of Little Cheverell can get more details, a sponsorship form and the list of open churches from Sophie Hughes (joandsoph@waitrose.com).

Bear Grylls, adventurer, Chief Scout, Wiltshire resident and supporter of Ride+Stride, writes: *"Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining the Ride+Stride adventure, a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation."*

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Our third fundraising coffee morning for
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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
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Charlton on 07740720434, 01380 818533
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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Private Reginald James Marsh 8351 Killed in Action 1st September 1915

Reginald was born in in 1892 in Great Cheverell, the son of blacksmith Silas Marsh and his wife Emma. He had an older brother and two older and one younger sisters. Reginald served initially with the 2nd Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment, arriving in France on 7th October 1914. He was later transferred to the 1st Battalion, and on 1st September he was in the trenches at Hooze in Belgium. At 4.30am the heavy artillery began bombarding the German lines. The enemy retaliated by heavy shelling and the trenches were badly damaged and telephone wires were cut. Four men, including Reginald, were killed and twenty six were wounded.

Reginald is remembered on the Ypres Menin Gate
 Lyn Dyson

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BRING & BUY SALE

'Thank you'

The Bring & Buy Sale held in aid of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal on Saturday 11th July 2015 at St. Andrew's Church in Devizes raised the grand sum of £181.11. This is a great boost to our fund raising for the year and 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 packed 300 boxes and hope to pack 100 more at the end of August.

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WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Youth Action Wiltshire, the Youth Arm of Community First, is a charity which seeks to help young people, particularly recent school leavers who are finding the job market difficult. They have often used the West Lavington Village Hall, but this month a National Citizenship Scheme (NCS) team have excelled themselves in and around the building, making planters, cleaning walls, clearing and tidying the car park of weeds and rubbish, and completely digging over the two Youth Club flower beds. Their community actions have benefitted the Parish, the Village Hall and the Youth Club, and they were a credit to themselves in attitude and cheerfulness.

The planters and flower bed work reflects the aims of Streetscene, a recently formed group aiming to improve the ambience of West Lavington and Littleton Pannell. Streetscene and the West Lavington Village Hall Committee helped and guided the youngsters in conjunction with Youth



Action Wiltshire staff members. Plants and compost were donated by Streetscene and Wilton Garden Centre of the Blue Diamond Group.

West Lavington Village Hall is itself on an improvement drive with work to improve heating and lighting starting soon accompanied by the replacement of 50 year old hardboard panelling. Redecoration will follow if sufficient funds can be raised. Coin-in-the-slot electricity meters will be replaced by timers and a small increase in charges will be made to cover the cost of electricity which will be cheaper than feeding the meters. As the Committee cannot be certain when the works will finish the tea party planned for 19 September will not now take place on that date.

However, the good news is that the popular entertainers Howden Jones are returning on Thursday 29th October at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. There will be a bar available.

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Pictures from a Bygone Age; Photographs from Market Lavington and surrounding villages, compiled by Ben Hartley

This book contains old photographs from the late 19th century to the mid 20th century and shows how much Market Lavington has changed. It is available from Devizes Books, Market Lavington Museum, Amazon.co.uk, or from Lyn Dyson, at a cost of £4.50. The profits from this book will go to West Lavington Youth Club....except for sales at the Museum, when all the profit will go to the Museum.

Lyn Dyson

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA

An Important Issue

After my last Message with its historical theme, one resident wrote to me to suggest that I should concentrate more on current local issues. I was, of course, pleased to learn that I had at least one reader!

As it happens, there are quite a number of current local issues. One topical subject is the question of where new housing developments should be located. The Core Strategy, adopted in January, requires sites for 210 more houses to be found in the Devizes Community Area outside the town itself. A Wiltshire Council study is underway to prepare a Housing Development Planning Document (DPD) that will report with proposals for consultation later this year.

The Core Strategy anticipates that some new housing should be built in local service centres (which in this Division means Market Lavington) and in large villages (West Lavington/Littleton Panell and Worton. There are other large villages in the community area). In small villages (Erlestoke, Great Cheverell and Marston), infill only is allowed. Little Cheverell, for these purposes, is classified as "open countryside" where development would be permitted on an exception basis only.

It is appropriate that residents in Market Lavington and in West Lavington/Littleton Panell might wish to influence where the anticipated new housing should go and both communities are preparing Neighbourhood Plans, with which your engagement is welcome. Worton is also actively considering the possibility of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

It would be unwise of me to suggest that small villages and the open countryside are free from the risk of more than minimal development but the odds are stacked against an ambitious developer. As evidence, you need look no further than Great Cheverell where Gladman Homes had sought to put an estate of 25 houses on a green field outside the village against local wishes and all current planning policies. Fortunately, in May a planning inspector rejected their appeal against Wiltshire Council's refusal of planning permission.

The question arises, however, as to how small villages, etc. might get developments that they do want. Such developments could provide housing for local families and could generate capital funds for local facilities through Community Infrastructure Levy payments and "section 106" contributions. For this reason, Erlestoke, Great Cheverell and Little Cheverell are all considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, perhaps working together for this purpose.

I commend all those who are contributing to these activities. A Neighbourhood Plan is no small task. At the end of the process, all residents in the respective communities who are registered to vote will be able to take part in a referendum before the Plans can be adopted. I hope they will be supported.

Richard Gamble

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Becky Smallman

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

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

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

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

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Hall - Daytime	£5.00	£7.00	£6.00	£9.00
Hall - Evening	£7.00	£9.00	£8.00	£11.00
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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

“Power to the People” said Citizen Smith, as portrayed by Robert Lindsey in the 70’s sitcom. Do you remember laughing at the idea that his Marxist philosophy could be desirable and popular? In those days it was a serious matter. Communist tyranny still threatened the free world.

Now, of course, we are free from the threat of such a silly idea that the government should control everything and that private enterprise (aka Capitalism) is bad. Democracy ensures liberty and the real will of the people prevails. Doesn’t it?

Let’s look at the state of democracy here and now. Who can deal with the matters that concern you as you look out of your front window? Where does “power” now lie?

In this area, the foundation tier of administration is the Parish Council, which is concerned with footpaths, playgrounds and, most recently, Neighbourhood Plans. All parish councillors are volunteers and are unpaid. Locally, none have been the subject of elections in recent times, but that does not mean the system is undemocratic. If you wish, you too can put your name forward for any vacancy and, if more than enough do so for the available places, there will be an election.

At the next level, Wiltshire Council is responsible for planning and development control, waste collection and disposal, recycling, trading standards, local highways and buses, council housing, public health and protection, social care for adults and children, safeguarding, local economic development and many other things including open spaces, markets and fairs. If you are not happy with any of this, then please tell me. Or why not put your name forward for election as a councillor in 2017?

Arguably, Wiltshire Council is also responsible for education but central government controls most of the policy and all of the money. Central government also directs much of the policy and the money for other services provided by the lower tiers, but it is exclusively responsible for defence, foreign policy, the NHS, energy, national highways and the railways. Most of all, it is responsible for economic policy and taxation. The next parliamentary election is in 2020. Above the UK parliament is the European Union, which has several institutions including the EU Parliament, the European Council, the Commission, the Central Bank (which only applies to Euro countries), the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors. Although these bodies have involvement in several areas, they are most active in fisheries, agriculture, customs, border control and competition rules. The next election to the European Parliament is in 2019 but there will be a referendum about our membership before the end of 2017.

I think I can safely say that none of these institutions are absolute tyrannies, but none are perfect. If you want change, contact your representatives, vote when you can and stand for election if you think you could do better.

You are the People and you do have the Power!

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

Beauty And The Thief

Lavington/Panell Streetscene - the recently formed volunteer group - wishes to thank everyone who has worked and given their support to help kickstart the “beautifying of our streetscene” project. From a grant by the Parish Council that allowed tubs to be purchased, to those who attended our fundraising cream tea party, to individual donations of money and contributions of plants, your generosity has been huge. Greatly appreciated as well are the many residents who have cleared weeds from pavements, strimmed back the hedge at “the Chocolate Poodle” to reveal the overgrown bus stop sign, and created the floral displays along the street.

Streetscene’s vision is to enhance the long and heavily trafficked High Street that runs through our villages and help heighten a sense of local wellbeing by clearance of weeds and provision of a boost of colour.

One stunning contribution to the scene was eight pots of geraniums on the corner of Duck Street placed there by Glyn Evans. The flowers in three co-ordinated shades were greatly admired by neighbours and passers-by in vehicles and on foot, and provided a vibrant welcome to West Lavington from the south. Sadly for Glyn and his many friends, five of the eight pots, at the height of their bloom, were stolen overnight. “My desire was simply to provide some colour and pleasure for residents and people passing through,” said Glyn.

The Streetscene team is extremely grateful to its volunteers and acknowledged supporters and is equally appreciative of those householders who privately provide their own boost of colour to the High Street with flowering hanging baskets, boxes and pots.

Winter planting will soon get underway. Next year, the aim is for more flowers and bus shelter art.



Before the theft-when originally planted



After the theft – Glyn with remaining three tubs

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 info Parish Website www.westlavington.info



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Superchoir

What a fantastic experience we all had last term at the hugely successful Superchoir event at Dauntsey's School. The event was organised and run by Devizes Rotary Club, First Stages Artistic director Carole Berry and composer Simon May of Eastenders theme-tune fame. Our school choir of 26 joined 400 other young people from local primary and secondary schools to create an evening of music, both uplifting and moving. Mrs Kerr was so immensely proud of our DAPS choir as they rose to the occasion and sang the verses of You Raise Me Up on their own in front of an enormous audience of children, parents and friends. They sounded brilliant! So many wonderful, personal and shared memories were made on what is hopefully going to become an annual event for local schools. Ella Fitzgerald once said I sing like I feel and anyone who came to watch these very talented children would have had no doubt how the children were feeling as they performed.

Ocean Commotion

The children in Oak, Rowan, Hazel and Alder classes produced a fantastic series of performances of their end of year play, Ocean Commotion. All staff were remarkably proud of the efforts put into and the performances produced by our talented pupils. We were supported by year 10 students from Lavington Academy with the design and creation of our fantastic set. The hard work, dedication and endeavour shown by all children was outstanding and will be remembered for many years to come. Thanks to donations received after each performance we are now £400 closer to getting a new LED lighting system.

Nepal In Need Event

We held a charity event back in June to raise funds for the Nestling Trust who are supporting those people affected by the two devastating Earthquakes in Nepal. We spent a week developing pupil's understanding of charity, fundraising, geographical skills, environmental geography and science. We had a family BBQ lunch on the school field which was followed by fun filled afternoon all planned by the children here at DAPS. They organised their own stalls, worked out a business plan, designed posters and bought all the things that they needed to make as much profit as possible. The afternoon was a huge success and we were delighted to be able to present a cheque to The Nestling Trust for over £2000! Thank you to Lataca Catering for donating all of the BBQ supplies and the kind pledge of funds from the day's school lunches.

DAPS Staff - Race For Life

DAPS staff entered a team of 16 into the Race for Life event in Salisbury in July. In drizzly conditions we all completed the 5km course with smiles on our faces! Thank you to everyone that sponsored and supported us.

Child of Hope School

We were fortunate enough to have a visit from Bex Okotel who is the director of the Child of Hope School in Uganda (the school Mrs Wiltshire went to teach in last summer.) She spent the whole day at DAPS, visiting each class as well as leading an assembly that illustrated the differences between school life in Uganda and Britain. When in the different classes, Bex played games with the children, showed videos of her school and answered the many questions the children had about life in Uganda.

Recent School Trips

The last few weeks of our Summer term were filled with Class trips!

Willow and Elm Class had an amazing trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle and Birch Class had a wonderful time at Longleat.

Oak Class went to Splashdown in Poole for their end of year trip and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as did the members of staff that accompanied them!

Rowan Class enjoyed a sleepover with a family BBQ beforehand. A great time was had by both children and adults!

Birch, Willow and Elm Classes also enjoyed a fun filled afternoon taking part in a range of different sporting activities at the Infant Fun Afternoon organised and hosted by Urchfont Primary School.

Sports Day and Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala

Thankfully the rain held off for the races on Sports Day. The children had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see so many parents join us for a picnic afterwards.

Children in Key Stage 2 also enjoyed taking part in our Swimming Gala held at Dauntsey's School.

Mandy Francis
Admin. Asst.



Our summer programme consisted of a series of garden visits. Firstly, as reported in the July/August magazine, we went to Windmill Cottage, in Market Lavington, a one acre cottage style, wildlife friendly garden. Then we were invited into three gardens belonging to members of our

club. The final garden visit was to Derry Watkins Special Plants near Bath.

Our July visit to the three Great Cheverell gardens was nearly rained off, but those brave souls who ventured forth that evening found that the rain had stopped and the temperature had risen. The first garden had been formed by cutting terraces into a steep slope. The terraces were linked by steps and pathways and there were plenty of places to sit in shade or sunshine. Well placed shrubs, trees and flower beds provided interesting vistas from the house and throughout the garden. The second garden was more level and had originally been an orchard. Many of the old trees had been incorporated into the garden design. There was a pond and bog garden area, plenty of colourful borders and a large vegetable patch. The last garden included a large area of woodland. Around the house were flower beds full of colour. Further from the house new borders had been planted and trellis and archways festooned in creepers and climbers provided height and interest whilst screening other 'garden rooms'. A large new pond and bog garden was already looking well established. There was a large vegetable plot heavily fenced to deter the local wildlife.

In August we visited Derry Watkins Special Plants Nursery. We were given a tour of the garden before being let loose in the nursery where you can purchase seeds and plants of things that had attracted your attention on the garden tour. Derry's architect husband had landscaped the garden on the south facing slope of the valley. Derry is mad about plants and is a renowned plant hunter, travelling widely at home and abroad in pursuit of the unusual. Her planting design is a showcase of her nineteen years collecting special plants. She has several gravel gardens, a rockery, two ponds, several woodland areas, many plantings based on colour themes, an area devoted to architectural plants and much, much more. Derry harvests the seed from her garden and propagates plants. These are available for sale in her nursery. Like all enthusiasts she loves to share her knowledge and experience and to interact with other enthusiasts. Her plants and seeds are well described on the labels and supplied with adequate instructions. Knowing that the same thing has been grown successfully locally should give us confidence that we too will be able to grow it.

Carl Gill, a lecturer and curriculum manager for horticulture, floristry and foundation studies at Lackham College will give a talk on plant identification on 8 September. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start on Tuesday 8 September. There is a charge of £2 for non members. New members are always welcome.

On Saturday morning 12 September we are holding the annual Garden Club Fun Show. Details on how to enter and visit will be advertised locally nearer the time.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

'The Badgers'

Preparation for the following season starts with training for the younger age groups, from the first Saturday following the start of Term. – **please contact the relevant coach below for details of location/times** (Although, training for Under 9's starts Friday 21st August @ 6pm at St Barnabas School, and for U16 currently every Tuesday at West Lavington Village Hall from 7 pm to 8.30pm) . New members both boys and girls are welcome in all age groups.

Following the previous month Presentation Day, one team was missing from the list – the Under 14 'International' team with award winners as follows:

Players Player = Darius B.; Supporters Player = Jack C. ; Managers Player = Ben F.; Head Coaches Player = Ben G.

This long established Club prides itself on fairness and ensuring all children are given an equal opportunity to develop and play. It is run by volunteer coaches/assistants (more welcome), and represents all of the Villages in the area (Seend/Keovil to Urchfont), and the only Club having teams in almost every age group.

Reception Year	Jason Reynolds 07590-427999 (assistants required)
Under 6 (Year 1)	Mark Goddard 01380-813160 (assistants required)
Under 7 (Year 2)	Jason Reynolds 07590-427999
Under 8 (Y3)	Mark Goddard 01380 813160 (2 teams)
Under 9	Dave Kiddle 07843 678781 (2 teams)
Under 10	Jason Reynolds 07590-427999
Under 12	Stuart Swan 07756 540864
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The Personal Prayer of Mary Sumner. (Founder of the Mothers' Union). The Rev John Cowburn gave us a meditation on this, with slides and prayer, and song.

We were very refreshed by this thoughtful meditation. Members of the Deanery joined us, and we were able to give them a delicious tea.

At our meeting on September 14th, we shall meet again at All Saints Church, 2.15 p.m., when members of the Deanery will join us, Joanna Wood will talk to us about the new countries that have joined our links.

If you would like to join us and have more information do get in touch.

Janet Hodges (812467)

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Saint-Pierre d'Autils

The visit to St Pierre was a great success. We spent the Saturday in Rouen, a delightful city, followed by a meal in the community hall where the two choirs, one French, one British sang with great gusto! On the Sunday we spent the day near, and most of it on, the river Eure. Most of us tried the kayaks whilst otherspedalos trekked around the area. Lunch was provided in the gardens beside the river. We all had a very enjoyable time.

Next year the French will visit us on the weekend of June 17th to 20th.

Following the successful quiz and race night in August, our next event is "A Taste of France" on Saturday October 3rd at West Lavington Village Hall Tickets are £12.50 to include 4 courses and aperitif. This is open to members and non-members. Please call M Page on 818510 for tickets.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

Lavington & District Gardening Club

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Gardening Tip

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Next Meeting: Wednesday September 16th

Subject: Late summer perennials

Guest Speaker: Rosie Hardy

Monthly Competition: Vase of mixed flowers

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BOOKMARK

July & August

We took advantage of the lovely summer weather to hold our July session in a member's garden and we thoroughly enjoyed the al fresco evening. The books up for discussion were Richard Flanagan's epic novel, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* and *Her* by Harriet Lane. Imagine the gripping two-narrator structure of *Gone Girl* applied to *Notes on a Scandal* – and you have the deeply sinister thriller, *Her*. Set within a normal domestic situation, this novel surpasses any bunny boiler. We thought this malicious slow burner was such a page turner (if that makes sense?) it would make a great suspense movie. Although we were a little concerned that the 'edge of seat' ending was ambiguous, we scored Harriet Lane's novel 9 marks out of 10. *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* is an award winning novel of the Burma railroad; one which made harrowing reading. It is difficult to enlarge on this as the cruelty exposed was so visual. Only one member finished reading this book; others exercised their choice to abandon at various stages. It did, however, leave us all appreciating the sacrifices and horrors our fathers and grandfathers endured during the Second World War.

Another glorious evening weather wise in August, so we piled our reading matter between the wine and nibbles once more on the garden table; this time decorated by bowls of home grown miniature tomatoes. I'm not saying there was any competition, but Lynda's were definitely the sweetest. Hild's tomatoes were the most yellow, but only because the others were red!

Our August novels were US by David Nichols and Rumer Godden's *The Greengage Summer*, with DVD viewing. Members were split over the Nichols novel – some feeling this story of family life crisis hadn't quite 'grabbed' their attention, whilst others loved this realistic tale and the way it was so visually written. The Blue team felt it was an OK summer read and the Reds felt it definitely had another depth. All agreed the book was an interesting and witty novel; one which we could all identify with.

We all enjoyed *The Greengage Summer*. It was deemed a gentle, although dated, novel. However, we felt it made a refreshing change to read an undemanding story told in sequence – which is not the fashion of today. When we later went indoors to watch the film, we were hugely surprised at the casting; not as we imagined at all. Kenneth More appeared far too old for the lead role of Eliot, Susannah York lacked the 'innocence' of Joss - and Jane Asher appeared to speak more like Hayley Mills, than Hayley Mills! Not as good as the book, but an interesting British film classic.

Bookmark members meet again on September 16th to discuss *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachael Joyce and Sarah Water's *The Paying Guests*.

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BAPTISMS

Sophie Evelyn DIXON was baptised at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 26th July 2015.

WEDDINGS

Louise Jane COLEMAN and Martin David TRUSLER were married by Rev Pat Strowger at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 27th June 2015.

Tanith WINTER and Andrew Frank ALEXANDER were married by Rev Gavin Smith at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 1st August 2015.

Katheryn Rowena SWINDELL and Ben Zachary COOKE were married by Rev James Campbell at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 15th August 2015.

FUNERALS

David Cecil MAYNARD of Market Lavington, died on 6th June, aged 81 years. His funeral at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 18th June 2015 was followed by burial in the churchyard.

Antony "Tony" DOYLE, of Easterton, died on 17th June aged 74 years. A service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton was followed by cremation on 14th July 2015.

Mary Katherine DOYLE, of Easterton, died on 7th July 2015, aged 80 years. Her funeral was held at St Barnabas, Easterton on 20th July 2015 and followed by cremation.

Thomas Edward James "Tom" GYE of Market Lavington, died on 10th July, aged 94 years. Cremation was followed by a service at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 31st July. The bells were rung before and after as a remembrance of his many years' service to the church as bell ringer and Tower Captain.

Myra Wilhemina CAVEY died at BUPA Market Lavington on 21st July, aged 96 years. Her funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium was held on 4th August 2015.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The July winner was Sandra Gamble of West Lavington. She wins £40. Second was Greta Taylor of Little Cheverell. She wins £20.

The draw in August was done by Beth Warren, of Market Lavington and the Benefice Office. The winner of the £40 first prize is Maggie O'Neill of Great Cheverell; and the winner of the second prize of £20 is Slater Reynolds of Market Lavington.

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Back to Reality

Well, that was it. Summer's over for another year. We can pack away the deck chairs, stash the suntan lotion at the back of the cupboard and allow our finances to recover from buying all those sticks of rock. The grey skies of Autumn are hand. Although it's often the case that there's a marked improvement in the weather when the kids go back to school after the hols. Strange, that.

With the 'silly season' of August of of the way, September brings with it a feeling of 'back to reality'. The old routine of school, work, eat, sleep stuck on endless repeat. But as the old song says, 'It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it.' A task undertaken with little enthusiasm seems burdensome and wearying. Like painting a fence or something. Exactly the same job done out of love is a breeze, fun even. We'll, maybe not if it's painting a fence, but you know what I mean. Doing things for the right reason makes all the difference.

Christians believe that God has a purpose for their lives and that he takes an interest in all that they do for him. I don't just mean the 'churchy stuff', but whatever they're doing, 24/7. That thought dignifies even the most menial tasks. 'It ain't what you do/but the way that you do it', and why you do it that counts. As the apostle Paul said, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17). 'Back to reality' isn't a chore if we know what we do in time echoes in eternity.

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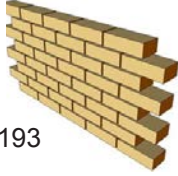
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