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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st May Easter 6 (Rogation)	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together, St Barnabas Church Easterton ★				
8th May Easter 7	11.00 am United Service Rogation starting at St Mary's	9.00 for 9.30 am ★ Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service Rogation starting at St Mary's	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	
15th May Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 for ★ 9.30 am Breakfast Church with Baptism	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Rogation Service	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd May Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Join with Ebenezer Baptist Chapel	9.00 for ★ 9.30 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
29th May 1st after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 for ★ 9.30 am Breakfast Church PET SERVICE	9.30 am Matins (BCP)		6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	
5th June 2nd after Trinity	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Mary's Church 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.

Dear Friends,

When someone leaves an organisation and they are not replaced immediately, it usually means more work for some of those who are left. In the Church of England, the appointment for a new vicar/rector is a fairly tortuous process. And so as Mary and I prepare to head to East Sussex, some in these five parishes will be preparing to carry extra burdens. Given that no one is getting any younger, that is not a prospect that fills everyone with relish.

There is that saying, that you are as old as you feel. General Douglas MacArthur wrote on these lines:

'Youth is not a period of time. It is a state of mind, a result of the will, a quality of the imagination, a victory of courage over timidity, of the taste of adventure over the love of comfort. A man doesn't grow old because he has lived a certain number of years. A man grows old when he deserts his ideal. The years may wrinkle his skin, but deserting his ideal wrinkles his soul. Preoccupations, fears, doubts and despair are the enemies which slowly bow us towards the earth and turn us into dust before our death.'

One of the features of our times is that many of us are living longer than previous generations and are doing what our forebears did when they were ten years younger. Whilst 'age is a state of mind' has some truth, there are days when we might wish that the medical profession did a line in reconditioned bodies.

In the Eighth Century BC, the prophet Isaiah had these words of encouragement, *'Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'* (Isaiah 40:30-31).

James Campbell

Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell

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From the Rectory

FAREWELL PARTY for The Reverend JAMES CAMPBELL

You will be sad to hear that James and Mary Campbell are leaving the Benefice. James' last service, when we will be joined by Trinity, will be at St Mary's, Market Lavington, on Sunday 5th June at 11.00. It will be followed at about 12.30 by a Farewell Lunch in the Community Hall. The meal will be free, food and drink having been kindly made and donated by the parishioners of Market Lavington, West Lavington, Easterton, & Great Cheverell and Trinity.

Little Cheverell are arranging their own function.

The Hall limits attendance to 120 and a heavy demand is expected. Admission to the meal will be by free ticket from your Churchwarden*or, for Trinity, from St -ticket holders who wish to say goodbye to James and Mary will be welcome to Arbucks and from the Post Office.

Non -ticket holders who wish to say goodbye to James and Mary will be welcome to call in for a drink before the meal. Though it is not critical it would be helpful if droppers-in could contact me before with their intentions. Having said that the tickets are free, any donation towards the cost of the event or towards the Campbell's leaving present would be most welcome on the day.

Pat Stacpoole. 01380 812380 patstac@btinternet.com

* Although George Delmar has taken over from me as Churchwarden, he is still working, so please communicate with me.

THE DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER CANOE RACE

I would like to thank all those who sponsored my son Dominic who took part in this year's race for Dorothy House. He completed the course at mid-day on Easter Day, coming 75th overall after paddling for 27 hours. In the last half hour from Chelsea Bridge onwards there was a brief but severe hail storm which made it uncomfortable, even for the spectators! He raised approximately £5,500, with some money still to come. Very many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Quentin Goggs

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS Great Cheverell

On Saturday 21st May, Friends and Neighbours are hosting a Cheese and Wine Party at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall in Great Cheverell.

Tickets cost £5.00 and can be obtained from Michael James or Wendy Wilshin. The money raised goes towards any outings or meals that are arranged for club members.

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EVERYBODY WELCOME

"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.

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Edington arts

On Saturday 14th May at 7.30 p.m., the former Royal Harpist Claire Jones will be coming to perform at Edington Priory Church. In an evening of music and conversation, this is a rare opportunity not only to hear a classical harp played by a supremely talented international player, but also to get to know her story, and that of her time as Royal Harpist to HRH Prince Charles, including playing at the Royal wedding. Claire will also be bringing a small Celtic harp with her, to demonstrate the variety and heritage of harp music. It will be a magical and interesting evening, one not to be missed.

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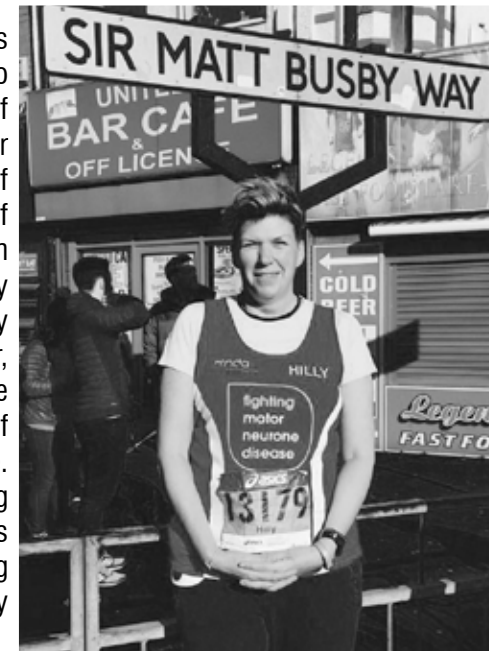
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RUNNING WITH A PURPOSE

It was SO exciting. It was just before 9 a.m. and I was lining up with over thirteen thousand other runners and I was so glad to have made it to the start line without any injuries. People were chatting as we waited - two girls said the furthest they'd done was a half marathon and one man said he'd previously done just 8 miles - that made me feel slightly more confident as I knew I'd followed, and stuck rigidly to, a good training plan! During the week before the off, I'd reduced my mileage considerably and, in order to avoid "the dreaded wall", eaten pasta for nearly every meal! And now, here I was, ready to go.

It took nine minutes for me to cross the start line and I kept telling myself to take it slowly. You can't help but go off more quickly than you planned, so, after a couple of miles, I had to make myself slow down. I was still doing 10 and a half minute miles - far quicker than I'd done on any of my long runs. It was a warm day and I had planned to take on water at every station and walk whilst I drank it. However, with the excitement of it all, I missed the first one completely! Nearly the whole of the 26 mile route was lined with people. Spectators and marshals were all clapping and waving, children wanted to hi-five as you went past, bands played, choirs sang and the local churches had bowls of jelly babies and plates of Jaffa cakes on offer!



The organisers had arranged for pace runners and for the majority of the time I managed to keep up with the 'five hour lady'. At around twenty two miles, however, I lost her! No matter how much effort I put in, I just couldn't keep up with her. By this time, I'd decided that I just wanted to finish. As I came over the hill, I was spurred on when I could see the finish line. I crossed it in 5 hours 17 minutes 23 seconds and got my medal. I'd done it! What an amazing day! If anyone watched the London Marathon (or any other race) and thought "I'd like to do that", then have a go. DO IT and sign up! It's a great feeling- I am so proud of myself: I came 170th in my category and my medal, which is hanging up in the kitchen, makes me smile every time I look at it.

I'd like to say a really big "Thank You" to everyone who has supported me, sponsored me or asked how it went. I've raised over £1000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and my just giving page is still open: <https://www.justgiving.com/HillyStone>

Hilary Stone

LEAVING PRESENT for The Reverend JAMES CAMPBELL

Mary and James Campbell will be leaving us on 5th June after 10 years faithful and dedicated service to our villages. Residents, both the churchgoers in the Benefice and the many people who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with the Campbells may wish to mark the event by donations to their Leaving Present, which will take the form of a cheque. Their new parish is at Withyham, near Tunbridge Wells. where the vicarage has been unoccupied for some time and would greatly benefit from extras that your donations could provide.

Could you please show your appreciation of all that they have done both in the church and for the community in general over the years.

Donations may be given to Churchwardens in each parish, St Arbucks or the Market Lavington Post Office. Cheques should be made payable to *St Mary's Market Lavington PCC* and endorsed Campbell Leaving Present.

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Many congratulations to Patrick Chapman and Michael Peet of All Saints, West Lavington, for becoming Honorary Life Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers for their long service to church bell ringing. They have each been ringing for over 57 years.



EDITOR'S NOTES

First of all, congratulations to Hilary Stone on successfully completing the Manchester Marathon and thank you for her progress report throughout the preparation for the event.

My thanks to all three Parish Councils for their reports this month. We are very fortunate to have members of our community so willing to care for our interests.

Jim Hodges

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Annual General Meeting - The AGM of the West Lavington Village Hall will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday May 19th in the Giles Room. Anyone who lives in the Parish is invited to attend.

Our third Spring Fayre was held successfully last month. Thanks to all the stall holders, raffle prize donors and attendees. Also, thanks are due to Elite Registrations who printed our flyers, plus Wadworth's Brewery and the Rose and Crown at Tilshead who donated raffle prizes.

Lynne Rayner

On behalf of West Lavington Village Hall Committee

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THE WILTSHIRE REGIMENT IN WORLD WAR ONE

My latest book is a month by month account of what each of the battalions of the Wiltshire Regiment was doing during the Great War.

I am not a military historian, so the book is more about the social aspects of the lives of the soldiers, rather than army tactics, although there has to be some of that. It tells where each battalion was, details when they were in the trenches, what they did when not in the trenches, which battles they fought in, when they had baths, what the weather was like, etc.

So if you had ancestors who served in the Wiltshire Regiment, this book will give you a good idea of what they did during their military service.

The book will be available from Devizes Books, or Amazon.co.uk, or from me at £10. The profits from the book will be shared between the West Lavington Youth Club; the West Lavington branch of the British Legion, and the Regimental Museum at the Wardrobe in Salisbury.

Lyn Dyson

100 YEARS AGO

May 1916

Private William Copeland Austin Killed in Action 11th May 1916

William was born in Sussex in 1896, the son of Scottish parents, Robert and Isabella Austin. Robert was a domestic gardener, and in 1901 the family lived in Shaw, Wiltshire where William's younger brother, Hector, was born.

In 1911 Robert, Isabella and Hector were living at Russell Mill in Littleton Panell, while William was in lodgings in Devizes and working as an apprentice printer. By 1915 the family was living in Hawkswell Cottage, Little Cheverell.

On 9th November 1915 William enlisted in the Royal Scots (Lothian) Regiment, and he was posted straightaway. After training he embarked at Folkestone on 10th March 1916 and joined the 13th Battalion in the field in France on 1st April 1916.

William was posted as missing on 11th May 1916 at Loos in France, and later presumed killed in action on or around that day. His brother Hector later served with the 3rd Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment in Ireland.

Lyn Dyson

MARKET LAVINGTON SCOUTS

There has been a scout group in Market Lavington since the 1920s. The group has its own hall and has many young members from the local villages as far away as Seend. At the end of the year 2 leaders who have each been with the group for over 20 years are leaving.

Full training is provided for all roles, along with support from the scout district and county. The training is recognised for membership of the Institute of Leadership and Management.

These are the roles that need to be filled.

Cub Leader (Akela)

The cubs meet 28 times a year. The leader wears uniform, plans and leads activities, and follows the full training scheme.

Cub Helper

Cub helpers help run the meetings about 7 times a year, running activities and acting as a witness to the events of the evening. There must always be at least 2 adults at every meeting.

Group Scout Leader

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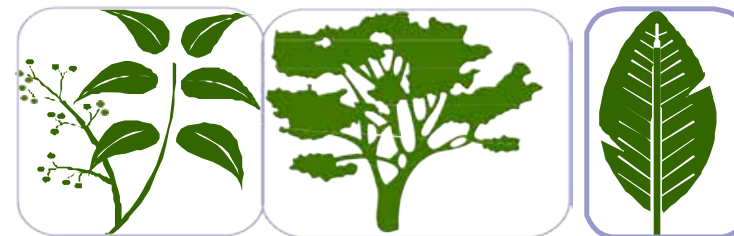
If you would like to help keep youth activities to continue locally, please contact Colin Osborn via colin.osborn@wiltshirescouts.org.uk or visit <http://scouts.org.uk/what-we-do/volunteer-training/>

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

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Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Where do you think responsibility should lie for the various functions that must be undertaken to support and maintain a civilised society?

The list starts with each of us as individuals. Above that there are tiers of family, community, nation and human society as a whole.

Corporately, in administrative terms, the tiers of authority are parish council, unitary council, national government and European Union. Perhaps I should top the list with the United Nations but I am not sure if I can credit that august body with "authority".

My view is that, if you want things done, the best place to start is at the bottom! If you can, do it yourself. If you can't, ask the parish council, then Wiltshire Council, then government, etc.

If you see litter, pick it up. Don't rely on someone else to do it. If your footpath needs clearing and you can't do it yourself, ask the parish council (but then why not volunteer to help?). Notice a pot hole in the highway? That's a job for the professionals, so Wiltshire Council may be able to solve it (but money is scarce, remember). Worried about national defence? Best leave that to the government. I'm not going to mention the EU!

Of course, you may be a person who rebels against any authority, established order, or ruling power (and I will admit that my desk does have a touch of anarchy about it). But selfish individuality simply does not work in a family, let alone in a community. Anarchy is a state of lawlessness or political disorder and, you may agree, it is almost certainly less desirable than a functioning democracy.

At the other end of the scale is tyranny, which is defined as "a situation in which someone or something controls how you are able to live, in an unfair way".

Your next chance to take part in our democracy is the Police and Crime Commissioner election on May 5th. I hope you will make your mark!

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

Are You
'Ready for anything'?

Are you ready for anything, is your family, is our community, your business, your organisation, your Parish Council, ready and prepared to stay safe in the event of an emergency happening on our doorstep?

When an emergency happens will be the first time that each of us will find out whether we really are **'Ready for anything'**.

Some will say "We don't get emergencies here they only happen in other places". No doubt that is exactly what the people in those places used to say also!

Even in our parish, we had the dam burst alert over a decade ago in West Lavington 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 as a result of runoff from Dauntsey's School playing fields gave rise to another occasion of concern and sandbags were deployed. Many of us can remember very heavy snowfalls that incapacitated the parish for several days and power cuts.

Climate change has brought more storms with high damaging winds. Pandemic flu, diseases of farm animals, loss of heating, loss of telephones, and our proximity to a large military training area have potential for serious impacts on each of us in being able to go about our day to day activity.

Emergencies can and will affect everyone, you, me, our families, our organisations and our neighbours and so we really will be **'All in this together'**. By 'all' I mean, for **example**, residents, schools, churches, surgeries, businesses, surrounding parishes, village organisations, youth organisations, Link organisations, care homes, the young, the elderly and the vulnerable, landowners/farmers, the military.

We can never replace the work of local emergency responders, but there are fewer of them nowadays. We can, however, complement and support them and help reduce the impact of an emergency. **We can become more resilient.**

We know our streets and neighbourhoods better than anyone and the most powerful thing we can do is to work together now before any emergency happens to produce our own **'Community Emergency Plan'**.

The Parish Council on your behalf has decided that we will prepare such a plan that will assist us all, and we have already started, but we need your help.

So what can you do? – Two things!

1. Understand that you, your family, your organisation/business/institution/or group could have an important role to play in protecting yourself and others. That role could be identifying those in the community who need safeguarding, in evacuating vulnerable members of the community to safety, in providing a refuge, transport, or accommodation. It could be in just reassuring and talking to someone who is on their own during an emergency.

2. Come and listen to a presentation by the Head of Public Protection for Wiltshire Council Mr. Surriya Subramaniam at the **Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 12th May at West Lavington Village Hall at 7pm.**



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CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Parish Council met on Monday 4th April 2016.

Planning**Applications for comment**

16/02354/FUL – Holy Trinity C Of E Primary Academy – Proposed new outdoor classroom

The council raised no objections.

Vacancies for Parish Councillor

Your Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor to start as soon as possible. If this is something you've thought about but are unsure whether it's for you, then this is the perfect opportunity to give it a try. In May 2017 all Parish Councillors have to stand for re-election for the next four year term 2017-2021. So if after being a Councillor for a year you decide it's not for you then you don't have to stand for re-election. If you would like more information then please do talk to one of your existing Councillors or contact the clerk on the details below.

Village tidy – Saturday 4th April 2015

Thanks go to everyone who turned out to help with the recent litter pick. Big thanks also go to Mr and Mrs Nock and Mrs Stamp for their regular litter picking in and around the village in their own time.

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations – 11/12 June 2016

The village will be having an afternoon of fun to celebrate her majesty the Queens 90th Birthday. Check out the posters when they go up and contact Jane Andrew for more information and with offers of help.

Village Marquee

The Parish Council has now ordered the new marquee for organisations around the village to use for events. Delivery is expected within the next month, in time for the Queen's birthday event.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on the 21st of April at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion. The meeting was well attended and reports were given by a number of village organisations including the school, church, Parish Council and from Cllr Richard Gamble from Wiltshire Council. A light buffet was then provided by the Parish Councillors.

Contacting the Parish Council

Would members of the public please refrain from visiting members of the Parish Council at their homes. The correct procedure is to bring any issues to a Parish Council meeting on the first Monday of each month (except August) or via email to the Clerk whose details are below. Don't forget a full set of minutes of the last year's Parish Council meetings are available on the village website or the most recent signed minutes are always on the two village noticeboards.

Dates for your diary:

9th May 2016 - 7.30pm - Cheverell Magna Annual Parish Council meeting, Pavilion, Witchcombe close.

11/12th June 2016 – time to be confirmed – Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations

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

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 13th April 2016

Three members of the public and Cllr Richard Gamble were in attendance. The following were the main items discussed.

1. Village Roads and Signs.

1.1. Complaints were received about the potholes in Low Road and the Chair agreed to report the matter to Wiltshire Council.

1.2. There were still incidents of HGVs using Low Road. Cllr. Gamble said that in order for a log of this to be kept all cases should be reported to him as soon as possible. Wherever possible the registration details and company name should be noted with a view to a police prosecution and a direct approach to the company involved.

1.2. Anne Venus said that the new road signs 'Single Track Road No Passing Place' had been approved and were awaiting installation.

1.3. Complaints were received that little had been done about hedge trimming along Low Road and the Chair said he would report the matter again to Wiltshire Council.

2. Low Road 20 mph Speed Limit.

2.1. Michael Maxwell reported that the Parish Council's letter that he had drafted was scheduled for discussion by the Community Area Transport Group on 20 July 2016.

3. Superfast Broadband.

3.1. Concerning the very low broadband speed at roughly ten houses at the north end of Low Road, Mr Maxwell briefed the Council on his frustrating and as yet unsuccessful dealings with BT. The Council agreed that a letter be written to BT offering to pay £250 for a survey to be conducted as to the feasibility of rerouting the wiring to the affected houses from the cabinet in Littleton Panell a much shorter route to the cabinet in Great Cheverell.

4. Village Hall Improvements.

4.1. Improvements to the village hall were discussed; Cllr. Gamble took the opportunity to inform the meeting that Lottery and Area Board funds were available for this and he outlined the funding for recent major improvements to nearby village halls. After a brief discussion one idea that was put forward was for a new kitchen. The Chair said that he would be happy to receive suggestions from all members of the village.

5. Footpaths.

5.1. Gil Rooke reported that he would shortly sort out a programme of works to put into effect the alterations to stiles and gates approved by the Pathways Improvements Grant Scheme.

6. Next Meeting.

6.1. The next meeting would be the annual Parish Meeting and AGM at 7pm on Tuesday 24th May in the village hall.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

will take place on Thursday, 12 May at 7pm at the Village Hall

The guest speaker will be Wiltshire Council's Head of Public Protection who is leading Devizes Area Emergency Planning

The Parish Council would very much welcome your attendance to:

- learn of our new community emergency planning initiative in which you could have a vital role
- hear a report on the activities of the Parish Council and their plans for the future
- hear reports on the activities of local groups and institutions

As this is the 'Annual Parish Meeting', together with reports from local organisations/institutions/businesses and groups, there will be updates from the Parish Council and an opportunity to meet and speak to your local councillors.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there.

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Anita Holness, Committee Secretary

email: anita@kholness.plus.com

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Summary of Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 2015/16

The results of the Consultation exercise have been extremely interesting and most valuable to the process of preparing the final Plan. As a result of the significant level and quality of feedback received it is possible to regard the results as a genuine reflection of the community's views which will give added force to the proposals in the Plan as they are developed.

The community response to the levels of housing growth showed no clear consensus other than rejecting no growth or over 100 houses. The proportion choosing less than 50 houses to that wanting 50 to 75 houses was very closely matched with only a 2% difference. There was also some limited support for 75 to 100 houses. On balance therefore the response tended to favour a slightly lower level than that put forward by the Draft Plan's recommendation of a range between 50 to 100 houses. It will be necessary to take all of this into account before putting forward a finely judged range of growth for the final Plan if it is to meet with widespread support.

By contrast there was a substantial majority in favour of the proposed minor changes to the Settlement Boundary.

With regard to the choice of development sites there were some definite preferences expressed. A clear majority of the responses, 68%, supported Option B (the single site 7) as their first preference with 23% supporting Option A (site 7 combined with site 2). Support for Options C (sites 3 & 5/6) and D (sites 3 & 2) as first choice was down to 5% and 4% respectively.

There is no widespread view in the community in favour of putting forward other options that have not been identified within the Draft Plan.

The proposed Plan policies were supported by 85% of people and there were no common issues raised by a large number of people for new policies. However, there was a good deal of useful comment received which will be studied in relation to developing both the policies and proposals of the final Plan.

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan consultation report

The Parish Council has published its Report on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 2015/16, a summary of which can be found in this magazine. The full report can be viewed on the council's website at www.westlavington.org.uk and a summary in chart form is on the Council's notice board and may be obtained - to take away - from Costcutters, and from Courtyard Surgery, The Churchill Arms and Market Lavington Library where printed copies of the full report are also available for inspection. Very many thanks to all 317 who completed and returned the questionnaire and to those who wrote letters as well.

Community well-being and enjoyment

With warmer weather around the corner, residents will soon be looking to get out and take advantage. We wish, therefore, to remind householders and landowners that, where overgrowth is from gardens adjacent to public pavements and rights of way, there is a duty in law to control their overgrowth to keep public paths and pavements clear.

Another legal duty of which everyone needs to be aware concerns fly-tipping, which is the dumping of waste (including garden waste) on public or private land. To do so is an offence for which a fine can be imposed and heavy costs. Fly-tipping is also an eyesore and can be a risk to health.

Dog waste creates a very unpleasant nuisance if you step in it, fall in it, cycle through it, or wheel your pushchair through it. It presents a serious health risk to children playing in fouled recreation areas and also a potential health risk to farmers' livestock when dogs are allowed to stray. Furthermore, it is a criminal offence not to clear up immediately after your dog.

For the general well-being and enjoyment of inhabitants of Littleton Panell and West Lavington, please cut back your garden overgrowth (avoiding, of course, nesting birds), dispose of garden or other waste in the recognised legal way and ensure that the poop is scooped and binned properly! We thank you for your co-operation.

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.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At Lavington Pre-school this term we are talking about 'Space, Planets and the Universe', this has tied in nicely with the adventures of the real life space man Tim Peak. We have made a massive Alien for our wall display, decorated bottle rockets and designed our own spaceships. As always, if you feel you have something relevant to our topic that you would like to share with us please let us know, it is always lovely for the children to have local visitors!

We ended last 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! Now the children are 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.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Literacy: Writing 30-50 months – Notice and encourage the marks children make and the meanings that they give to them, such as when a child covers a whole piece of paper and says, "I'm writing".

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



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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Making Learning Fun!

There is no doubt that happy learners are good learners, so we work very hard in our school to make sure the children enjoy their learning. We take them on lots of trips and invite lots of visitors into school to create excitement and to give authentic learning experiences. This term various classes will have been to the Devizes Canal, on a walk around the village, a walk to the church and a residential adventure trip. We will have welcomed a poet to work with each class and a scientist who works on animal conservation around the world to talk to the children. And, of course, our exciting Space Seed project continues, as we watch the germination and growing of seeds that have been in space compared to those that remained earthbound.

Music and sport

We give a high priority to both music and sport in our school – our school choir is taking part in another Devizes competition held at the end of April, and singing as a whole school is a very important part of our community. The children enjoy singing in rounds and harmony, and we have fun with action songs and songs from other cultures. We offer lots of music within the school curriculum and peripatetic music teachers provide great opportunities for children to learn to play an instrument.

We recently played and won a tag rugby tournament, involving several other primary schools and held at Avon Valley College – and we were very proud both of the win and also of our children’s non-triumphalist approach to their victory, ensuring that their rivals were treated with courtesy and respect. Whilst we enjoy healthy competition and strive to win, our children always abide by the code of good sportsmanship.

New children

The parents of children due to start at our school in September should, by now, have received notification of this. We shall be writing to invite them to the first induction meeting in May, for parents, and then the children will be invited to induction afternoons in the last summer half term. It is always wonderful to welcome new parents and new children into our school family!

Please find out more about our school by visiting the website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk or phone us to make an appointment to look around - 01380 813 796..



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DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENTERPRISE WEEK

We held our Enterprise Week from 7th-11th March. The children were split into groups of all ages and had to come up with a stall idea and business plan. Each group was given a £20 loan to start their business and to buy essential items for their stall. We were amazed by the ideas that the children came up with.

As part of Enterprise Week Mrs Perrin, our Year 3 Class Teacher, organised a Careers Fair. The children got to talk to Doctors, Vets, a Pilot, a Barrister and many more about their jobs and professions. It really was a great afternoon!

The week ended with our Enterprise Fair on Friday 11th March. The children made just over £252 profit which is being donated to our chosen charity, The Devizes Opportunity Centre.

Sport Relief

All week the children came into school wearing their sports kit and ran a mile every day. On Friday 18th March parents were invited to join us in our mile and everyone paid £1 to take part. We also sold ice-creams and ice lollies. We raised £255 for Sport Relief.

Mrs Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst

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! Why not get a team of four together and come and have a great time?

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Gardening Tip

Need advice on plants then visit us on Saturday May 14th in the Market Place at Market Lavington from 9am till 11.30 where we will be selling plants and cakes and offering lots of advice and knowledge.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 20th
Subject: Plant Support Workshop
Guest Speaker: Rupert Wade

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Italian evening – May 7th

We have an Italian evening, in WL Village hall on May 7th at 7 p.m. 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 Michael Page 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)

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On 11th April Revd John and Ann Cowburn very kindly provided a delicious farewell lunch for our members and we were also delighted that Revd Canon James and Mary

Campbell were able to join us for the occasion.

Before we had lunch we listened to a recording of a local radio programme that had been broadcast earlier in the day when our new Diocesan President, Rosie Stivan, was interviewed about the 140th Anniversary of Mary Sumner, who founded the Mothers' Union and held the first small meeting in Hampshire in 1876. From those first few members the Organisation has grown tremendously and now there are 4 million members worldwide. Rosie gave details of some of the work which the Mothers' Union are involved in today, details of which can be found on the MU website: www.mothersunion.org

On Saturday, 16th April there will be a Diocesan Festival Service at 11 a.m. in Salisbury Cathedral when members will have opportunity to welcome Rosie Stivan as our new Diocesan President and bid farewell to Ann Howard, our outgoing Diocesan President. The speaker will be Bishop Nicholas.

After lunch Janet Hodges presented John and Ann with a gift token on behalf of our members. They have both been very involved with our Branch and have kindly hosted most of our meetings since they came to live here. Ann has served as Action and Outreach Unit Co-ordinator for the Diocese. She has also been involved in assisting with the Crèche at Erlestoke Prison and organizing the Angel Tree Project there. John has given many talks at our meetings over the years and at his first talk he spoke about his work as Chaplain to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the local area. It was therefore very apt that at the conclusion of the afternoon he gave the blessing in sign language. We will all miss them very much and wish them a long and happy retirement in Hampshire.

£50 has been sent from our Branch to the Mothers' Union "Make a Mother's Day" appeal.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Ann Janes on Monday, 9th May, when Revd Canon James and Mary Campbell will be joining us for their last visit to our Branch Meeting.

Val Noviss



At our April meeting, Mike Burgess, a retired lecturer in horticulture, explained how we could 'Make Room for Fruit'. He illustrated his talk with photographs showing each example as a tree ready for planting, in blossom, laden with fruit, and before and after shots of the pruning

process. Having a small garden, Mike maintained, does not mean that you cannot grow fruit. Nowadays there are fruit trees available that take up very little space. The growth of these fruit trees is restricted by the root stock on which they have been grafted. Further restriction is managed by pruning and training. So we now have fruit that we can grow in containers and some new varieties do not even require much pruning. There are also varieties of bush fruits, cane fruits and soft fruits suitable for small gardens.

Mike explained how the use of different rootstocks restricted the growth of fruit trees. He also described for us the summer pruning and training techniques used to produce cordons, oblique cordons, French double U cordons, horizontal cordons or espaliers, fans and other space saving shapes. He explained that there were now some columnar varieties of fruit tree suitable for growing in containers. And for those nervous about pruning there are even some columnar varieties where the buds are so close to the trunk that it requires very little pruning, for example a variety called Terrace Pearl.

Pruning allows sunlight to ripen the fruit and ensures good cropping the following year. When summer pruning you cut back any new shoots (laterals) more than 8 inches long growing from the main stem to 3 leaves above the basal cluster of leaves. You also cut back any new shoots growing from existing side shoots to one leaf above the basal cluster. Apparently blackcurrants are not easy to grow in a small space but there are now some new compact varieties. There are some blueberry varieties and compact raspberries suitable for growing in containers. Mike also demonstrated how you could prune gooseberrries to grow as a cordon to save space. Strawberries take up a lot of space when grown on open ground. However they are happy growing in strawberry barrels where they are planted on all sides and at different heights, thus taking up very little space.

The audience were very interested to learn about fruit growing in small gardens. There were plenty of questions from the floor and the plants that Mike Burgess brought for sale were snapped up eagerly. Mike did caution that we should consider the yield of each fruit tree before planting too many. His photographs showing the laden baskets of fruit picked from each of a selection of fruit trees illustrated clearly that small trees can produce a good crop of fruit.

The May meeting will be a talk by Mike Read about the fascinating world of dry land plants, entitled 'Cacti and succulents-myths, magic and mammillaria'. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30 p.m. start, on Tuesday 10 May. 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, from 10am until noon. There will be tea, coffee and cake available for purchase too.

BOOKMARK

At our meeting on 23rd March we discussed the two books we had read that month. The first was *The Go Between* by L.P.Hartley and is set in the early years of the Twentieth Century. Many could remember seeing the film with Julie Christie in the lead role. The story tells of a young boy who spends part of his summer holiday at the home of a school friend who comes from a slightly more wealthy home. Leo begins to act as a messenger between the young lady at the Hall and a local farmer. He becomes drawn into their secret meetings. The story has a tragic ending and Leo is never to forget the events of that summer. The book was written in the 1950's and we found the language used had dated and was, we felt, rather verbose. The book did give a very clear picture of a society governed by class and convention in the years leading up to the First World War. Opinion was divided among us and only two members really enjoyed it, so our overall mark was 6.

The other book was *Life Studies* by Susan Vreeland. We had previously read another of her books called *The Boating Party* which was the story of a painting by Renoir. *Life Studies* begins with historic tales that, rather than focusing on the great Impressionist and Post Impressionist masters themselves, tells of those around them, their lovers, servants, children. We learn how painters such as Monet, Van Gough, Manet and others impinge on the lives of others. Vreeland then comes forward to more contemporary art and artists. The range of stories from 1890s Paris to the 1970s proved fascinating. We enjoyed the book and awarded an 8.

Wendy Wilshin

CHEVERELL CAMERA CLUB

We are delighted that at our May meeting, Jim Lowe will talk to us about his 40 year career in Photography. Jim has specialized in Architecture and Landscapes while covering all types of commercial assignments .

He is a former President of BIPP and received his FRPS in 2000. He currently lectures on the Marine and Natural History course at Falmouth University and has published "Architectural Photography Inside and Out"

Location:- Great Cheverell Village Hall, Great Cheverell

Everyone welcome at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 5 May 16
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Membership fee £12 for period ending 31 July 2017





WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.
 'The Badgers'

The Annual Presentation event for the Youth section of the Club will take place on Saturday May 21st at Lavington Community Centre. Time slot for all those up to Under 8 level will take place from 5 pm until 7 pm, and then the Under 9's from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. For complete details please contact the relevant coach. New members for next season – welcome to come along, please contact the age group coach below.

Training is progressing well for the Under 6/7 age group every Friday from 5.30 pm at St Barnabas' Primary School. At the Under 8 age level some recent great match performances and now looking forward to some Tournaments later this season.

Under 9 level, recently had two good tournaments at Highworth Town and Chippenham Town, which the children really enjoyed. Training continues for this group on Fridays 6-7 pm at the Northbrook ground in Market Lavington.

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

This month's draw was carried out by Ian Christie of Great Cheverell. The first prize went to John Cocking of Market Lavington and the second prize of £20 went to Barbara Galloway, also of Market Lavington.

Bonnie Matters Organiser

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Identity Crisis

One of the big things at the moment is 'identity politics'. Some people define their sense of who they are according to their gender identity or sexual orientation. Several student groups have tried to ban speakers from university meetings because their views may challenge the way in which some young people perceive themselves. The recent attempt to ban feminist firebrand Germaine Greer from a such an event on account of her outspoken views on gender identity is a case in point.

Others build their sense of identity around their work. They are first and foremost an accountant, businesswoman, professional athlete, builder, or whatever. The trouble with that is when people lose their jobs or have to retire from work, their whole identity is thrown into question. They feel at a loss, not knowing who they are any longer, or what they are going to do with themselves.

The Christian's sense of identity is based on knowing that God created all people in his image and that he loves all human beings, whatever our gender, race, or social background. The believer also sees himself or herself as being accepted by God in Christ. We don't have to try and impress God by our efforts. He graciously forgives all who believe in Jesus and gives us a new identity in Christ. That new identity in him is rock solid.

I was struck by the words of Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby in response to revelations concerning the identity of his father that must have have a disorientating effect on who he perceived himself to be. He wasn't blown off track by the breaking news testifying, "I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ, not in genetics, and my identity in him never changes."

In an age where many are suffering from an identity crisis, its a joy to know who you are in Jesus.

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