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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th March Mothering Sunday Lent 4	9.30 am Half Hour Service, Breakfast from 9.00 am St Mary's Church, Market Lavington 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Mothering Sunday Service St Mary's, Market Lavington Preacher Peter Harris				
13th March Lent 5	11.00 am United Service Easterton	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Half Hour, with breakfast from 9.00 am	11.00 am United Service	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
20th March Palm Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am All Age Palm Sunday Service, Breakfast from 9.00 am	9.30 am Palm Sunday Communion	11.00 am Palm Sunday Service	4.00 pm Evening Prayer at Erlestoke	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
Maundy Thursday 24th March			7.00 pm Agape Supper		
Good Friday 25th March	11.00 am Good Friday Meditation	2.00 pm Good Friday Choral			
27th March Easter Day	6.30 am Sunrise at the Vedette 9.30 am Family Communion	9.30 am Family Communion	11.00 am Family Service And Easter Egg Hunt	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion
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				

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,

Many of us are dog-lovers; for others it is cats – and for a small minority, both. Dogs are not known as ‘Man’s best friend’ for nothing: they are almost always excited to see us return home – however late; affectionate without demanding much; uncomplaining company; appreciative and unselfish. Of course they have their limitations, can be disobedient and highly impatient; they lack any table manners and can enjoy rolling in unmentionable things on the Plain. But as long we keep our side of the bargain – providing food and exercise – most dogs respond with great affection and loyalty. If they’re treated right, dogs will do anything for their master including, potentially, the greatest sacrifice of all.

At the end of this month, we remember an event in which someone made the greatest sacrifice of all, not just his friends, but for every single human being. In Jesus’ death on the cross and his resurrection, God demonstrated his unconditional love for mankind. As John, the author of the fourth Gospel, wrote, *‘That is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us’* (1 John 3:15).

Dogs are not perfect and they do need discipline from time to time. It is interesting how they usually respond to such correction: by crawling back to our feet in love and loyalty. Jesus died on that cross because of the sin of the world – because of all the ways each one of us have gone our own way. It is worth reflecting on how our response to God’s love for us in what Jesus went through on the cross compares to a dog’s attitude to his or her master.

James Campbell

Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell

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From the Rectory

ALL SAINTS, WEST LAVINGTON MAY WE INTRODUCE YOU TO CHURCH BELL RINGING?



You have here a real British Folk Art, for bells have been the voices of the Church almost since Christianity began, and the method of ringing as you find it now has been practised for almost 400 years. These voices, which come from our cathedrals and churches, may be those of small high-sounding bells weighing little more than a hundredweight up to monsters of several tons.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY?

You would be more than welcome to have a go. It is never too late or too early to start, for ringers include young and old, men and women, boys and girls, and sometimes whole families.

If your curiosity has been aroused, please contact either:
Patrick Chapman (Tower Captain) - 01380 724154
Rosemary Neve - 01380 812828

PARISH VISITORS SCHEME

We are aiming to set up a scheme of Parish Visitors within the five C of E parishes to help improve the pastoral care we offer across the Benefice.

The aim is to reach out to the housebound and needy and others who cannot always participate as fully as they might wish to in parish life.

Each community is different and many members of each community already visit others. However we are hoping that the scheme might fill some of the 'gaps'.

If you would be prepared to consider becoming a Parish Visitor please contact me, Anji Scofield in West Lavington, Mary Merrick in Great Cheverell or Marlis Rawlins in Little Cheverell.

James Campbell

CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington:
Holy Trinity, Great Cheverell:
Holy Trinity, Little Cheverell:

Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)
Ian Christie (813940)
Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

SPRING CONCERT Thursday 17th March 2016 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall at Dauntsey's School

Music will include Mozart Requiem, Overture from Verdi's "The Force of Destiny", the World Premiere of an orchestral piece by Dominic Irving and Highland Cathedral.

The School Orchestra, all Choirs and Choral Society, the Concert Bands and the Dance Band will be involved in a varied and entertaining musical evening.

Entry is free with a retiring collection for the school charity "Malaria No More".

If you plan to come, please let Debbie Davey know on 01380 814546 or daveydm@dauntseys.wilts.sch.uk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to thank all the people from the village for their cards and condolences following my sisters passing and to all those that attended her funeral on the 20th February 2016.

David Coxhead.

Worton & Marston Village Hall Jumble Sale Saturday 19th March 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

All proceeds to village hall funds

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service to be held at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WEST LAVINGTON at 2.30 p.m. Friday, 4th March

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

There is no evidence of casualties from West Lavington and the Cheverells during March 1916.

THE MEN WHO CAME HOME

Yet another book! Having researched the men who are listed on the war memorial, I decided to turn my attention to the men from West Lavington who actually managed to survive the Great War. My starting point was the roll of honour which hangs in the church, but that only lists those men who volunteered before the end of 1915. It doesn't include those who later volunteered, or those who were conscripted.

There is no definitive record of people who served during the war. I have tried to find as many of these servicemen as I can, but there are probably some people I have missed, and there are some names on the roll of honour that I could not trace.

So, if you know of someone who has been missed, please do let me know, and I will research them and hopefully add them to a later edition of the book.

The book is entitled *The Men Who Came Home* and is available from me, or Devizes Books, or Amazon.co.uk at £10. All the profits will go to the Youth Club and the local branch of the British Legion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lyn Dyson
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EDITOR'S NOTES

I am particularly grateful to Dave Murray, who was paying a visit to Great Cheverell, for the his photograph with its suggestion of Spring, the lamb in question making his presence felt in that village

Jim Hodges

'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)

GREAT CHEVERELL SOAPBOX DERBY COMMITTEE

2015 was another very successful year thanks to the support of local residents and businesses and the hard work of the members of the Soap Box Derby committee and helpers. We held four events this year. Mid-summer party at the Pavilion (June), Great Cheverell Soap Box Derby (August), Great Cheverell Soap Box Derby Ball (October), Soap Box Derby Halloween Party (October).

These events raised an amazing £12,325.00 and we have made the following donations to our nominated charities and local facilities.

Dorothy House	£4,325.00
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Pancreatic Cancer	£3,000.00
Great Cheverell Pavilion	£500.00
Great Cheverell Village Hall	£500.00
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Holy Trinity Primary Academy	£500.00

We would like to thank everyone for all their support during 2015.
Great Cheverell Soap Box Derby Committee

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PRESS RELEASE

Wiltshire passengers to have their say on local bus services

In response to the consultations on public transport being run across Wiltshire, Bus Users UK is holding two further Your Bus Matters events to give passengers in the region a chance to have their say on proposed cuts to local services.

Devizes Your Bus Matters on Thursday 3 March will be at the Corn Exchange Flea Market from 10am to 2pm

Bus Users is a non-profit organisation that champions the interests of bus and coach passengers. To find out more about these events and the work of Bus Users visit: www.bususers.org

The Wiltshire consultation, which ends on 4 April, is at: http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/ltp/wiltshire_local_transport_plan_public_transport_strategy_review?tab=files



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on

The impact of World War One on Wilsford Down

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I'm raising funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Society so I'd like to thank everyone who has donated directly to me, to my Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/HillyStone> or anyone who has just stopped me to ask me how it's going. I tend to run on roads but tomorrow I'm off to Bradford on Avon along the towpath which should be fun!

Hilary Stone

Hilary's run will take place in the Manchester Marathon. Final details will appear in our next issue.



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall is enjoying a good start to 2016 since its refurbishment last year. Hire rates are tabled in this and every issue of News and Views.

On the 16th of April, the Hall will hold the Spring Fayre, 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Full details elsewhere in this issue.

The Hall has also welcomed three new committee members. Shelagh Clarke has taken over as Secretary and her husband, Andrew, has accepted the new role of Maintenance Member, a function previously undertaken by the Treasurer. On that subject, our new Treasurer is Richard Durrant. Still on that subject, a huge thank you is due to the outgoing Treasurer, Paul Rayner, who took on far more than should be expected of a Treasurer and has played a large part in arresting, then reversing, the erosion of the fabric of the Village Hall. Many thanks also to Mandy Francis who stepped in at very short notice to cover the duties of Secretary.

**Shelagh and Andrew Clarke are on 510800 and Richard Durrant can be found on 812378.
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FRACKING IN WILTSHIRE

Some Information

You may have noticed the paragraph on Fracking in the West Lavington Parish Council's report in the last edition of News and Views. As I live in Littleton Panell, this was of some interest to me, and I thought the facts I have discovered so far might also be of interest to my neighbours. It is surprising that more local publicity has not been given to the fact that fracking licences have been granted in Wiltshire, and I am grateful to the Parish Council for drawing it to our attention. It may be that no other licences are due to be granted in Wiltshire, or that these are just the first.

Two licences have been granted for four block areas: ST84 – Warminster/Longleat; ST85 – Trowbridge/Westbury; ST94 – Chitterne/Imber Range; and ST95 – Erlestoke. These four 10km x 10km areas are adjacent to each other, and form a 20km x 20km area (i.e. 400 sq km) which runs roughly from Bradford-on-Avon to Devizes to Codford to Maiden Bradley. Our local area is included in ST95 and covers Littleton Panell, Great and Little Cheverell, and Erlestoke. These licences are the only ones to have been granted in Wiltshire so far. ST94 contains a significant area of Salisbury Plain.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change recommends contacting the licensees with regard to their future policies. The licences have been granted to South Western Energy Limited, a company whose offices are in Bridgend, Glamorgan. The Company does not appear to have a website and I have been unable to find out anything about its policies or intentions. A very large company also called South Western Energy is based in the US, and is involved in the fracking industry there. I do not know if the two companies are in any way connected.

The licences are for coal bed methane gas, rather than shale gas. The extraction of coal bed methane gas involves pumping out the groundwater in the coal bed to release the gas. Water depletion from coal bed methane production can adversely impact adjacent residents, farmers and businesses that rely on local groundwater and surface waters. The salt quality of coal bed water can inhibit plant growth when discharged into local waterways. Chemical contamination resulting from hydraulic fracturing may pose a threat to domestic, agricultural, and industrial water supplies. To make the extraction of coal bed methane gas financially viable, it may be necessary to drill several wells in the same area. South Western Energy has currently committed to drilling two wells in the licence covering areas ST85 and ST84.

Although our area of Wiltshire is now exposed to fracking planning applications, it is not yet exposed to fracking. The licences were granted on 17 December and, thus far, no planning permission for any drilling or exploration has been received by Wiltshire

Council. The licensee has five years in which to apply for permission to drill. Before the licensee can begin any operations they must apply for and be granted a number of further permissions and consents from the local authority - i.e. Wiltshire Council. These include planning permissions, environmental permits from the Environment Agency, Health and Safety Executive scrutiny of well designs, and further consent for drilling operations from the OGA. Planning applications in this area will go to the Eastern Planning Committee, on which our own Councillor Richard Gamble sits, and also to the Parish Councils, who will inform local residents.

The actual environmental impact of fracking for gas is as yet unknown in this country, and may differ from site to site. The Wiltshire Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England has many concerns over the possible environmental impact of fracking for coal bed methane, as has the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. There is also the question of the possible increase in traffic, and transporting the gas from the drilling site to consumers. However, the present Government is keen to encourage fracking and has recently ruled that it can be conducted underground in AOBs, National Parks and SSSIs. The areas licensed in Wiltshire fall into three parliamentary constituencies, all of which have Conservative MPs, who presumably support their Government's fracking policy. Wiltshire Council is also a Conservative-led Council. Lessons on how the planning permission process may go can be taken from the current enquiry in Lancashire about fracking in the Fylde area, where local decisions and objections may be overruled by the Government.

You may feel the economy is in need of fracking revenues, or that our environment would be harmed by the fracking process. In either case, knowledge of the facts is useful, and if you would like to find out more, the following websites may be of interest:

www.drillordrop.com - an informative independent website covering the whole topic.

www.cprewiltshire.org.uk - you can download their fracking policy statement.

<https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/News/wwt-fracking-response> - Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's response to the Fracking licence consultation.

www.keepwiltshirefrackfree.org - part of the Frack Free protest and environmental group.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/about-shale-gas-and-hydraulic-fracturing-fracking/developing-shale-oil-and-gas-in-the-uk> - the Department of Energy and Climate Change information leaflet on fracking.

I would emphasise that the two licences granted in Wiltshire are not for shale gas, but for coal methane gas. For more information on this process, go to www.brianmcmahonlaw.com

Sue Bonney

Edington arts

Edington Arts are launching their 2016 concert programme with an organ recital by Ashley Grote, Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and former Director of the Edington Music Festival, in the Priory Church on Saturday April 16th. The full programme will be announced as soon as it is to hand!

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

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

It seems to me that crime is quite common at the moment. I've recently caught episodes of Midsomer Murders, Silent Witness, Death in Paradise, Shetland and Vera (and there may be other dramas that I have missed). In each case, the crimes are horrid but the police are wonderful, eventually.

Fortunately, the real-life crime rate around here is not nearly so bad. But that does not mean some does not exist and we each must play our part in preventing it.

Recently, one of our shops was victim to the crime of "making off without payment", which to you and me is theft. The problem was, no one reported the crime for three days. The police have much less chance of catching the culprit when the trail is so cold. From a location such as this, if the getaway car can be identified, the culprits could potentially be apprehended before they even reach Salisbury or Trowbridge or wherever, if such a crime is reported promptly.

Occasionally, there may be other criminal activities around here. You may spot miscreants hare coursing on the edge of the Plain or joy riding up there in stolen cars. In our communities, bogus door to door salesmen may employ techniques involving pressure selling, unfair contracts, overpriced or substandard home maintenance or improvements, phoney consumer surveys or bogus charity collections. Fraudulent salespeople, if let in, can take note of your valuables and any security measures you have in place.

The rule is, if you think a crime is being committed and is in progress, phone 999. Phone 101 if a crime has already been committed and there is no sign of the offender.

We have a great local team to help us. Our local officers are PC Jo Newbery – Community Beat Manager, PCSO Fiona Marno, PCSO Ellen Carter. To keep in touch, I urge you to sign up for <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>. And on the roads, look out for the 'Community Volunteer' marked police vehicle donated by Volvo for use in supporting public safety issues such as Community Speed Watch. It has its own calibrated speed monitoring device which can be used for enforcement action including fixed penalty notices by the police.

We are lucky to live in one of the safest places in the country. To keep it that way, keep alert!

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

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN: Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday is on 21st April 2016. Her official birthday will be celebrated on 12th June with, amongst other things, 'Street Parties' taking place across the nation. A campaign 'Clean for the Queen' is a bid to rally volunteers across the country over the weekend of 4th to 6th March 2016 to litter pick and clean up their local areas in time for these celebrations.

The Parish Council is supporting the campaign on **Saturday, 5th March from 10 a.m. to 12noon. Start at West Lavington Village Hall at 9.30 a.m.** Parish Councillors will be there, equipment will be provided. Details are available on the Parish Council website. Please come along to help clean up our beautiful villages!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The Parish Council thanks all who participated in the consultation for their interest and/or taking the time to register their views. Completed questionnaires (of which 324 were returned) and letters with additional comments (9 in number) are now being analysed. Once the analysis process has been concluded, a detailed report will be presented to the Parish Council, anticipated for early April, and will be discussed with Wiltshire Council. The report will then be made widely available to the public before the final Plan document is drawn up for consultation and referendum.

SKIPS AT STAGEPOST: In case you were wondering why bricks loaded in skips in the carpark area of the Stagepost were suddenly tipped out and are now in a pile in the middle of the site while the skips have been removed, the answer, apparently, is as follows. The prospective purchaser 'pulled out' of the purchase of the site owing to an issue with the vendor and was no longer prepared to pay for the skips it had hired to remove rubble. As a result, the skip contractor carted off the skips - empty. This is now a legal issue between the parties. The site has been fenced off for health and safety reasons.

BUS SERVICES – RURAL CONSULTATION

Wiltshire Council is currently undertaking a consultation on Bus Services. This is a particularly important consultation that will determine the future of rural (and other) bus services. If you use/value the local village bus services, **please respond to the consultation or you may lose the current services (e.g. Nos 2, x72, 49 and Devizes town 1, 1a, 1c).**

Roughly half of bus routes in Wiltshire are operated with the need for financial support from Wiltshire Council. Services with fewer passengers, weekend and evening, or remote services require more support. Many other local authorities have already made savings from reducing or withdrawing subsidised bus routes.

Wiltshire Council is now undertaking a consultation to hear the views of residents. The Council has made no decisions and would like to see how far residents agree or disagree with the presented options, or alternatively suggest their own. Consultation documents (including questionnaires) can be viewed on the council's consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>.

Hard copies of the consultation material including questionnaires are available at local libraries and at main council offices. Questionnaires are also available on buses operating contracted services, and can be sent out on request by contacting 0300 456 0100.

The consultation is open until 5 p.m. on 4 April 2016. If you have any queries, please contact: passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk.

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.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Little Cheverell Parish Council held its first meeting of 2016 on 27th January in the village hall. Members of the public and Cllr Richard Gamble were also in attendance.

Heavy Goods Vehicles. Amongst other things Richard informed the meeting that all incidents involving heavy goods vehicles on the B3098 Westbury Road and Low Road should be reported to him so that the scale of the problem can be more accurately assessed.

Low Road 20 mph speed limit. Mr Michael Maxwell briefed the meeting on his efforts, on behalf of the council, to get a 20 mph limit imposed along Low Road. At this stage we are in the process of applying for a new metro-count to be set up and it was agreed that in order to try and achieve progress on this the council would offer to contribute up to £3000 toward the anticipated cost of around £8000.

Low Road traffic signs. In respect of the misuse of Low Road by heavy goods vehicles it was reported that only formal approval was now awaited for the installation of 'Single Track Road, No Passing Places' road signs to be placed at each end of the road.

School Lane. The new 'School Lane' signs have also recently been installed at its junction with Westbury Road.

Broadband. Concerning the very low broadband speeds experienced by a number of houses at the north end of the village Mr Maxwell reported that the problem seems to be caused by a long cable run to a cabinet in Littleton Panell and this could possibly be eliminated by rerouting it a much shorter distance to a cabinet in Great Cheverell. It was agreed the council would write to Wiltshire Council on this.

Footpaths. Dr. Gil Rooke informed everyone that his application on behalf of the council under the Pathways Improvements Grants Scheme had been completely successful and that as a result Wiltshire Council would contribute half of the total cost of £590 for the purchase of new gates and stiles (Little Cheverell and Great Cheverell Parish Councils funding the other half). Gil said he would now liaise with Wiltshire Council and the relevant landlords to organise a schedule of work.

Overhanging Foliage. Complaints were received about overhanging branches and brambles along Low Road and it was agreed that the council would inform Wiltshire Council of this.

The date of the next meeting was announced as 13 April.

Anyone wishing to contact our council is asked to write to 'littlecheverell@gmail.com' and anyone wishing to report anything to Wiltshire Council is asked to go to 'wiltshire.gov.uk' and click on 'report'.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT.

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



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher Appointment

We are pleased to announce that, following formal interviews, Mrs Philippa Winbolt has been appointed as our permanent Headteacher. Whilst in the role of Acting Headteacher we have all been impressed by Philippa's hard work, commitment and enthusiasm. Philippa has created a strong and supportive teaching team and fostered good working relationships with Governors, parents and children that will only continue to grow in the future. The Governors are looking forward to the continuing progress and development of DAPS under Philippa's leadership and we are sure you will join us in wishing her every success in her new role as Headteacher.

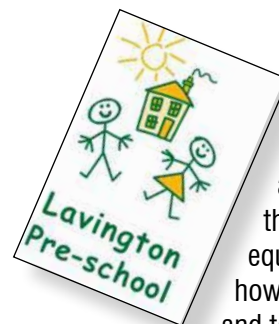
A Night at the Musicals

Miss Scott and her Musicals Club hosted 'A Night at the Musicals' to raise funds for Child of Hope School in Uganda. The evening was a huge success and comments from the audience have been amazing. The children all performed beautifully, their hard work and dedication really shining through. The guest stars, Ben Kerr and Josie McBrine were wonderful, as were our amazing school and staff choirs.

Hazel & Willow Maths Session

Hazel Class planned, prepared and taught maths word problems that they had written for Willow Class based on the book 'Aliens Love Underpants'. The collaboration was super to see, with both classes gaining from the experience as well as having an amazing time!

Mrs Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term at Lavington Pre-school, we will be continuing the children's investigations into "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. It has been a real fun topic which has 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!

Last term we talked about the celebration of the Chinese New Year, the year of the Monkey, and we have created monkeys and lanterns to decorate the playroom. We are now busy practising for our annual sponsored Easter trike Ride on Thursday 17th March, in the playground. All our children will be looking for sponsorship and 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. The Pre-school will also be hosting a cake stall at the DAPS Ladies Night at West Lavington Village Hall on Friday 4th March.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Managing feelings and behaviour 22-36 months "Help children to recognise when their actions hurt others. Be wary of expecting children to say sorry before they have a real understanding of what this means".

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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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Children have had a great term, with trips to Southampton, to @ Bristol and to the local church this term. We have also invited parents into school to share children's work for an afternoon – the children really enjoy having their parents in school, and love preparing their environment to show their work to its very best, and then acting as hosts for the visitors. Our youngest children came back into school on the last day of term in the evening, for a story and hot chocolate event – they had fun coming to school in their pyjamas!

Fund raising

Our children have, in teams, "Pitched" for one of the 12 stalls available on our fundraising afternoon. There are some wonderful ideas that have been carefully planned and submitted for this event, and the stalls will include games, competitions, raffles, cake sales, biscuit decorating and much more. We are very proud of our children's entrepreneurial spirit and their confidence in taking on these challenges.

Please see more about our school on our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

On 23rd January we had our "Burns Night" event. It was an excellent evening with the "Laird of Duck Street" reciting an outstanding "Ode to the Haggis". It is just possible this might become an annual event!!

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.

Further ahead we are planning an Italian evening, again in WL Village hall on May 7th. More details nearer the time, but please put the date in your diary.

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

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 but mostly to have fun! Please join!

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)



Renée Coulson gave us a delightful account of her trip to South Sudan. We were shown pictures of the teachers, their straw huts, the hospital, and the wonderful Christian friends she made. She found their prayer meetings very uplifting, and the Fellowship very Spiritual. Renée was due to go back in November 2015, but it is unsafe there at the moment. We discussed the flower festival at All Saints on Friday 8th July to Sunday 10th July. There will be a bring and buy on the 8th April to raise money for the flowers. We also discussed Mothering Sunday, which is on March 6th, when we are delighted to give the flowers for The Benefice again. We were so pleased to welcome Wendy Brewer to our group. As it was Marriage Week, Pat Strowger led us in prayer for marriage and families and those who are having a difficult time.

We shall be supporting the Youth Club again by helping with lunches and teas for the Open Gardens at West Lavington Manor in May and June. Our meeting on March 14th will be 2.15 p.m. at West Lavington Vicarage, when The Rev. John Cowburn will be giving us his Lenten Thoughts.

Janet Hodges

BOOKMARK

At our February meeting we discussed two dissimilar novels, namely *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler and *Early One Morning* by Virginia Bailey. Anne Tyler has written a family saga of the Whitshank family, beginning with Abby and Red and how they fell in love on 'a beautiful, breezy, yellow and green afternoon'. From Red we travel back to his father, Junior, who built his dream house where Abby and Red now live. We follow the children, Abby's difficult son Denny and adopted son Stem. There are secrets and stories which throw a different light on many of the family relationships. In many ways the Whitshanks are dysfunctional, wanting things which when they attain them prove a disappointment. It was we agreed to be a well written-novel, most enjoyable apart from one member who did not like it. We gave it an overall rating of 7. *Early One Morning* begins in 1943 in Rome as the Jews are rounded up. Two women who are strangers lock eyes for a moment and Chiara's life is altered by taking Daniele as her nephew. She saves the boy but the impact on her life lasts for decades. Chiara also has to care for a sister with epilepsy and this leads to problems with Daniel. They escape Rome for their grandparents' small farm in the country. The novel moves forward to 1973 when Chiara is living in Rome, a self-contained woman, to all intents content with her life but always in the background is the shadow of Daniele whose absence haunts her. This was voted to be a highly recommended book which scored 9.

Wendy Wilshin





Liz Read maintains that she was press ganged into starting a gardening club at Holy Trinity School in Great Cheverell. However, the enthusiasm with which she discussed the topic *School Gardening-why, how and who* leads one to believe that any reluctance has long since vanished.

Liz was quite candid about the challenges of school gardening. Not least is how to cope with the school holidays. You can get someone to take home the school gerbil but who will water the garden? Also, in most schools the curriculum is so busy that garden club needs to be an after school activity. You need lots of volunteers to help supervise what health and safety officials would regard as an enterprise fraught with potential risks. And finding a space for flower or vegetable beds in school grounds can be a problem. Funding can be an issue. Grants are generally available for the infrastructure, such as building raised beds or greenhouses, and also for garden tools. When plants and seeds are needed schools are often dependant on fund raising or donations from local garden clubs.

Liz pointed out that the school garden club provides many opportunities for learning. Children will learn how to share and co-operate and will have to be patient while they wait for things to grow. They will learn where vegetables come from and there will be opportunities to teach a little geography during discussions about exotic fruits and vegetables that will not grow in our climate. How many seeds, how many rows and how many strawberries are questions that involve maths. The weather and its effects on the plants produces a platform for Biology, Chemistry and Physics discussions.

Liz has even got her school garden club involved in the space programme! When the British astronaut Tim Peake went into space he took with him 2 kg of rocket seeds. These seeds will be sent back to earth later this year. They will then go to the RHS and will be distributed (with seeds which have not been in space) to participating schools, including Holy Trinity. The children will follow instructions on how to grow the seeds and what measurements and data to record. The results will be collated by scientists and statisticians. Then scientists at the RHS and the European Space Agency will interpret the results and publish their conclusions.

Liz described the work of a secondary school near Bath, Writhlington School. Here a Physics master got his garden club growing orchids. They make their own equipment for controlling the environment and they propagate the orchids. They have won many awards at shows and they also sell orchids. Furthermore they have been using their skills to teach students in South Africa and Rwanda propagation techniques and how to conserve their native orchid species.

It was a very interesting evening. Questions from the audience about how we as gardeners can help will no doubt result in more local co-operation with the school garden club.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 8 March. We are pleased to welcome back Ray Broughton. This year his topical tips and new ideas will be about vegetable growing. His talk is entitled 'Vegetable growing for the domestic gardener'. Meet at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Great Cheverell Village Hall. New members are always welcome. For non-members there will be a charge of £2 for the meeting.



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The Food Cave for 13 – 17 year olds

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Supporting Fairtrade Fortnight February 29th – 13th March

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BAPTISM

Arthur Gabriel CALDWELL was baptised at All Saints' Church, West Lavington by Rev James Campbell on 14th February 2016.

WEDDINGS

The marriage of **Paul and Claire BULSON** was blessed at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 13th February 2016

FUNERALS

Mrs Nancy COOPER of Market Lavington, died on 24th December 2015, aged 84 years. Her funeral after cremation was held at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 21st January 2016.

Dr John Pilkington CLAYTON of Market Lavington, died on 6th January 2016 aged 94 years. His funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was on 22nd January 2016.


The ashes of **Mrs Joan Mary BURCHELL**, who died on 21st August 2015, aged 90 years were buried at All Saints' Churchyard, West Lavington on 22nd January 2016.

Jean Elizabeth PAYNE of Great Cheverell, died on 2nd February 2016 aged 87 years. Her funeral and burial at St Peter's Church Great Cheverell took place on 12th February 2016.

BENEFACTIVE 200 CLUB

The February prizes were drawn on Valentine's Day by 5 year old Arthur Caldwell at All Saints' church celebrating his Baptism which was held at the Breakfast Church service. Arthur drew Ian Kyte's ticket for 1st prize of £40 and Peter Wells ticket for 2nd prize of £20. Congratulations to all three.

Bonnie Matters Organiser



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Hope Reborn

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Easter is all about hope destroyed and reborn. Jesus' followers were full of hope that he was the long-expected Messiah who was going to put the world to rights. The Saviour of the world, even. But it didn't seem to work out quite like that. Jesus was rejected by the religious authorities, put through a mockery of a trial and condemned to be crucified on the first Good Friday. Some Saviour. Couldn't even save himself from the suffering and indignity of public execution. Jesus' followers dutifully buried their Master and thought that was that. All their grand hopes of a new and better world were gone.

They were wrong, however. On the first Easter Sunday morning Jesus' followers were amazed to discover that his tomb was empty and the body was nowhere to be seen. Later that day he appeared to them. Jesus had risen from the dead. At first they couldn't quite believe their eyes, but it was him alright. The same Jesus who had been crucified was alive. The hearts of his followers burned with hope once more.

Jesus explained that it was by his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead that he had broken the power of sin and death. Now those who believe in him may be forgiven and restored to a right relationship with God. The power of God that raised Jesus from the dead will also raise his people to everlasting life and glory.

That's the Christian hope. It is rooted not in an optimistic feeling that things are going to work out for the best, but in what God did in Christ on that first Easter Weekend. The believer has a sure and certain hope in the living Lord Jesus.

Best wishes for Easter,

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

Easter Services

Good Friday 10.30am: 'Why the Cross?'

Easter Sunday morning 11am: 'Jesus is risen – so what?'

Time for Tea Plus Easter Special

Sunday 27th March, 4.30pm: 'A living hope'

Join us at the Chapel for Sunday Tea, followed by a half hour service.

All welcome!

Coffee Morning

Join us for a cuppa and a chat, 1st Saturday of the month, 10am-12 noon.

MAGAZINE DATES

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