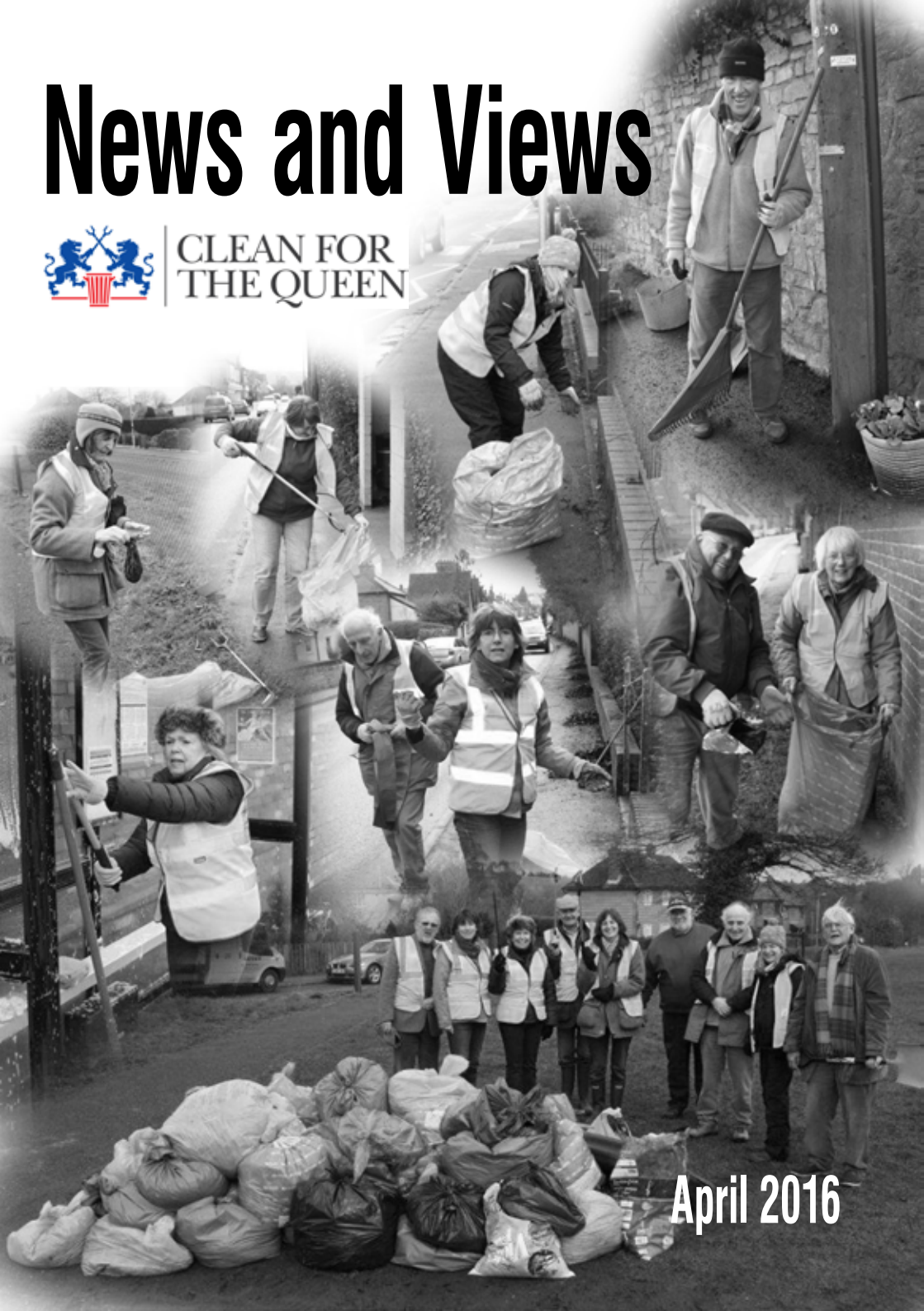


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Calendar of Services -April 2016 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd April Easter 2	9.30 am Half Hour Service, Breakfast from 9.00 am All Saints', West Lavington 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together, West Lavington				
10th April Easter 3	11.00 am United Service With Trinity Ch. in the Community Hall	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Half Hour, with breakfast from 9.00 am	5.00 pm Short Evening Prayer 5.45 pm Annual Parish Church Meeting	
17th April Easter 4	9.30 am Half Hour and Short Communion Breakfast from 9.00 am 10.30 am Annual Parish Church Meeting	9.30 am Parish Communion	5.00 pm Short Evening Prayer 5.45 pm Annual Parish Meeting	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
24th April Easter 5	9.30 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Half Hour and Short Communion Breakfast from 9.00 am 10.30 am Annual Parish Church Meeting		11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	5.00 pm Short Evening Prayer 5.45 pm Annual Parish Church Meeting
1st May Easter 6 Rogation	9.30 am Half Hour Service, Breakfast from 9.00 am St Barnabas Church, Easterton 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together, Easterton				

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell
10.30am Trinity Church in the Community Hall Market Lavington
11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

Dear Friends,

“Don't underestimate the value of Doing Nothing, of just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering“ - words that A. A. Milne put into the mouth of Winnie the Pooh.

He is an author whom I'll have to reacquire myself with, as Mary and I prepare to move to East Sussex to the parish which includes Hundred Wood (called 'Five Hundred Acre Wood' on the map). Withyham is on the edge of the Ashdown Forest, between Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead and Crowborough, close to the Kent border.

Whilst I'll reflect on Pooh's wonderfully enigmatic advice above, I certainly won't be 'doing nothing' and 'not bothering' in my new job. However it is a part-time 'House-for-Duty' post in one parish. My hope is that I will be able to continue the work I do, which I greatly enjoy, for longer.

We were expecting to be here for quite a while longer. However I was encouraged to consider the job and Mary and I do believe that it is the right place for us and our family at this time. It means that we shall be living close to Mary's mother and other members of her family.

It will be a different type of job, living on a traditional agricultural estate. The move involves quite a degree of uncertainty for us, but I'm reminded of the title of a challenging book by the Christian writer John Ortberg, 'If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat'.

James Campbell

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From the Rectory

Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2016

All Saints, WEST LAVINGTON – 24th April
 9 for 9.30am: Breakfast Church
 10.15am: Short Holy Communion (said)
 10.30am: Meeting

St. Peter's, GREAT CHEVERELL - 10th April
 5.00pm: Short Evensong (BCP)
 5.45pm: Meeting

St. Peter's, LITTLE CHEVERELL – 24th April
 5.00pm: Short Evensong (BCP)
 5.45pm: Meeting

SPRING FAYRE 2016

West Lavington Village Hall
 Saturday 16th April
 10.00 am to 12.30

Entrance: Adults £1
 Children Free



Table top sale
 Bric a brac
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 Raffle



Refreshments:
 Coffees, Teas, Bacon rolls

To book a table, please contact Lynne Rayner 01380 812881
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"Diamonds are Forever!" The Old School Day Centre (Tuesday Club) NEEDS YOUR HELP

The access path to the Old School is hazardous for our elderly members (and for others too) -it needs to be made safe! The path is a Grade 2 listed "building" -we have listed building consent but must replace the path to as near its original condition as possible. We need to raise a further £7000 before work can start. We plan to renew 35 of the diamond shaped path sections which will cost £200 per diamond. PLEASE could you help by purchasing a diamond for £200 or 1/50th parts at £4 each?

We plan to create a book to be kept in the Museum listing all contributors as part of the village history with a page for each diamond showing the contributors
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breakfast church

27th March Easter Sunday
11am Easter Egg Hunt
at Easterton Church

3rd April All Saints' West Lavington
10th April Easterton
17th April St Mary's Market Lavington
24th April All Saints' West Lavington
1st May St Barnabas Easterton

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WORLD WAR ONE TRENCH SUPPER

Market Lavington Community Hall

Saturday 23 April 7p.m.

As part of our World War One centenary commemorations, we invite you to attend a Trench Supper at Market Lavington Community Hall, Saturday 23 April from 7 p.m. The evening will comprise a three-course meal as well as a presentation on life in the trenches given by WWI expert, Mr Steve Williams. A bar will also be provided. The food will reflect the time but hopefully won't be as grim as that experienced in 1916.

MENU

Pâté and salad
Beef stew and dumplings or veggie chilli
Spotted dick with custard

Tickets:

£10 available from Market Lavington Post Office or Emma on 07733 294440 from 1 April.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

It may be that this April edition arrives a day or two late owing to the Easter Bank Holiday. If so, our apologies.

Readers will note in the magazine the detailed account of the efforts to improve the appearance of West Lavington and Littleton Panell by a group of volunteers. Their hard work was recorded in the photographs taken by Councillor Peter Blundell, as can be seen in the collage of our cover page, kindly created by Neil Lockhart.

Jim Hodges

RUNNING WITH A PURPOSE

Well, 18 days to go and my number came today so I'm nearly there. Since Christmas, I've had a three week break because of a bad leg, but have still covered in the region of 360 miles. People have said they've seen me all over the place- Semington, Whistley, Melksham and when they've seen, me they've tooted! The last two Sundays have seen me do two 20 milers, the furthest I do in training, so I'm now officially "tapering". This is when you reduce the mileage in order to let the body recover from the stresses of training, yet you keep the fitness (or so they assure me!). As well as the taper, I'll start carb loading after Easter. This helps to load up the body's fuel tank so on Marathon Day the muscles are fully loaded.

A massive thank you to everyone who has sponsored me or asked me how it's going. I've exceeded my target of raising £500 for The Motor Neurone Disease Association but anyone who still wishes to donate please visit my Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/HillyStone> or for those not on line, donations can be handed in to Jim Hodges or at DAPS where I work.

Think of me at 9am on Sunday April 10th. It'll be a long day!

Hilary Stone

Our best wishes to Hilary as the day draws near. We look forward to hearing from her after the event.(Ed)

West Lavington Group of Friends
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 on
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“FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN”

Two years ago the “Friends of the Garden” mounted a very successful Sculpture and Art display in the West Lavington Manor Gardens. The event is being repeated this summer, May 26-, June 1-5, and 8-12., and more information can be found on the FoG website. (www.friendsofthegarden.org) Several other events will take place in the grounds over that three weeks, and there are likely to be a lot of visitors from outside the village. As last time, the Youth Club are heavily involved since they will be providing the cafe and bar facilities to raise funds for themselves. More details will follow nearer the time, but it is an event which received many many compliments last time. Please visit during the event.

Not to be missed!



An Organ Recital by Ashley Grote, Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral, on Saturday 16th April in Edington Priory Church, at 7.30pm.

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The aim of Streetscene is to enhance the village environment in West Lavington and Littleton Panell with flowering tubs, trees and general tidying up. Many of us helped with the Parish Council “Clean for the Queen” initiative in March and we hope it will encourage everyone to clear litter, mess and weeds from outside their properties on a regular basis. Villagers have offered to clean bus shelters, and water the flowering tubs we have placed down the High Street last year. We hope to plant trees at the Churchill pub sponsored by three residents, in front of the car park. There is a collection tin in Costcutter shop (and Post Office!) and at the Churchill Arms where you kindly donate change which gives a small steady income for buying flowers, bulbs and compost. We are gathering more volunteers for Streetscene all the time. Any donations or even offers to sponsor a tub near them would be gratefully received. We now need funds to buy summer plants for May. There will be a “Streetscene” table at the Village Hall Spring Fair on 16th April where we would love to meet anyone interested in this project.

B.M. tel: 816133

Steeple Rocks Choir!

Steeple Rocks Choir is appearing at a concert planned for Saturday 14th May in St Mary’s Church, Steeple Ashton, so this is a date for your diary if you can make it, we’d love to see you there. Amongst the performers there will be guest appearances from Acrosanti - a very talented String Quartet offering a wide range of music from classical to folk, Steeple Rocks of course, a brilliant young cellist and others to be confirmed. Tickets will be available from the beginning of April and details of price and where to buy them will follow in next month’s edition of this magazine. Proceeds from the concert will go to Splitz which is a charity based in Wiltshire, Devon and Gloucestershire. Their work involves helping women and young people who experienced the trauma of domestic abuse.

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WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hall bookings have improved to a degree so far this year which we had hoped would be the case following the refurbishment. Nonetheless, the fifty year old building continues to eat up funds. For example we have already passed and paid for a Water Board Inspection, Fire Inspection and Electrical Certification in the last few weeks. Two broken windows have been replaced with solid panels so they should not get broken again.

Fund raising efforts continue with the Spring Fayre coming up on Saturday 16 April. There are still some trade tables available should anyone wish to showcase their organisation or sell their wares for just the cost of the table space. The Village Hall Committee also needs volunteers to help run the day. In either case, please contact Lynne Rayner on 812881 or at Lynne @movement 4you.com.

Last but not least, the Village Hall Committee needs a new Secretary as the present incumbent has had to resign owing to pressing family health issues. The task is not onerous but does add to the workload of the other Committee members if the position is unfilled. If you can help, please contact Lynne Rayner, Richard Durrant (812378) or myself. Thank you.

Steve Barr (818782)
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Christopher Beese

on

The impact of World War One on Wilsford Down

Followed by drinks and a light buffet supper

Everyone is welcome

Please confirm your attendance to Rosemary Winckley: 01380

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Cost - £30 (Bring your own lunch)

Enrolments and Enquiries to Rosemary Winckley 01380

840370 (prwinckley@googlemail.com)

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
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- 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.
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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

The process of determining where new housing should go is not entirely straightforward. At a high level, the National Planning Policy Framework has set the principles in favour of more housing and the Wiltshire Core Strategy has laid down policies and minimum numbers for the county. In some cases, the Core Strategy specifies where new housing should go but in non-strategic locations like this Division, the picture needs colouring by other means.

The first driver for new developments can be developers themselves. Some of you will know that one developer proposed a very unwelcome housing estate outside Great Cheverell. Fortunately, they were seen off at appeal last year after much helpful input from the community. At a smaller scale, the Eastern Area Planning Committee has recently rejected a proposal in Market Lavington on the grounds that entry and exit to the site would be very dangerous, but this may yet face challenge at appeal.

A different problem has been encountered in Victoria Park where many residents would welcome some housing development if it would facilitate repair of the crumbling roads and footpaths and allow their adoption by Wiltshire Council. However, despite already having 50 houses, Victoria Park is designated in planning terms as "open countryside", which would normally prevent new development. I am trying to find a way around that problem.

More positively, Neighbourhood Planning teams in West Lavington, Market Lavington and Worton, are working to identify possible development sites and to assess community opinion about them. The required procedures are challenging to say the least, particularly for a small community reliant on volunteers with little or no professional experience. I commend their hard work (and some of you may know I should probably declare an interest here).

In all of these considerations, one common theme is the problem of highways and traffic. Our local road network is among the worst in the county. Let me know if you have a spare £15,000,000 or so, which could fulfil my ambition for a relief road on the Plain.

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We often hear about community spirit and there are many who say that those days are gone never to return.

So what is 'Community Spirit'? There are many definitions but what they all have in common is that they talk about:

- Community, fellowship
- Shared by all or many
- Community of relations or feelings
- A body of fellows or fellow-townsmen
- Union of common ownership

In our parish we are fortunate because we have large numbers of individuals who share the same feelings of a common ownership of the responsibility simply to help others and to make our parish as good as it can be.

This 'Community Spirit', for that is what it is, takes many forms:

- Talking to someone so they feel less lonely.
- Helping to run one of the many local groups and activities
- Taking people to hospital, to doctors' appointments, or luncheon clubs etc.
- Local fundraising
- Fighting off the brambles when clearing footpaths
- Writing/distributing the News and Views parish magazine
- Cleaning outside of your own home
- Being a Parish Councillor
- Supporting a variety of religious activities

These are just a small selection of a vast amount of activity that takes place by largely unsung heroes across our parish throughout the year. We know many of these people but others stay in the background shunning publicity, content in the knowledge that they are doing their bit for this parish and the people who live in it.

The national campaign 'Clean for the Queen' which the parish supported on Saturday 5th March was not about cleaning our parish because we thought the Queen was coming, although that would be nice. What it was about was that thing called 'Community Spirit'; it was about fellowship and about ownership of the place where we live – our parish. Whilst the Queen would probably not be pleased that we found so much rubbish (it filled 47 litter bags), I am sure she would be delighted with our 'Community Spirit' because that is what 'Clean for the Queen' was really about.

Answering the call were individuals who cleaned various streets/locations before the day, and others who have committed themselves to ongoing cleaning projects. In addition we had 26 people turn out on a bitterly cold morning. A substantial clean took place of the playing field and play areas, the Village Hall car park, High Street, Church Street and several of the bus stops.

We still have further work to do and more volunteers will be needed in the future (possibly 21st May) but we have made an excellent start. Homeowners/landowners can assist greatly by cleaning weeds/leaves/overhanging vegetation from outside their property and the Parish Council is very happy to try and help anyone with particular cleaning issues.

I want to thank all those who turned out on the day, those who cleaned before the event and those who have promised ongoing efforts, those who helped to organise the day and Wiltshire Council for providing equipment and collecting the large pile of sacks of rubbish at the end.

A VERY BIG WELL DONE AND THANK YOU

The days of 'Community Spirit' are still here – they never left!

Sandra Gamble

Chair of West Lavington Parish Council



WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Post Office re-opens

Costcutters' shop-keeper, Siva Raguparan, re-commenced post office services at the shop at 12 noon on Thursday, March 24th. The parish has been without a post office since the death of Derek Hinton in 2007 and, with closures of post offices country-wide, the reinstatement of services was unexpected, but very welcome, news. By the time you are reading this, a formal opening of the service will have taken place at the shop on Tuesday, March 29th at 11.30 a.m. Councillor Richard Gamble, along with members of the Parish Council, which supported Mr Raguparan's application from the outset, were present. So too were customers, neighbours and friends. We very much hope that now it's back, you will support and use the new-style branch!

DAPS' Ofsted Report

The Parish Council extends its congratulations to Dauntsey Academy Primary School and its new Head Teacher! Following an inspector's visit on 3rd February, the school continues its Ofsted rating of Good. The inspector remarked that the leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the previous inspection, providing strong and determined leadership and displaying a clear vision with high ambitions for the pupils, staff and parents of the school.

Resilience

Wiltshire Council is fully committed to responding to and supporting their communities at times of emergency and crisis. However, to minimise the impact of such situations, the most powerful response is for communities to organise themselves beforehand to produce their own Community Emergency Plan. Local people know their neighbourhoods better than anyone and prior planning can make sure that the local response is as effective as possible and that our community can recover speedily from an emergency.

Emergency episodes are not unknown in the parish. Many will remember the dam burst alert over a decade ago when, at dead of night, Dauntsey House residents had to be evacuated to Devizes Hospital and other residents moved to the Village Hall. More recently, high water levels in Sunnyside as a result of run off from Dauntsey's School playing fields following heavy rains gave rise to another occasion of serious concern and sandbags were deployed. Folklore, all within living memory, also recalls a very heavy snowfall that incapacitated the parish for several days and power cuts.

Your Parish Council has decided to take advantage of the new Devizes Area Emergency Planning initiative. Following a recent Wiltshire Council workshop, we have provided contact details of Parish Risk Committee members to the Council and will be seeking community participation as we draw up our own emergency plan. It will take time to complete but our aim, like that of the boy scouts, is to be prepared!

Clean-up and replanting

Elsewhere in this edition of News & Views, you will see reference to Clean for the Queen, a community project which resulted, on the day and subsequently, in

- 47 bags of litter and other detritus collected from along the A360 and village grounds
- the Lavington Lane bus shelter repainted and others washed
- street signs washed.
- the telephone box at The Gun cleaned from top to bottom, and
- residents out clearing weeds and debris from pavements and curbs in front of their homes.

Streetscene too is ready to go again. Have you viewed the splendid new display of daffodils around the Robber's Stone?

The Council thanks everyone who has participated.

Sandra Gamble, Chairman

If you have ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kaye Elston (07782 251464) clerk@westlavington.org.uk. Parish Council www.westlavington.org.uk.

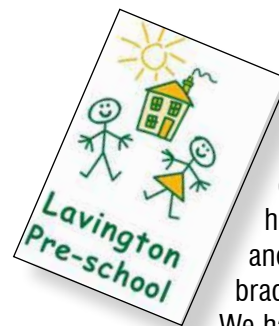


DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE! - 6th May

The next POD event on behalf of Dauntsey Academy Primary School is a CURRY & QUIZ night at the school on Friday 6th May starting at 7.30! Further details will follow in the May edition of N&V - but why not get a team of four together and come and have a great time?

To book a table for your team call - 01380 813373 or e mail welovehilly@gmail.com
Hilary Stone - POD chair, DAPS



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We have had an action packed term at Lavington Pre-school; it has been a short term but we have been busy making Mother's Day bracelets, Mother's Day cards, Easter Nests and cards. and enjoying the Spring sunshine in the garden. We hope all the Mothers everywhere had a wonderful Mother's Day and those of you who were lucky enough to get a homemade bracelet from pre-school, we hope you liked them.

We have ended the term with lots of Easter activities and our annual sponsored trike ride. Thank you to everyone who came to support this event, we were so lucky with the weather and the children had a lovely time in the sunshine! All the pre-school children who took part in the event were given a certificate and an Easter Egg. Now the children will be busy collecting their sponsorship money, we are fundraising towards creating a sheltered outdoor area so that the children can have access to outdoor play whatever the weather. So please give generously if you can. Next term our investigations will be centred on 'outer space'; we will be talking about the planets, solar system and Tim Peak, a very real spaceman! As always, 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 Expressive arts and design, being imaginative 40-60 months "Help children to communicate through their bodies by encouraging expressive movement linked to their imaginative ideas."

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

Visit from Claire Perry

We enjoyed finding out more about democracy in our country through a workshop with Claire Perry in March – she held a mini-parliament session in our school hall, and we were very proud of how our children spoke up, confidently and respectfully presenting their views for and against the motion.

After that, Claire and Councillor Richard Gamble joined us in our Clean for the Queen campaign and we collected litter in our local area. It was very good to see that there was not much to collect! Our children understand the need to be stewards of our beautiful world and litter is one of the few things they can deal with proactively – so many other complex matters such as climate change, habitat destruction and soil erosion are difficult for them to challenge at their age.

We were delighted when Claire Perry was quoted in the local paper as saying that our children are “Impeccably behaved” – and indeed they always are.

Bluebell Wood

Spring is sparkling into our little onsite woodland area which the children call Bluebell Wood. Lots of lovely spring flowers are out now and the birds and squirrels give the children much joy. The children know that they must treat Bluebell Wood with respect as it is a little habitat for the wild things that live there. Part of our purpose of the outdoor classroom is to enable children to observe the woodland through the seasons and to learn more about the English countryside. Our beautiful grounds give the children the chance to appreciate how wonderful the world is.

Space Seeds

We have been chosen to take part in a very exciting scientific experiment with the RHS and some space scientists. They will send us two batches of seeds, one batch of which will have been up in space with Tim Peake, and the other lot will have remained earthbound. Our children will set up the experiment and will measure the seedlings as they grow to see whether there is a difference in those that have been in space and those that have not.

If you wish to find out more about our school, you will find lots of photos and other items on our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk or you can phone us on 01380 813 796.



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Gardening Tip

How to put even the hungriest Squirrel off its dinner

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th April
Subject: Importance of Foliage
Guest Speaker: Allan Eason
Monthly Competition: Vase
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At our meeting on 14th March our Branch Leader, Janet Hodges, informed us that 180 plants had been distributed around the Benefice for Mothering Sunday.

Our theme for the afternoon was Lenten Thoughts. Rev. John Cowburn led us in a very thought-provoking meditation on 1 Peter 5, verses 5-10 and the need to have humility in our lives. He reminded us of the opposite effect of pride which not only damages the lives of individuals but also nations, when leaders such as Hitler have held power. There will be a Festival Service on Saturday, 16th April at 10.30 (for 11.00 a.m.), in Salisbury Cathedral when our new Diocesan President, Rosie Stiven, will be commissioned. There will be a farewell presentation to our outgoing President, Ann Howard. Bishop Nicholas will preach at the service.

Our next local meeting is a lunch for our members on Monday, 11th April at 1 p.m. at West Lavington Vicarage. Rev John and Ann Cowburn are very kindly providing this farewell lunch for us as they will be leaving the area in the near future to enjoy a well-earned retirement. We have been so grateful to them for their hospitality in hosting our meetings over the past few years and we will all really miss them.

Val Noviss



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The next event open to non-members is April Fools Night on, yes you guessed it, 1st April at WL village hall at 7.30 p.m. A light ploughman's type supper will be served. Entrance will be £5 and there will be the usual bar and raffle. To get your name on the list please email Michael Page on michaelpage007@btinternet.com or phone 818510.

In May we have an Italian evening, again in WL Village hall on May 7th. This is open to non-members and is £12.50 each to include four courses (starter, main, cheese and desert) plus an aperitivo. Please call me on 818510 if you would like to go on the list.

The next visit of our friends from St Pierre d'Autils is on the weekend of June 17th to 20th. We now have the list of visitors and have arranged their hosts.

Membership of West Lavington Twinning Association is open to residents of West Lavington and nearby villages. To join just email 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.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



All you need in order to be successful at growing vegetables is deep enough soil, good light levels, available water and feed. This goes for growing in containers, window boxes, raised beds or directly in the garden. At our March meeting, Chris Bird, Lecturer in Horticulture at Sparsholt College

, delivered a fact filled talk about growing vegetables. There was plenty of audience participation.

Sparsholt, as well as being an agricultural college is also the home of the BBC Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time potting shed and garden. As such the College could claim to have a finger on the pulse of the British gardener. Chris certainly seemed to be up to date on developments such as new alternatives to peat, new varieties of vegetables bred to prevent early bolting and other problems, and new propagation trays developed to ensure straight untangled roots on the seedlings. He also scattered plenty of topical tips throughout his talk. For instance, he encouraged us to read the plant by dates on seed packets, and pointed out that at the end of a season suppliers are keen to clear rack space, and so there will be plenty of bargains with enough life to be used for next season's sowing. He advised feeding crops little and often to avoid getting sudden soft growth and thus attracting aphids. He said that the sow dates given on seeds had to encompass a wide geographical spread, and to determine when the soil was warm enough in your garden the appearance of worm casts on the surface was a good indicator. Covering crops with enviromesh, which keeps out pests such as white fly but allows water to penetrate, is a good alternative to spraying with pesticide.

There was a useful discussion about what crops to grow. Apparently there has been a decrease in the demand for brassicas and an increase in squashes. The main thing is to grow what you like to eat. And if you want more variety and have limited space then share your wish list with your neighbours and plan who will grow what and share the produce. And if you do not have a vegetable plot there are many vegetables and herbs that will look good among the flowers in the border. Growing cut and come again salad bowl mixtures of lettuce in a window box near your kitchen is a cheap way to ensure you have a regular supply of fresh salad leaves.

Chris also pointed out that gardening is a multi generational activity. If you grow something that your children or grandchildren like to eat you will soon capture their interest. You can also introduce them to new vegetables. They will learn where food comes from and about seasons.

Our April meeting will be about growing fruit in your garden. In his talk Find room for Fruit Mike Burgess will be encouraging us to make space in our gardens for fruit growing and will be giving us tips about fruit growing on a small scale. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start, on Tuesday 12 April. New members are always welcome. There will be a charge of £2 at the door for non members.

The Cheverells Garden Club will be holding a plant sale on Saturday 7 May in Great Cheverell Village Hall. There will more details on local notice boards nearer the time.



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 'The Badgers'

Advanced date for your diaries: Annual Presentation event on May 21st at Lavington Community Centre....details will follow to all parents nearer the event, and the invitation is also open to new members interested in joining for next season at all levels of the Club.

The U13's continued there fine form since January. After beating leaders Bradford Town, the previous home game they won a very physical encounter with second placed Frome Town 6-1. Goals from Jacob Duckett, Joe Davis, Luke Wilcox and Sammie Jones (3) moved them to second place in the table, 5 points behind leaders Bradford.

Under 15's have managed to play a couple of games since last report including a derby win over Devizes Town.

No International tour being planned this year as in the past, but we are in the early stages of planning for an U16 team and post exams tour for next season.

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Bonnie Matters - Organiser

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Now, we all know that worrying doesn't change anything. It simply saps our energy and robs us of sleep, so we're less well equipped to face life's challenges. What to do, then? The Bible has a lot to say about dealing with worry. Jesus urged his followers not to worry about the passing things of this world, but to trust in God to provide for them. Believers know that God has a purpose for their lives and that he is able to bring good out of the most difficult situations, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

Prayer is a great antidote to worry. God is bigger than our biggest concern, so those who believe can commit it all to him, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7).

I can't promise you a trouble free life. Following Jesus doesn't insulate his people from suffering. But the believer knows that if God so loved the world that he sent his Son to save us, then whatever happens, he will never let us down. We needn't worry about that.

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