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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
7th February 1st before Lent	9.30 am Half Hour Service, Breakfast from 9.00 am, St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Parish Communion (BCP) St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell Preacher – Alan Jeans				
10th February Ash Wednesday	12 noon Ash Wednesday Communion St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				
14th February Lent 1	11.00 am United Service Old School, ML	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour with breakfast from 9.30 am	11.00 am United Service, Old School, ML	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
21st February Lent 2	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour Service, Breakfast from 9.00 am	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
28th February Lent 3	9.30 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion (O1T)	9.30 am Half Hour Service Breakfast from 9.00 am	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
6th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Half Hour Service, Breakfast from 9.00 am St Mary's Market Lavington 10.30 am Worship Together Mothering Sunday Service, 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.

VILLAGE CARE
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Dear Friends,

St. Valentine, Third Century Roman saint associated since the Middle Ages with a tradition of courtly love, makes his appearance to enliven the otherwise gloomy month of February.

A group of Liverpoolians once suggested that 'all you need is love'. Many people's experience would suggest that there is a bit more required to establishing worthwhile and lasting relationships.

Helen Rowland, an American journalist writing in the early Twentieth Century, had a rather different suggestion: *'to be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little; to be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and try not to understand her at all'*.

Rather than focusing merely on human love, Christian Valentine poems seek to honour the love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ. This one, also from the States, was written by Joanna Fuchs:

God's Valentine gift of love to us
 Was not a bunch of flowers;
 It wasn't candy, or a book
 To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
 So he could freely give
 His sacrificial love for us,
 So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
 Instruction, good and true - -
 To love our friends and enemies
 And love our Saviour, too.

So as we give our Valentines
 Let's thank our Lord and King;
 The reason we have love to give
 Is that he gave everything.

James Campbell

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From the Rectory

All Saints Flower Festival Weekeend

Fri 8th, Sat 9th, Sun 10th July

All Saints Church is holding a Flower Festival this Summer and would like as many village organisations as possible to participate. If you are interested and wish to know more, we are having an Open Meeting at All Saints Church on

Sunday 28th February at 11 am

Join us for coffee and to hear our plans and ideas.

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Sunday 21st February Market Lavington Church
Sunday 28th February Easterton Church

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Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)
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CAROL SINGING IN WEST LAVINGTON

Over two evenings in December we raised £350 for the Radio Therapy Unit at Great Western Hospital. Many thanks to those who sang and those who contributed. Special thanks go to our hosts: The Bridge Inn, The Haven, Dauntsey House and Jeannie and Terry O'Flynn.

GIVING BLOOD

Friday 19th February 2016

The first session for 2016 will be on the date given above.

All sessions take place in the Community Hall, Market Lavington, and sessions run from 1.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m., and 4.45 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Support is always very good from our villages and allows the Team to rely on a good turnout and plenty of much needed blood to be collected.

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IN MEMORY OF HENRIETTA GOGGS

As some of you know I lost my mother to cancer in May 2015. For the final six weeks she moved from Salisbury District Hospital to a hospice near Bradford on Avon. Dorothy House did an amazing job giving her real quality of life. The level of care was incredible and they even let us take her favourite horse into her room to cheer her up. It would have been so easy for them to say "no". The Cancer Ward in the NHS hospital was bright, busy and noisy and at times quite depressing. The contrast when she moved to Dorothy House was total; an impressive facility with the most amazing staff. Their attitude was completely positive and that was infectious, even in a hospice. However, that costs £9,000 per day to run and they depend largely on fundraising. That is why I'm going to kayak from Devizes to Westminster over the Easter weekend (that's 125 miles in around 24 hours non-stop) and why I am asking you to sponsor me. I'm paddling with Jon Searle in a two man kayak, with James GH supporting on land. My very patient wife Charlie will also be supporting me in the months leading up to the event! Please go to this link to sponsor me.

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Average Temperature for 2015	10.5C (50.9 F)
Average Temperature over 38 years	10.47C (50.8 F)
Total Rainfall for 2015	781.7mm (30.7 ins)
Average Rainfall over 38 years	916.7mm (36.09 ins)
Driest Month (April)	17 mm (0.66 ins)
Wettest Month (August)	108 mm (4.25 ins)
Wettest Day (July 24th)	29 mm (1.14 in)
Lowest Overnight Temperature (January 23rd)	-4.9 C (23.18 F)
Highest Daytime Temperature (July 1st)	32.8 C (91.04 F)
Lowest Daytime Max. Temperature (Feb 2nd)	3.6 C (38.48 F)
Highest Wind Speed (January 15th)	38 mph South Westerly
Lowest Barometric Pressure (January 30th)	975 mbs

To summarize – 2015 was quite a contrast to many previous years in many respects. Temperatures down somewhat due to the fact we had a long cold spring followed by a fairly cool summer.

December this year was warmer than November but of course it's possible that winter is yet to come.

No extremes in temperature either maximums or minimums apart from one fairly warm day in July.

Minimum temperatures were not exceptionally low as can be seen above.

The only measurable snow fall was 1cm (0.39ins) on 3rd February with a few sleet showers at other times.

It is interesting to note that there were 26 "rain days" in November and a further 26 in December but fortunately totals were not excessive, unlike unfortunate residents further north.

Rainfall over all was considerably down on previous years which may come as a surprise.

**Enjoy the weather of 2016 !
Michael Peet**

Editorial thanks to Michael for his unerring contributions to the New Year weather report.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The singing group on the cover represents just one part of the Christmas Market held before Christmas in West Lavington, referred to below. Some of those singing carols here are members of staff, though pupils from the school have also recently been involved in wider choral events.

The Christmas Market itself was an enormous success, prompting one member of the village to write to us – "Apart from the fête, which is something completely different, this was the best village event in the 20 years we have lived here. It wasn't something for children and parents; it was for the whole community."

Jim Hodges

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The weather was kind to us for our inaugural DAPS Christmas Market! We had cakes and puddings, bratwurst, gluvein and a chocolate fountain! There were visiting traders, tombolas, crafts and the infamous Year 6 Games room! We had visits from Princess Elsa, Darth Vader and even Father Christmas himself!

People of DAPS would like to say a massive "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported our Christmas event at the school. It was lovely to get such positive feedback from parents, carers and villagers and the School Council have asked that the funds raised are spent on buying tablets for guided reading sessions in class.



'The Ladies Room' at West Lavington Village Hall Friday 4th March 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Our next event is an opportunity for a fun-filled and relaxing evening out for ladies at 'THE LADIES ROOM'. Just prior to Mothers' Day. This is a great opportunity for mums, daughters, grannies and friends to browse a range of boutique and bijoux stalls selling treats such as soaps, scarves, jewellery, pottery, Neal's Yard products, aloe products, cakes and chutneys. There will be make-up advice and makeovers, and local therapists will be on hand to offer 'taster sessions' including reiki, Indian head massage, Bowen technique, mini manicures, massage and brow shaping. All therapy sessions need to be pre-booked as numbers are limited. To book a session or for more information call Gaile on 01249 816665.

The evening starts at 7 p.m. and will welcome ladies aged 14 and over. Tickets cost £7.50 which includes a first drink of bubbly (or juice) and a chocolate treat- for a ticket call Gaile or just turn up on the night! We very much look forward to seeing you there!

Hilary Stone - Chair POD (Parents of DAPS)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Not all the deaths recorded of serving men were the results of enemy action. Indeed the two deaths in January 1916 were from illness – Walter Stephen Chapman, a market gardener of West Lavington from diphtheria, and Joseph Henry Bolter of Little Cheverell from typhoid. There are no records of casualties in February 1916

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943

MORE LOCAL BOOKS BY LYN DYSON

To start the new year, there are two new local history books now available with all profits going to the youth club.

The Lavington Bigamist

This short book is about a WW1 soldier who committed an act of bigamy in Market Lavington, and as well as serving a six month term in Shepton Mallet gaol, he also had to forfeit his WW1 medals, in spite of exemplary military service throughout the war. It seems totally unjust that instead of being applauded by a grateful nation, his service to his country is unrecognised. I am trying to get his medals restored and have written to Claire Perry to see if she can help. The book is priced at £5.99 and is available from me, or Devizes Books, or Amazon.co.uk.

School Days Remembered in West Lavington

This book contains school photographs from the late 19th century to the middle of the 20th century, and started off as a tribute to Miss Ross. It also includes a tribute to Mr Challinor. Most of the photographs come from Ben Hartley, with a few additions from the Ros Hooper collection. I should like to thank those of you who contributed memories to the book. It is priced at £8.50 and is available from me, or Devizes Books, or Amazon.co.uk.

Thank you for your support for this project which is providing vital funds to keep the youth club running.

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 e-mail: lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The refurbished Village Hall celebrated its 50th Anniversary on 25th November in style with a Sixties and Seventies concert starring Pete Lamb and The Heartbeats, superbly organised by Eileen Hinton and the Friendship Group. Equipped with its new décor, heating and lighting complementing the existing stage, dance floor and kitchen facilities, West Lavington Village Hall is just the place for your events.

Please note in your diary that the 2016 Spring Fayre will take place on 16 April.

Thank you,
Steve Barr, Chairman (818782)

RUNNING WITH A PURPOSE

This morning I have just completed the furthest run I've ever done! I was dropped off at Derry Hill and had to run the 14 miles home! The weather was miserable but in my head I broke it down from village to village (Derry Hill - Sandy Lane - Rowde - Poulshot - Worton and home). I was so pleased with myself as I knew I had completed over half of a marathon- a bit of a psychological triumph!

Since Christmas week, I've been following the Runners World training plan of one long run a week, 4 short, and two rest days. In those 4 weeks I have covered around 110 miles!

A really big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to my Just Giving page. I am raising funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Society and my target is to raise £500 which, I know from personal experience, would make a real difference to those affected by this debilitating disease. If any one is kind enough to want to make a donation please drop one in at DAPS (where I work) or please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/HillyStone>.

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Many thanks, Hilary Stone

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Ashley is a consummate organist and great communicator – and also headed the successful fundraising Appeal for the Harrison and Harrison organ which was installed in the church in 2014.

Future events include “An Evening with Claire Jones” on May 14th; Claire is a former Royal Harpist, and will talk about her instrument and career as well as perform a variety of magical music.

Then on June 18th the great choral conductor Brian Kay will be leading a workshop on Lauridsen’s Lux Aeterna and Rutter’s Magnificat. Application forms are available now through the Edington Arts website.

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Guest Speaker: G Allway
Monthly Competition: Pot of marmalade

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During the coming year they will be taking part in a series of fun challenges, going on camp and taking part in a county fun day.

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

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

At this time of year, for many in the public sector, the mind is focussed on money. Wiltshire Council, for example, will decide in February what level of council tax to set for the coming financial year that runs from April 2016 to March 2017. Although the figures are not yet determined, we know that the grant from government will again fall by a significant amount. Just like you, local government must balance its expenditure against its income so all departments across the council are yet again considering where savings can be made.

The task of deciding where to spend money is often not a matter of free choice. Many of the tasks undertaken by local government are laid down by statute and are thus obligations that cannot be avoided.

For example, any child that lives more than 3 miles from its designated school (2 miles for the under-eights) is entitled to free transport to that school. In a rural county like Wiltshire, that involves moving many thousands of children many miles every school day. The total cost over the year runs into several million pounds. It is a cost that cannot be avoided, although you may agree that it is spent in a good cause.

The council also spends several million pounds on supporting rural bus services. In this case, however, there is no obligation to do so. One such subsidised service is Wilts and Dorset service 2 between Devizes and Salisbury. In contrast, the X72 to Devizes and Bath is commercial and operates without subsidy. Wiltshire Council is consulting on where savings can be made and, if you are a bus user, I urge you to take part. Details can be found here <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/bus-service-consultation>.

Wiltshire Council also spends money on traffic management. You would think that painting a yellow line to control parking or moving a speed limit sign to a better position would be cheap and simple tasks. Indeed, the cost of actually painting the line or moving the sign is negligible. But the bureaucratic procedure required to issue a Traffic Regulation Order costs several thousand pounds, so the council is generally very reluctant to undertake these otherwise simple tasks.

Such examples are not uncommon. Therefore, if local government is to find the money to support good causes like rural bus services, a reduction in the burden of unnecessary, bureaucratic regulations would be a great help.

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

Your New Councillor: At the end of 2015, councillors were delighted to welcome to the council Richard Scott as a new member. Richard was born in Devizes and spent his youth in Littleton Panell. He attended Dauntsey's School followed by study to become an architect. Much later, while employed at Lambeth Palace, his work culminated in a major role in organising the first opening of the Palace to the public as part of the celebrations for the Millennium. On retirement in 2011, Richard returned to live, and build his own house, in Littleton Panell. He says that most of his grounding skills were learnt with the benefit of a Wiltshire Council Education Grant and he considers that the opportunity to serve on the Council will enable him to repay some of that debt.

Precept: The parish council has set the precept for its part of the Council Tax for 2016/17. The new annual rate is £62.95 for a Band D house - an increase of £5.67 over the whole year or 47 pence per month. This is the first increase since 2013 and takes account a significant fall in the grant provided to parish councils by Wiltshire Council (down from £613 in 15/16 to £110 in 16/17). At the same time, Wiltshire Council is encouraging parish councils to take on a higher share of local services.

The parish council will continue support for community assets and facilities, which may include the Village Hall and Youth Club, the BMX track, rights of way and new projects while at the same time covering parish commitments such as salaries, insurance, and grass cutting. Continued improvement of our reserves at the insistence of our auditors has also been a consideration.

Fracking: Under the Petroleum Act 1998, licences have been offered to South Western Energy Limited to explore coal bed methane extraction at certain sites in Wiltshire including block ST95 – Erlestoke which takes in Littleton Panell.

The award of a licence does not automatically give permission for operations to begin. The operator is required to engage in pre-application discussion with Wiltshire Country Council, statutory consultees and local communities. Necessary planning and regulatory consents are also required. We will keep you informed should any planning applications be received for this parish under the newly granted licences.

Clean and Party for the Queen:

Clean for The Queen is a national campaign being launched in time for the Queen's 90th birthday. It is looking to rally an army of volunteers across the country to clean up litter in their local areas. A national clean-up is scheduled for March. Nationally street parties are also planned for the Queen's official birthday in June. The Parish Council has indicated its desire to support the clean-up campaign at some time in the coming weeks/months. Further details will be circulated in due course and I would invite anyone interested in helping to contact the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Parish Council thanks all who participated in the consultation. The results when collated will then be analysed. They will be published as soon as possible. We are very pleased with the number of households and other stakeholders who took the trouble to reply to this important issue for our parish.

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.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Don't forget; a full set of minutes of the last year's Parish Council meetings are available on the village website or the most recent signed minutes are always on the two village noticeboards.

Parish Council contact details, Mrs Anita Whittle, Clerk to Cheverell Magna Council, 18 Southay, Bratton, Westbury, BA13 4RT. Tel 01380 830765 or email parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

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

Cheverell Magna Parish Council

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DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope everyone had a peaceful Christmas and enjoyed the New Year celebrations. It was lovely to see the children return to school energised and full of excitement with great memories of their holiday.

The teachers have been busy over the break planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for the forthcoming term.

Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena in London

On Tuesday 26th January 26 members of our school choir travelled up to London with children from Urchfont Primary School to take part in Young Voices. With over seven thousand children taking part on this day alone, this is just one part of the largest children's choirs in the world. We were overwhelmingly proud of our choir, all of whom danced and sang their way through three hours of rehearsal then a two and a half hour concert for parents and friends. Well done DAPS choir!

Grandparents Tea

On Friday 22nd January we invited Grandparents into school for the afternoon. Grandparents enjoyed an art session with their grandchildren followed by tea and cake listening to our choir perform. A lovely afternoon was had by all.

@Bristol Trip

On Friday 29th January our top two classes, Oak and Rowan, enjoyed a trip to @Bristol Science Centre. To complement their learning this term the children got to take part in a special 'Forces' workshop as well as exploring everything else that the Centre has to offer.

Textile Recycling

We have organised a Textile Recycling Collection on Tuesday 2th February to raise funds for our school. If you would like to donate any clothing, shoes, bed linen or towels these can be left at school on Monday 1st February or alternatively call the school office on 01380 813373 to arrange a convenient drop off time.

Mrs Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.

WANTED - NEW GOVERNORS!

DAPS have vacancies on our Governing Board.

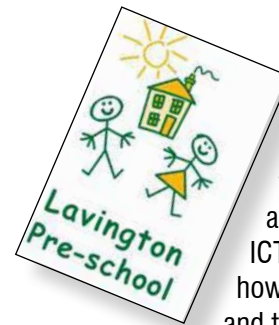
There are no specific life skills or qualifications required for this voluntary role in the community. However, a background in either IT, HR or Education would be advantageous but not essential.

Enthusiasm, commitment and time to attend meetings are essential. Meetings are usually held in the early evening. However, an ability to visit the school during the working day would be helpful.

Training courses to enhance your skills are available if required.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact:

John Ford, Chair of Governors on 01380 812365



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term at Lavington Pre-school, the children's investigations have been centred on "things from the past".

As part of this we have been looking at old things such as fossils and old photos to give the children a sense of their history and the history of our surrounding area. We have looked at old ICT equipment such as televisions and telephones and talked about how they have changed; we have made clocks and pocket watches and talked about how the past is time gone by. Some of the children

brought in fossils and we talked about the difference between a long time ago and a short time ago. We have tried to make some of our artwork look old and we have talked about what old things look like. It has been a really fun topic which has really got us all thinking. 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!

All our new starters this term have settled in tremendously well and we are all looking forward to next term when we will be getting ready for our annual sponsored trike ride.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Understanding the world in the EYFS, 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

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Creative Curriculum

Our children love to learn through exciting topics and engaging themes. Field trips really bring the curriculum to life and we take our children off site as often as possible. Recently, the children in Year 5/Year 6 had a trip to Southampton as part of their Titanic/Arctic topic. As well as

the tour of the museum and the city, they also had a boat ride around the harbour, and came back with such a lot to write about and use in their learning in many areas.

The children in Year3/Year4 had a trip to @Bristol recently to enrich their learning on their topic of "Robots" – again, a hugely successful learning opportunity. Every class has some field trips planned or completed, and we also welcome parents into school at the end of some of the topics to share the final outcomes – perhaps a museum set up by the children, or a restaurant run by the children or an art gallery. These events give learning a purpose for the children and allow parents the chance to enjoy their children's learning.

We also enjoy having parents come into our Sharing Assembly every Friday, where a few children from each class will share some of the work that was done in the class during that week. It is fun to see the topics unfold and to see progression through the school.

Outdoor Classroom

Our children have asked for an outdoor classroom/play house/bird hide and our wonderful PFA (Parents and Friends Association) has taken on the challenge of raising funds and managing this project. A superb design, built from beautiful hardwood, will give our children the multipurpose and beautiful structure that they have asked for. If you would like to help us with fundraising for this project, or would like to contribute anything to help us make the target, please do get in touch. We hope to have the structure completed before the end of the summer term!

New Parents

Parents who have put in applications for their children to start in our school in September should hear around the middle of April whether they have been successful. We will invite these new families to a welcome meeting in May for the parents, and then some induction afternoons in June for their children. This is an exciting time for the school as well as these families – we shall walk their journey with them for seven years and it is lovely to meet them for the first time.

If you would like to find out more about our school, or to come and see the school, please contact us on 01380 813796, or visit our webpage at www.holy-trinity.co.uk

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Thanks to the very generous and graceful hosting of Jeannie O'Flynn, the lunch we gave for friends in January was a great success. The cooks were excellent as well!

Our next meeting on February 8th, will be at the home of Ann Janes, at 2.15 p.m., when The Rev Renée Coulson will be speaking about her experience in the Sudan. As it is marriage week we will be remembering couples planning to get married, and those who are having a difficult patch in their marriage, and for all married people. We shall also be welcoming Wendy Brewer, as a new member.

Janet Hodges

BOOKMARK

Our first meeting in 2016 started with a recall of our Christmas meeting which had been most enjoyable, with readings from childhood favourites. This time we discussed *Curtain Call* by Anthony Quinn and *Still life With Breadcrumbs* by Anne Quindlen. Anthony Quinn is another author we were familiar with and had enjoyed his previous books. *Curtain Call* is set in London in 1936 when a young woman is witness to an attempted murder in a London hotel. Nina is an actress who should not have been in the hotel, not with a married man. The story revolves around a serial killer, the theatreland and a gay community. It was agreed that this was a compelling read, to be highly recommended and we voted it 9/10.

Still Life with Breadcrumbs by an American author is a story of a woman photographer who had been famous, but, at 60 years of age, her career has faded and her bank account is so shaky that she flees to the Country to a ramshackle cabin. Here she becomes involved with various people, including a roofer called Bates. This book, so different from the previous novel, was agreed to be equally absorbing, with the story of a woman rediscovering herself and finding that there is more to enjoy both in her career and in new relationships. We voted this 8/10.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is on February 17th.

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There was a good turnout for our first talk of 2016. We started the meeting with a brief and interesting summary of our recent weather and a comparison to records kept for this area over the past 10 years. The information was compiled by Peter Fanshawe, a member of our club who

has years been recording rainfall, temperature and sunshine hours in Great Cheverell for many.

Our main speaker for the evening was Ruth Gaddum, a garden designer. Formerly a microbiologist, she retrained as a garden designer to give herself the flexibility necessary to bring up a young family. In her talk A pot full of garden design, Ruth outlined for us the main principles of garden design and the processes you would need to go through to decide on the best plan for your own garden. She used photographs of 'before' and 'after' in some of her projects, and also some of famous gardens, to illustrate the talk.

Whenever a garden designer is called in to a client the first job is to establish what the client needs from their garden. Some need an oasis of tranquility, others an entertainment space, or space for children to play, and more often than not people have a combination of requirements. Next they will undertake a site survey measuring the area, plotting existing boundaries, noting things that the client wants or needs to keep, and also noting things outside the area that the client might like to use as a focal point, such as a beautiful view or a nice building. There may also be things that the client would like to screen, such as a noisy road or an ugly building. A soil survey is usually done so that the right plants can be chosen for that soil type. Also on the scale diagram will be compass points so that sunny aspects and shade areas can be identified and used to best advantage.

Ruth explained how we could go through the same processes with our own gardens. She described how to make a scale diagram and how to measure up, triangulating from a fixed point. She also advised taking photos of the garden explaining that viewing a photo took a lot of the emotion out of your impression of how your garden looked. And when you came to decide on the design she said there were six main principles to follow. Firstly you should keep it simple. Secondly there should be a unity of design that joined things together in both the hard landscaping and the planting. There should also be balance. Proportion and scale should not be overlooked and you should remember that garden space is 3D. As well as function the garden should provide interest.

Ruth's talk was inspiring and informative. By the end of the evening she had the audience identifying good and bad design in some photographs that she had provided. We will all be viewing our gardens with a more critical eye and some of us will be emboldened to make some design changes.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 9th February. Liz Read, who runs a garden club in a local school, will discuss school gardening across the world in a talk entitled School Gardening- Why, How and Who. Meet at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at Great Cheverell Village Hall. New members are always welcome. For non-members there will be a charge of £2 for the meeting.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Unseasonable December and part-January weather, together with the Christmas break, meant that there were not many matches played recently.

The Under 9s re-start the season from 16th January, and training continues every Friday at 6 p.m. at Northbrook pitch in Market Lavington.

We have a new coach (temp) for the Under 7s, with training taking place at Lavington School indoor sports hall every Friday at 5.30 p.m. - please contact Mark Goddard for details. In addition we welcome Andy Duckett as new temp coach for the Under 10s who train on Fridays with the Under 9s at Northbrook at 6 p.m., again contact details are below. Many thanks to Jason for all his help and commitment in running both teams over the last few years, and encouraging the development of the children from an early age.

For both teams and other age groups in the Club new members are welcome to come along and join in.

The Under 15s had an entertaining but very muddy away draw 4-4 against Bath City. The team will shortly be taking place in the Quarter Finals of the County Cup at home to Chippenham, and the following week they will also play in the 2nd round of the League Cup against Warminster.

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FUNERALS

Julia Anne WELFORD of Great Cheverell died on 13th October 2015 aged 87 years. Her funeral at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell following cremation was on 17th November 2015.

Stanley DAWSON of Little Cheverell died on 1st December 2015, aged 86 years. A service was held at West Wiltshire Crematorium on 14th December 2015.

Joyce Hilda "Chris" PEARS of West Lavington died aged 95 years on 4th December 2015. Her funeral at the crematorium was held on 22nd December 2015.

Sidney Reginald HISCOCK of Market Lavington died aged 84 years, on 6th December 2015. A service at St Mary's Church Market Lavington on 21st December was followed by burial in St Mary's Churchyard.

Diana Lois Maisie STEVENS of Market Lavington, died on 4th December 2015, aged 82 years. Her funeral at St Mary's Church on 21st December was followed by burial at Drove Lane Cemetery.

Thelma Elizabeth McCABE of West Lavington died aged 89 years on 5th December 2015. Funeral Service and Burial took place at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 21st December 2015.

Beatrice Elizabeth MARTIN formerly of Easterton, died on 22nd December, aged 94 years. Her body was buried at Drove Lane Cemetery on 13th January 2016.

Edith Rose CHALLINOR of West Lavington died on 24th December 2015, aged 95 years. Her funeral at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was followed by cremation on 8th January 2016.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

December 2015: The winner of the first prize of £40 was Pat Strowger of West Lavington and the winner of the second prize of £20 was Sue Allen of Easterton.

The draw was done by Simon Vowles of West Lavington.

This was the last draw for which Quentin Goggs was responsible. It began in the autumn of 2005. On his tenth anniversary - 120 draws in all - he passes it on to Bonnie Matters with his good wishes.

January 2015: Quentin Goggs drew the first two prize winning numbers of 2016 which was most fitting after 10 years of running the draw.

First prize of £40 goes to Rona Bushall of Urchfont, and the second prize of £20 goes to Les Charlton of Easterton.

A huge thank you to Hazel, Dianne, Brenda, Sue and Marlis for their hard work selling tickets for this year's draws.

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

What's the Christian faith ever done for us?

There have been a number of gloomy articles of late (gloomy for me, at least) on the apparent decline on Christianity in our country. Church attendance is plummeting and when the church hits the news it is often for the wrong reasons. The Christian faith no longer shapes our culture and moral outlook as it once did in this country. Yet, Richard Dawkins of all people recently commented, 'I have mixed feelings about the decline of Christianity, in so far as Christianity might be a bulwark against something worse.' In other words the arch-atheist has to admit that Christianity is of at least some benefit to society. That is indeed the case. The Christian faith asserts the unique value and dignity of each and every human being and insists that all human beings should be loved and cared for from womb to tomb. The belief that all human beings are made in the image of God has spurned a host of causes that have led to the abolition of slavery, improved working conditions, universal education and so on. Not to mention the impact of the Bible on literature and the arts.

But all these things are by-products of the Christian faith. The big thing is that God loves human beings and that he sent his Son into the world as one of us that we may be forgiven and have hope in the face of death. That's why Jesus came, died on the cross and rose again from the dead. Those who believe in him are called to follow him and put his teaching into practice. As they do that at home, in the workplace, in the community, in our nation and on the world's stage believers try and make a difference, however small that may be. While it seems to be the case that many half-hearted churchgoers have given up on things here in the UK, there are still millions of people at home and abroad whose lives have been transformed by knowing Jesus and devoting their lives to serving him by helping others.

To return to my question, 'What's the Christian faith ever done for us?' Quite a bit, actually. But the key factor is not that Christianity may act as bulwark against negative elements in our society, but that it points us to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life.

Events

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