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Calendar of Services -June 2016 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>5th June Trinity 2</b>	<b>11.00 am Benefice Worship Together</b> ★ <b>St Mary's Church Market Lavington</b>				
<b>12th June Trinity 3</b>	United – No Service – event in Community Hall 11 am-4pm ★	9.00 for 9.30 am Breakfast Church ★	United – No Service – event in Community Hall 11am-4pm ★	11.00 am Celebrate Queen's 90th Birthday Archdeacon of Wilts Rev Sue Groom	
<b>19th June Trinity 4</b>	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion <b>Bishop Edward Condry</b>		11.00 am Parish Communion and Baptism <b>Bishop Edward Condry</b>	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
<b>26th June Trinity 5</b>	9.00 for 9.30 am Breakfast Church ★	9.30 am Parish Communion (CW01T)	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship ★	
<b>3rd July Thomas the Apostle</b>	<b>10.30 am Benefice Worship Together (CW01)</b> ★ <b>St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell</b> <b>Bishop of Salisbury Edward Condry</b>				

**Regular worship in our sister churches:**

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

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**Dear Friends,**

When someone leaves an organisation they are often asked to choose a favourite this or that. The Bible plays an important part in my life and probably my favourite passage is the Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15. The story is well known: the younger son demanding his inheritance whilst his father is alive, and then squandering it in a foreign land; when his money runs out, his friends all desert him; he resorts to working on a farm, so hungry that he wishes he could eat the pig's food. Then he comes to his senses, determines to go home and apologise and offer to work for his father. Luke 15:20 continues, *'So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.'* The younger son's planned apology is cut short; he is welcomed back, totally forgiven, unconditionally loved. The key point is that in that far-off society a father would never, ever have run to meet his son in that way; it was unimaginable. It is a picture of God's extravagant and unwarranted love for each one of us, whoever we are and whatever we've done. I always find that profoundly moving. It is in the person of Jesus that God enables us to benefit from his unwarranted and extravagant love, for it is Jesus who offers to walk beside us through life if we will only let him. Thank you for the privilege that Mary and I have had of working alongside many of you during these past almost eight years, of being part of your lives both on happy occasions and at sadder times. We may be moving on, but the extravagant, unconditional love of God in Jesus will remain for ever.

**James Campbell**

As this is the last "From the Rectory" from James Campbell, I would like to offer our gratitude for the wisdom, balance and conviction that has always been present in his contributions to this magazine, as in his own work and life. But more than that, from those of us who have shared the foundation of his beliefs, our gratitude is due for what he and Mary have offered in these eight years to our churches. There is always a tendency for attitudes towards the church and the Christian faith to become polarised - or even fossilised - which they have avoided by offering a variety of services and activities to meet our different expectations.

May we wish them great happiness in the new life that awaits them. Jim Hodges

**VILLAGE LINK**  
**West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell**  
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**From the Rectory**

## FAREWELL PARTY for The Reverend JAMES CAMPBELL

Most of you will now know that James and Mary Campbell are about to leave 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.

## LEAVING PRESENT for The Reverend JAMES CAMPBELL

Now that Mary and James Campbell are leaving us on 5th June after 8 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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### CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington: Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)  
Holy Trinity, Great Cheverell: Ian Christie (813940)  
Holy Trinity, Little Cheverell: Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

## CANCER RESARCH UK Coffee Morning, May 7th

This year's occasion was tinged with some sadness because of the death, only a few days before, of Mary Diccox who had for so many years worked tirelessly to run the event. There was a short address from a friend, Frank Marshall, and a tribute to her also appears opposite.

There were however many compensations, not the least of which was the raising of £1200 for the charity. Along with the fete this is essentially a village occasion, though there is still plenty of support by many from the adjoining area. Thanks are due to the many helpers on the stalls and especially to Anna Grew and, above all, Bo Miles-Hobbs for their organisation. A special bonus this year was the presence of the DAPS choir led by Sarah Kerr, showing astonishing versatility and confidence in a succession of familiar songs.

## MARY DICCOX

Mary Diccox was born on 5th September 1939 two days after war was declared and passed away on the last day of April. Although she never forgot she was a Londoner, she enjoyed living in West Lavington and the people she met and the organisations she belonged to. During the 25 years she lived in the village she was on the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, was active in the Lavington Amateur Dramatic Society and for ten years she organised the Cancer Research UK coffee morning along with many friends. She was generous to various animal charities and could often be seen walking her beloved Shelties. She will be greatly missed by her husband Tony and all those who knew and loved her.

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

June 11th 2.00-5.00 p.m.

The Pavilion, Great Cheverell

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The day will run from 9.30 to 5.30, followed by a run-through performance from 6-7 to which all are invited. Application forms for the workshop, which costs £20 plus £2.50 for music hire, are downloadable from [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org), by phoning Anne on 01380 831454 or emailing her at [anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org). Concert tickets are £10 from 01380 831256. Forms need to be with Edington Arts by June 17th.



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As it is the custom for Dauntsey pupils to celebrate the conclusion of up to seven years of their lives spent at Dauntsey's School, there will be, amongst other things, a Firework Display on July 2nd at 10.50 p.m. Their apologies for any brief disturbance this may cause to local residents.

## **IS IT YOU DESTROYING OUR COW PARSLEY?**

For many years, walkers along the deep footpath between the farm and our land have enjoyed every May a brief but stunning display of cow parsley on either side of the path, including on our bank. However, for the last two or three years, for unfathomable reasons, persons unknown have taken it upon themselves to bash down these delicate and beautiful plants. This is little short of pointless vandalism, achieving nothing but the destruction of beauty for the fun of damaging something that gives enormous pleasure to most people. They have also started to do the same to cuckoo pint plants along the same path. It is no hardship for walkers to go through the cow parsley, and once flowering is over, my husband will trim the path sides, as he does regularly. I would point out that our bank is private property, and anyone damaging plants growing on it is not only trespassing but damaging that property. I would appeal to the perpetrators, whether adults or children, to respect nature and our local countryside, and appreciate the beauty around them, rather than destroying it.

**Sue Bonney, Littleton Panell**

## **Steeple Rocks Choir**

Many thanks to all those who supported us so well on Saturday 14th May at St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton. The concert was a tremendous success raising £1200 for Splitz Support Services and we are very grateful. Thanks also goes to the brilliant Arcosanti String Quartet and our talented young soloist for the evening, Jess Jennings.

**Adrienne Hale and Steeple Rocks Choir**

## **THE CHURCHILL ARMS, WEST LAVINGTON**

We have just undergone a complete refurbishment of the front bar, and what was the Pool Room. The Pool Room has been transformed into what we feel is a lovely relaxed seated restaurant. We offer a wide choice of menu, and a new enhanced evening menu is just about to be introduced. The Bar has had a face lift. The whole area has been decorated and has all new furnishings. Please feel free to pop in and have a look to see the new improved Churchill Arms.

To celebrate the Queen's official Birthday on June 11th, we have arranged for live Musicians for the evening with activities being planned for the day (weather permitting). The theme is Red, White and Blue and we hope as many of you as can will come along and help us celebrate.

**John and Lesley Williams**

### EDITOR'S NOTES

Our cover picture this month displays two of the many sculptural works on show at West Lavington Manor until June 12th., the picture having been taken by Mike May and cleverly adapted by Neil Lockhart.

Our Post Office has returned! Under new management, West Lavington has its Post Office back, open Mon-Sat from 9.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. If we want to have a village shop at all it is vital that we support this and the many other things on offer in the shop.

A reminder to contributors to *News and Views* that notices for August as well as July should appear, as usual, in the July issue, there being problems in the holiday season.

Jim Hodges

Parents of DAPS Presents...

**CHILL ON THE HILL**  
Saturday 25th June on the School Field  
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Danny and the Randoms	Bash Bosh the Magician
Wellie Wanging	Craft Tent
The Jam Jar Cocktail Bar	Maypole Dancing
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\*For queries contact Hilary Stone at  
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**FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN**  
**At West Lavington Manor**

By the time you read this, the event at the Manor will be half way through. As mentioned in last month's *News and Views*, the Friends of the Garden have mounted a large open air art display in the Manor Gardens until June 12th. This a repeat of two years ago and is attracting a lot of visitors to the village. The Friends of the Garden have a large exhibition of sculpture, featuring twenty seven artists, none of whom they have shown before. Again, as two years ago, the Youth Club is undertaking the catering to raise funds, and are so grateful to the large number of people in the village who have so far offered to help. At this time, the Youth Club is very short of money and the income will be critical in maintaining regular club opening. visit during the event.

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## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM FETE PROFITS

The Parochial Church Council recently discussed the success of the West Lavington Fete, and how much pleasure it gives to the communities of West Lavington and Littleton Panell. It was felt that it would be an additional benefit if a significant proportion of the Fete proceeds were given to local village charities and other village organisations supported by those who both help to run and attend the Fete. The PCC has now agreed that one third of the Fete profits should be divided equally between two charities/organisations nominated by Fete volunteers. This should result in donations of over £500 to each cause. Hopefully we will be able to continue this arrangement in future years, which will mean that over time many local charities and organisations will benefit.

After canvassing the Fete volunteers, helpers and organisers, the two organisations nominated to share one third of the 2016 Fete profits are West Lavington Youth Club and the Village Hall Fund. All the more reason to come along to the Fete on Saturday 16th July!

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

Rates per hour Day – 8 am-6 pm Evening 6pm - 12	Weekday (Mon-Fri)		Weekend (Sat & Sun)	
	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other
Hall - Daytime	£6.00	£8.00	£7.00	£10.00
Hall - Evening	£8.00	£10.00	£9.00	£12.00
Giles Meeting Room - Day	£4.50	£5.50	£5.50	£6.50
Giles Meeting Room - Eve	£5.50	£7.50	£6.50	£8.50
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- Email bookings to Lynne@movement4you.com.
- **Bookings must include event preparation and clear-up time**
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- Minimum charge is for 2 hours and 3 hours weekend. A non-refundable deposit or booking fee of £10 is required to secure a booking.
- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to rebook that date.
- **Heating is now included in the above rates.**
- The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even if the Changing Rooms are not used.

## ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE! This year's Village Fete is on SATURDAY 16th JULY!

The **WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE** will be on **Saturday 16th July from 2pm** on the Village Playing Field. Entrance and parking are completely free and there will be all the regular attractions and more, including the **Market Lavington Concert Band, Fun Family Dog Show** ("the best run in the area!"), **Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Classic Cars**, and the fantastic **Prize Draw!** Plus lots of interesting stalls, including the usual bargain buys of Bric a Brac, Bottles, Books, Produce, Cakes, and Garden Plants. To keep you refreshed through the afternoon there will be homemade teas, ice creams, and a beer tent.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Why not give a little time and join the fantastic Fete team to help us organise and run the day? Many hands make light work! If you can help, or if you would like to run a stall or attraction at the Fete, contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256.

**BAKE OFF FOR THE FETE!** Our team providing teas in the Village Hall for the Fete needs your cakes! If you would like to practice your bake-off skills and make cakes, large or small, for the day, please contact Liz Evans on 813929.

### FUN FAMILY DOG SHOW

Why not enter your dog in the Fete Dog Show? Entries cost just £2 and there are eight classes: Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; Best Puppy (under 1 year); Most Obedient and Best Tricks; Waggiest Tail; Best 6 Legs; and Prettiest Eyes. The overall winner of the winning dogs from each class will win Best in Show! There are prizes for each Class to be won, kindly provided by Rangebourne Pets of Devizes, who deliver pet foods every Tuesday to West Lavington (you can contact Rangebourne on 725294). Entries for the Dog Show will be taken on the day from 2pm and the first class starts at 2.30pm.

### VILLAGE ACTIVITIES DISPLAY

We hope to run a display of village activities in the Village Hall on the day of the Fete. If you run a Club or an activity in West Lavington or Littleton Panell and would like to tell more people about it, why not be part of the display, or even consider taking your own stall. Contact Bob Giles on 813256 or Tony Morton on 812107.

### BOOK A STALL AT THE FETE!

Why not book a stall in the Fete's Stalls Avenue to sell your wares? Contact Tony Morton on 812107 for more details.

## WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS FOR OUR VILLAGE STALLS! Contact our stallholders:

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Bottle collectors will also be calling in the two weeks before the Fete!

We need all bottles by Thursday July 14th - not on the day, please.

## 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 The Calm Before the Storm

There were no casualties from our villages in June 1916. Sadly this state of apparent calm came to a sudden end on July 1st when the battle across the Somme took place, with the estimated loss of 20,000 lives. The degree of Wiltshire involvement will become clear in our next issue.

Lyn Dyson

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## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

### Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Keep it in perspective, they tell me. Don't sweat the small stuff!

Actually, I think the small stuff is often important. There are many issues that bother people but some are more tractable than others (I can't recall ever using the word "tractable" in my Message before, but the Cambridge English Dictionary says it means "easily dealt with").

So if you are worried or annoyed about something, let's hope it's tractable. On the whole, clearing footpaths, mending potholes, collecting litter – all should be manageable if common sense and goodwill can prevail. It must be said, however, that regulations and bureaucracy sometimes get in the way of common sense and one of the hardest parts of my job is finding a way around such barriers.

Issues arising from human character can be more intractable. Dog poo in a public place is probably a reflection on the ignorance or arrogance of the owner rather than the dog, and that may require sociologists to find a solution. If you have unpleasant neighbours, you may need the involvement of the courts to arbitrate.

At a higher level, defining problems and finding solutions are inevitably more complex. Climate change, education policy, immigration, the NHS, the EU – we all know there are problems but it is naive to think the solutions are simple. (I can't ever recall using the word "naive" but it means "innocent, unsophisticated, artless, ingenuous, inexperienced, guileless, unworldly, childlike..").

What we see from the media on each of these topics often appears to be a war between zealots rather than an informed debate. Like you, probably, I have opinions about the issues but I don't pretend I am certain about the solutions. There are always questions to be asked. Are my ambitions for the outcome realistic or merely idealistic? Is short term pain worth long term gain? Can I rely upon the probity and efficiency of the institutions involved? More often than not, the answers are less than perfect.

If "certainty" implies "ignorance", I suspect the more zealous the commentator the more wrong they might be.

Your judgment is a good as mine on what is right but, on 23 June, we are no longer dealing with the small stuff.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to [richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by phone on 07762 018209.

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## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Mary Diccox:** Friends were saddened to learn of the death of Mary who for so long played such a significant role in the parish as mentioned elsewhere in this magazine. As Chairman of the Parish Council, I would like to pay a very special tribute to Mary, on behalf of the Council and residents of our two villages, for her many years of unselfish and dedicated service to the whole community while herself serving as councillor. At this time of sadness, we also extend to Tony our sincere sympathy and deepest condolences.

**Council's Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Council took place at the beginning of May with a long agenda of AGM issues such as election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and appointment of committee members and representatives to other bodies. I am pleased to report that all eleven seats on the council are occupied. Councillors are Mike May (Vice Chairman), Liz Evans, Julia Ford, Mair Rowles, Bonnie Matters, Peter Blundell, Mike Challinor, Steve Coxhead, Robert Oglesby, and Richard Scott. I continue as Chairman and Kaye Elston is Parish Clerk.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The Annual Parish Meeting on 12 May was well attended to hear the excellent presentation by Surriya Subramaniam, Head of Public Protection at Wiltshire Council, on community resilience and emergency planning. Emergency planning is the Parish Council's next major community project. More information on development of our emergency plan will be available in due course but we hope that everyone living and working in the parish will see the benefits of being prepared community-wise for emergencies and that a number of you will volunteer to help with aspects of the planning. Market Lavington and Great Cheverell both sent Council representatives to the meeting and I am pleased to have had positive feedback from both. Market Lavington's newly elected chairman has written to say that he sees the importance of resilience to our parishes, that it would be rare that something affected one village and not the other and, therefore, he considers that we should work together. Great Cheverell's chairman has also written to say that they hope to set up a sub-committee and would be happy to work with their neighbours.

**Queen's 90th Birthday at The Churchill:** We cleaned for the Queen; now it is time to party for her - with a barbeque and live music and a bouncy castle and stocks for the children! The venue is the newly redecorated Churchill Arms. The time and date: from 12 noon onwards on Saturday, June 11. The theme is red, white and blue. Dress up if you like! Also bring friends and family!

**Sandra Gamble, Chairman**

If you have ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kaye Elston, on 07782 251464 or at [clerk@westlavington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@westlavington.org.uk). The Parish Council website is at [www.westlavington.org.uk](http://www.westlavington.org.uk).

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Your Parish Council met on Monday 9th May. The following items were part of the agenda.

### Election of Officers

Cllr Stephanie Davies was re-appointed as Chairman of the Council and Cllr Robert Hayward was re-appointed as Vice Chairman until May 2017.

### Planning

Decisions Received

16/02057/TCA – Manor Farm 9 Church Road – Fell Hornbeam - No Objections

16/02219/TCA – Kytes Garage – Fell 5 Leylandii Trees - No Objections

### Vacancies for Parish Councillor

Your Parish Council still 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. During May 2017 all Parish Councillors have to stand for re-election for the next four year term May 2017-April 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.

### Neighbourhood Plan

After lengthy discussion and advice from Wiltshire Council, your Parish Council decided to put aside the project for a Neighbourhood Plan for now but have kept open the option of a joint plan with Erlestoke and Cheverell Parva in the future.

### Village Marquee

The new village Marquee has arrived and is safely stored away ready for its first outing on the 11th of June. Your council decided to purchase the largest marquee they could for the money available so the new marquee is 6 metres by 14 metres. Please contact Rob Hayward if you wish to use the new purchase for a village event.

### 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 village noticeboards outside the shop and on Victoria Park.

### Dates for your diary:

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - Thursday 9th June 2016 - 7.30 p.m.** - Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, Pavilion, Witchcombe Close.

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](mailto:parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org)

Don't forget to take a look at your village website [www.greatcheverell.org](http://www.greatcheverell.org).

Cheverell Magna Parish Council

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**LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL**

We had an amazing time last term at Lavington Pre-school learning about 'Space, Planets and the Universe', this has tied in nicely with the adventures of the real life space man, Tim Peake. We have made rockets and aliens, painted planets in our garden and we made a massive alien for our wall display and we designed our own spaceships! Next term we will be investigating 'Nature and Wildlife' and we are planning to spend lots of time looking at all the beautiful nature that we are so lucky to be surrounded by. 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 are delighted to announce that we raised a total of £262 in sponsorship money from our Easter Trike Ride, we would like to thank all the children for working so hard to raise this money and to all the very generous people who donated. We will be using the money to go towards an all weather outdoor play area.

**TOP TIP:** Our Top Tip for this month is from Physical Development: Moving and Handling – Talk to children about their movements and help them to explore new ways of moving, such as squirming, slithering and twisting along the ground like a snake, and moving quickly, slowly or on tiptoe.

**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](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: [info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk)

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Schools News



## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk) or phone us to make an appointment to look around - 01380 813 796.

### Outstanding School

As our children complete their Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATS), we take time to reflect on the incredible achievements of our school, year after year. We are consistently placed in the top few percent of the country for attainment and progress, as measured by the government's statutory assessments in English and Maths. We are also placed in the top few percent in the Year 1 phonics screener. Our outcomes in Key Stage 1 and the Early Years are also judged to be outstanding, year after year. Ofsted judged us to be Outstanding in 2008 and we have built on that success and achieved more each year, retaining and improving on that Outstanding position ever since.

This is a remarkable achievement for the children, staff, governors and families of a little rural village school. And it is a testament to the commitment and inspiration of our staff, the aspiration and enthusiasm of our children and the engagement and support of our families and governors. Our thanks to the wonderful community that ensures such amazing academic outcomes for our children.

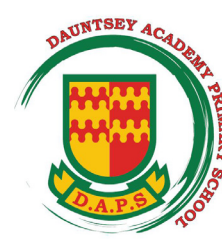
But, in fact, we are even more proud of all the other areas of excellence in our school. Our children are people of compassion, courage, aspiration and joy. They understand the importance of being stewards of our beautiful world. Their spiritual development, whatever their belief or non-belief system, is outstanding. They are good at sport, music, art, philosophy and friendship. People always remark on their truly outstanding behaviour and the warmth of the spirit in our school. It is a great privilege to be part of this extraordinary learning and caring community.

### Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

We also have an outstanding Parents and Friends Association! They had set themselves the target of raising enough money to provide the outdoor classroom that the children had asked for through the school council. It is an expensive project, but with huge enthusiasm, hard work and lots of fun, the PFA have raised the full amount and we are delighted that the children will now have their outdoor classroom, on stilts, near Bluebell Wood so that it can also act as a kind of "Hide". We are enormously grateful to the PFA and to all those who donated so generously, including many local businesses and the Devizes Area Board. What a great achievement!

### Welcome

We are always delighted and honoured when people choose our school for their children. If you think you would like your child to attend Holy Trinity, please phone in and book an appointment to look around and chat to the headteacher. Lots of photos and information can be found on our website [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk). Our phone number is 01380 813796.



## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### POD Quiz and Curry Night

A great night was had by everyone at the POD Quiz and Curry Night and an amazing £240 was raised! The ten rounds of questions were delivered by 'Quiz Master' Kevin, the bar was popular (very), and the curry was simply delicious: thank you Emma! Many thanks to The Inner Yard for providing the wooden spoons and

congratulations to Jo and her team for organising such a great evening. Watch out for the next POD event.... Chill on the Hill!

### New Governors

The governing body at DAPS are delighted to inform you of the appointment of 5 new governors; Mrs Rachel Tempest, Mrs Sarah Bevan, Mr Paul Jones, Mr James Wiltshire, and Mr Andrew Reynolds. Their 4 year term started in April and we warmly welcome them to our school community.

### Sporting Success!

DAPS U9 and U11 Football Teams represented the school at Trinity Primary School in April. Both teams won their age groups and were an absolute credit to the school, showing great sportsmanship throughout. Congratulations to Kory who was awarded U9 Player of the Tournament. A special mention to all the parents who supported our teams especially as the weather was not kind to us. It was very much appreciated.

### Our Choir Sings

On Saturday 7th May our school choir entertained an audience at a Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research at West Lavington Village Hall. The choir sang their hearts out and were a real credit to our school.

Mrs Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.

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Why not come and see how our club can help you make the most of your garden.

### Gardening Tip

Bottomless pots give grow bag success  
Plant tomato plants into 7" diameter bottomless  
plastic flowerpots pushed about 1" deep into  
the revealed compost of the growbag. The plants  
get established quicker in the added depth of  
compost, making watering and feeding easier.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday June 15th  
**Subject:** Plant Poisons and Potions  
**Guest Speaker:** Adrian Hutchinson



## WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our Italian Evening event was very enjoyable, with a good turn out.

The next visit of our friends from St Pierre d'Autils is on the weekend of June 17th to 20th. Twenty six are visiting us, including some young families. We shall be taking them to Longleat on the Saturday, and there will be events on Saturday night and Sunday night which are open to all paid up members although ticket numbers will be limited, particularly on the Sunday night.

If you wish to join in the fun, join the Association. Membership is open to residents of West Lavington and nearby villages. To join just email me [michaelpage007@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelpage007@btinternet.com) or our Chairman Malcolm Johnson [blocker38@hotmail.com](mailto: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!

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our meeting on 9th May was a farewell tea for Revd Canon James and Mary Campbell. Janet Hodges presented them with a gift token on behalf of our members, thanking

them both for all their support over the years, and wished them every blessing in their future work.

Looking ahead, there will be no meeting in June. Members were reminded about the Flower Festival to be held in All Saints Church, West Lavington 8th-10th July and there was discussion about the Mothers' Union contribution to it.

Our visiting speaker at our meeting on 11th July is Sue Elford, who works as Barnados' Representative and Coordinator for the Prison Creche in Erlestoke Prison.

On 8th August we will be remembering Mary Sumner Day and there will be a Communion Service led by Revd Jennifer Haynes.

Val Noviss

## BOOKMARK

At our meeting at the end of April we missed Linda Wearn who has moved back to the north of England.

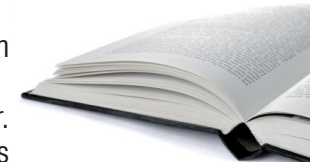
The first book we discussed was *The Shore* by Sara Taylor.

This consists of short stories all centred around families living on small islands off the coast of Virginia. The women are the focus and all the stories are interrelated. The islands are sanctuaries to some, but a nightmare to others; it's a place where they have lived and also fled from. We have a span going from the late 1890's to the 2050's. The writing is very descriptive and some of us felt it was in places too descriptive. The novel is downbeat and none of the characters have a happy life. Although we agreed that it was well written we did not enjoy the book and only voted it a 4.

The second book was *The House at the edge of the World* by Julia Rochester. This is a debut novel and is part mystery, part psychological drama. John Venton's drunken fall from a Devon cliff leaves his family with an embarrassing ghost. His two children who are twins have an extremely close relationship which gradually falls apart. Their mother after an unhappy marriage to John enjoys her widowhood. Only the grandfather finds solace in the crumbling family home. His brightly coloured map holds a secret and as the twins are drawn reluctantly back to the house they discover their father's death is part of the map's

mystery. Did their father fall, was he pushed or was it an escape? After discussion those of us who had read it agreed that it was an enjoyable read and we voted it an 8. Our next meeting will be in July when we will have read four novels and will enjoy Pimms and nibbles in a garden, weather permitting.

Wendy Wilshin





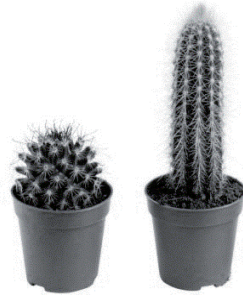
### Cacti and succulents the fascinating world of dry land plants

The Club drew on local talent for its May meeting – Mike Read of Great Cheverell.

In his presentation, Mike (who via eBay sells cacti and succulents around the world) showed us how beautiful the shapes and in some cases almost geometric designs of succulents can be – though there are also some rather weird looking ones – and he displayed numerous examples of the stunning colours that often characterise their flowers.

He shared some of his expertise in propagating and caring for cacti and succulents and, among other things, we learnt:

- that soil can be sterilised for sowing seed in a plastic bag in the microwave.
- that clay-based cat litter makes a good component of a growing medium.
- that cacti can stand cold but can be killed off by a combination of cold and wet.



A fascinating and informative evening.

**Plant sale:** The sale on Saturday 7th May raised £355 for club funds and, with its teas and coffees, proved an enjoyable social event for visitors as well.

**To view the club's programme** go to: <http://www.greatcheverell.org/clubs> and click on the link.



### WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C. 'The Badgers'

Season now at an end, with full results / positions available to see for the Mid Wilts Youth and Minor League on the F.A. website, with tournament season now starting for certain age groups. Members are always welcome – please contact the relevant age group coach below.

- Under 15s : after 3 wins in a row, they finally lost to Melksham (who are likely to complete a league and Cup double).
- Awards for players : Player's Player – James Stobbart; Parent's Player – Jack Churches; Manager's Player – Ed Cooke.
- U13s: finished 2nd position in the League, recently beating Melksham: 5-2, although losing final game of the season away to Warminster.
- U12: mid table 5th with 23 points, the same points tally as 3rd team Corsham who they recently beat 1-5
- The younger age groups we are not permitted to publish results.

U6/7/8 and U9 teams will be participating at the St Barnabas' School fete on 18 June. Whilst at U9 level, tournament season has already started, with some great performances so far at Highworth Town, Frome Town, and Salisbury FC. Training will continue for this group until July, every Friday at 6 pm at Northbrook.

**Summer looks exciting with the European Championships.....but it is not all about Football, there are various local Cricket teams in the area who also need your support !**

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## JUNE AT TRINITY CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

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- 5th 11.00 am Joining with Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton at St Mary's Church Market Lavington  
 12th 11.00 am-4 pm Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations at the Community Hall  
 19th 10.30 am Think Pray Vote – Discussion of issues pending the EU Referendum  
 26th 10.30 am Miss Janet Ruddick

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**Bob and Ash 's Bacon Breakfast – Saturday 4th June 9.00 – 2.00 pm.**

**Tots on Tuesdays** – if you care for a baby, new-born to 18 months, drop into St. Arbucks on any Tuesday morning to meet others for a friendly chat and cup of coffee.

### The Food Cave for 13 – 17 year olds

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### BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

**Poppy May KNIGHT** of Market Lavington was baptized at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington by Rev James Campbell on Sunday 15th May 2016.

At Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 14th May 2016, Bishop Edward Condry baptized and confirmed **Clare ROBERTSON** of Market Lavington and **Stephen GILPIN** of West Lavington. **Joanna GILPIN** of West Lavington, **Abigail STOVOLD** of Easterton and **Stephanie CADWGAN** of Great Cheverell were also confirmed by the Bishop.

### WEDDINGS

**Sharon DONALDSON** and **Stephen ELSWORTH** were married at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell by Rev Pat Strowger on Saturday 14th May 2016.

### FUNERALS

**Phyllis Margaret HAYWARD** of Great Cheverell, died on 7th February 2016 aged 81 years. Her funeral and burial at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell took place on 19th February 2016

**Timothy Gordon WOLLETER** of Seend died on 9th April 2016 aged 64 years. His funeral and burial at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell was on 26th April 2016.

**Kenneth "Ken" FLETCHER** of Market Lavington died aged 82 years on 17th April 2016. His funeral at St Mary's Church on 5th May 2016 was followed by Cremation.

**Mary Catherine DICCOX** of West Lavington died aged 76 years on 30th April 2016. Her funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium was held on 17th May 2016.

### BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The May prizes were drawn by Jill Wilding who is the organist at Great Cheverell. Jill drew David Carter's name for 1st Prize from Great Cheverell and for 2nd Prize Jean Morton's name from West Lavington.

Congratulations to both winners and thank you to Jill.

**Bonnie Matters** Organiser

## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

*Long to Reign Over Us*

This month the nation will be celebrating the 'official' 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. Elizabeth II has been Queen for 64 years, making her this country's longest serving monarch. She has made no secret of her Christian faith, which often comes to the fore in her Christmas messages. Her faith has inspired her to serve country and Commonwealth with remarkable consistency of character, "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try and do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

Speaking in 2012, our Queen commended the Servant King, "God sent his only Son 'to serve, not to be served'. He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ." Jesus' followers had been jostling for position, arguing amongst themselves as to who would be the greatest in the kingdom of God. The Lord told them that their attitude left something to be desired. In his kingdom greatness would not be measured in worldly status, but service, "whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant."

Jesus himself exemplified that servant mindset, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life a ransom for many." He came not to get, but to give. Jesus was willing to give his own life to pay the price of sin that we may receive the gift of God's forgiveness through faith in him.

Queen Elizabeth II has ruled over this land for many generations. Long may she continue to do so. But one day her reign will end, as is the way with all earthly rulers. The kingdom of Jesus will endure for ever and those who follow the Servant King can look forward to eternity in his presence. That is the message of hope in the Christian gospel.

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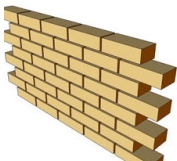
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