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Calendar of Services -July 2016
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd July Thomas the Apostle	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Peter's, Little Cheverell ★ Bishop of Ramsbury Edward Condry				
10th July 7th after Trinity	11.00 am United Service – Trinity at Community Hall ★	Flower Festival 6.00 pm Choral Evensong	11.00 am- United Service – Trinity at Community Hall ML ★	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
17th July 8th after Trinity	11.00 am Parish Communion Archdeacon Sue Groom	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship ★	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
24th July 9th after Trinity	9.00 for 9.30 am Breakfast Church ★	9.30 am Parish Communion (CWO1T)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
31st July 10th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30 am Matins (BCP)		6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	
7th August 11th after Trinity	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Peter's, Great Cheverell				

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.

Calendar of Services -August 2016
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
7th August 11th after Trinity	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Simple Celebration St Peter's, Great Cheverell ★				
14th August 12th after Trinity	11.00 am United Service ★	9/9.30 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am-United Service at St Mary's, ML ★	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
21st August 13th after Trinity	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion			11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
28th August 14th after Trinity	9.00 for 9.30 am Breakfast Church ★	9.30 am Parish Communion (CWO1)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
7th August 11th after Trinity	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together				

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)

VILLAGE LINK

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell
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FROM THE RECTORY

From James & Mary Campbell

A huge thank you to everyone for our farewell celebrations. Thank you too for the very generous cheque, the roses' voucher and the lovely painting of Market Lavington. We move to East Sussex with many happy memories of friendships formed over the eight years here in Wiltshire. We look forward to seeing any of you who may be near Withyham in the future.

EDITOR'S RATHER IMPORTANT NOTES


Having been editor for this humble publication for 26 years, I have come to realize that I may not perhaps survive for the next 26, and for this reason I am suggesting that the time has come for someone to consider taking over.

This is not a dramatic resignation and I am still prepared/resigned to continue until a replacement is possible. It has been, and still is, a rewarding occupation, not least because of the familiarity with, and friendship of, a number of contributors some of whom I have never even met.

If you are interested in carrying out this role – or even helping to do so, please get in touch with me at 01380 812467 or hjhodges2011@btinternet.com

News and Views existed many years ago as a Church Magazine but has now evolved into a Parish or, if you like, a Village magazine; more than that it serves three villages, so the opportunity is there for that area. What is more, there is no obligation, as some might think, to be a churchgoer.

Jim Hodges



Choral Evensong
on the theme of the Benedicite
All Saints' Church,
West Lavington
8pm on Sunday 10th July
Followed by a glass of Pimms

VALETE – JOHN AND ANN COWBURN

Ann and I would like to say a very heartfelt fond farewell to all who knew us in our time at West Lavington. We would like to say thank you for your welcome to us when we took over the Vicarage at number 25 White Street some seven and a half years ago. To our direct neighbours please accept any apologies needed for any disruption we may have caused in our comings and goings at some strange times of the day, especially in returning from work at the other end of the diocese/country. Although we were not classed as 'Parish' clergy and spouse we have enjoyed being part of what we could and hope that our input has been useful. As we take our leave to retire to another place, we leave with a tear in our eye as we have really enjoyed the peace and the views from our kitchen/living room/bedroom window, the farming activity and the walking (John); we will miss it indeed. Praying for you as you move into another experience of finding a new incumbent for the benefice, hoping it won't be too long a gap. Lastly thank you all for your gifts and well wishes for our future. Until we meet again?

Rev John and Mrs Ann Cowburn

(And in return our thanks to John and Ann for their active presence in West Lavington Church. John has been the minister for the Deaf in the South of England but has taken services here. It has always been a pleasure to have John conducting our services, and Ann has made a selfless contribution to our Mothers' Union branch- and in particular has given her support at Erlestoke Prison)

BREAKFAST CHURCH – EVERYONE WELCOME !

If you like bacon butties, company at breakfast, craft activities for the children and the chance to meet some new people.....then breakfast church is for you.

Breakfast is served from 9am with a selection of food, including bacon butties, croissants, cereal, juice and coffee. At 9.30 there is a short act of worship which is aimed at young people and is easy to follow if you are new to church.

Breakfast church is held at All Saints, West Lavington every second Sunday and St Mary's, Market Lavington every 4th Sunday (see calendar of services). So in July this will mean Breakfast Church on Sunday 10th July in West Lavington and Sunday 24th July in Market Lavington.

If you would like to know more about breakfast church or any other church activities go to the website: www.lavingtonchurch.org

SUMMER CONCERT TREAT

Lavington Community Choir will be holding its Summer Concert on Saturday July 9th at 7.30 p.m. at the Market Lavington Community Hall. The Choir will be singing a varied and entertaining programme, including Vivaldi's Gloria and a medley from Guys and Dolls, plus other popular songs. The Choir's Musical Director is Paula Boyagis, and the soloists will be Barbara Gompels (soprano) and Chloe Jordan (alto).

Refreshments will be available. Tickets to this musical feast cost only £7 and are available from Market Lavington Post Office and Devizes Books. All profits will go to Cancer Research UK.

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This year's Edington Music Festival takes place in Edington Priory Church from Sunday 21st through to Sunday 28th August. Its theme is "The Seven Ages of Man", as described by William Shakespeare in "As You Like It", a link to the Bard's 400th Anniversary.

As ever, three choirs composed of the top Cathedral and Collegiate choristers, under the direction of three of the country's top choral directors, will sing a wide range of sacred music four times daily. Music includes Mozart's Requiem as part of the Friday Requiem Mass, plenty of early/baroque anthems, this year's Festival Commission from Francis Pott, and music before the services played by some of the UK's leading organists.

The Wednesday Choral Evensong will be broadcast live by BBC Radio 3 as usual (at 3.30 p.m.), and the Festival Musical Supper –excellent entertainment courtesy of some of the Festival Singers – is on Wednesday 24th. Leaflets which contain all necessary information are available in the church and Bratton Stores, and you can also ring Christine Allanson-Bailey on 831256 for supper info.

FIREWORKS – EARLY WARNING

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.

Saturday 9 July 2016
4 p.m.
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On the theme of the Benedicite,
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Harley of MacQueen's vets in Devizes. 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 from 2.30pm.

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!

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Entries £2, from 2pm

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Best Puppy (under 1 year); Waggiest Tail;
Most Obedient and Best Tricks; Best 6 Legs;
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Plants: Debbie West on 813345
Teas: Liz Evans on 813929

For more information, to book a stall or to volunteer your help contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256

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STREETSCENE

Thank you to everyone who has supported Streetscene with small contributions at the collecting tins at Costcutter and The Churchill Arms and at the Spring Fayre in the Village Hall. We have also had generous donations from residents for which we are hugely grateful. We have used this money to buy summer flowers from David Coxhead for the 10 existing tubs and two new troughs at the crossroads and Duck Street corner, kindly donated by Adrian and Nikki Softley.

We have provided flowers for the planters outside the Village Hall which Eileen Hinton kindly attends. A villager has donated a winter flowering Prunus in front of the Churchill carpark, with two more trees to follow in the Autumn, funds permitting. There is much Goodwill in our village so we hope you enjoy the flowers this summer. Please keep topping up the collecting tins and water any of the tubs near you! Without you we could not continue this project which I hope you will agree has enhanced our village.

Bonnie Matters (816133)

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WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

So many people in the village will have visited the spectacular Open Garden event at the Manor. From a Youth Club point of view, we cannot thank enough the many people who helped us with the pop-up café during the event. Without that help, we would not have been able to raise so much money for our funds, money which will be essential to our continuing survival. We have raised thousands, not hundreds, of pounds, and when the final figure is calculated we will let everyone know.

We very much hope we have also been able to give local people a feel as to what the club is like, we ourselves felt the support was overwhelming. Thank you again for that support.

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.

John and Lesley Williams

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)	
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- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to rebook that date.
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100 YEARS AGO

July 1st 1916 was without doubt the worst day of the 1914-18 war, the outcome of which resulted in the death of 19,000 men. Unlike many counties from the North of England, Wiltshire soldiers were less involved and hence the comparatively small loss of life. Nevertheless there were four fatal casualties in July which are recorded below.

Private John Wilfred Smith 21899 Killed in Action 1st July 1916

John Wilfred Smith enlisted in the Kings Liverpool Regiment in Liverpool on 7th November 1914. He stated his age as 19 years and 6 months, but this was an exaggeration, as he would probably have been under age 18. He gave his occupation at the time as a clerk. His parents were living at Bush Bottom Farm, West Lavington, where William was working as a gamekeeper.

John went to France with the 18th Battalion of the Kings Liverpool regiment on 7th November 1915. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916, the first day of the Somme offensive, when his battalion was involved in the capture of Montauban. On this day over 19,000 British and Commonwealth men were killed and a further 19,000 men were wounded. This was the worst day the Army has known, but the battle continued for months, and the German High Command claimed that the Battle of the Somme was when they started to lose.

John has no known grave but is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

Private Frederick Charles Giddings 15251 Killed in Action 1st July 1916

Frederick was born about 1892 in West Lavington, where his father James Giddings was a farm labourer. Frederick's mother was Mary Ann Gillett and in 1911 they were living at New Coppice Farm in West Lavington. Frederick was living at Ford, near Salisbury in 1911, and was working as a shepherd.

Frederick initially joined the Wiltshire Regiment, but was transferred to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. It is worth noting that in 1916, when conscription was introduced in England, Scotland and Wales, it did not apply in Ireland. Troops from England were therefore drafted there.

Frederick served in the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. This Regiment saw action on the Western Front, including the Battle of Cateau, the Battle of the Marne, the Battle of Aisne and the Battle of Messines. Then in 1915 they were involved in the Second Battle of Ypres, where the battalion suffered from a gas attack.

On July 1st 1916, Frederick was in the trenches on the Somme. It was the first day of the battle of the Somme. The Dublin Fusiliers had received orders to attack, and as they left the trenches, they were mown down by German machine gun fire. Apparently, there had been an order to halt, but this was never received.

Frederick has no known grave, but is remembered on the Thiepval memorial.

Private Reginald Vere Collins 22815 Killed in Action 7th July 1916

Reginald was born in Little Cheverell in 1894, the son of Joseph and Mary Jane Collins. Joseph was originally from West Lavington, but settled in Little Cheverell following his marriage to Mary Jane Sainsbury. He worked as an agricultural labourer and he and Mary Jane had five sons and one daughter. Reginald was the second son.

In 1911 Reginald was working as a shepherd. He enlisted in the 1st battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment.

On 7th July the battalion was in the trenches at the Leipzig salient in France. At 12.15 am they received orders to attack the German trenches. Whilst the matter was still being discussed, they encountered a very violent hostile counter attack. This started at 1.15am. The Germans tried to rush the trench, and managed to reach the very edges of it and they dropped bombs and opened fire. The Wiltshires managed to fight them off and they inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. For the next two hours they endured very heavy bombing, and intermittent bombing afterwards until about 5.30am.

At 9.30am the battalion mounted its attack on the German trench, which was successfully captured.

At 1pm a second wave of attack was made. In this action a large number of Germans were killed and 23 were taken prisoner. The captured trench was consolidated, but being very wide it offered little protection. At 1.30pm the enemy opened a terrific bombardment with high explosive. This bombardment lasted about five hours and the battalion's casualties were enormous; about 160 men were wounded or killed. One of these was Reginald .

Lance Corporal Thomas Plank 19916 Killed in Action 14th July 1916

Thomas was born about 1886 in Lavington, the son of William Plank a farm carter from Rushall, and his wife May Ann who came from Urchfont. The couple had six surviving children, and Tom was the second son.

and transferred to the 8th battalion of the Devonshire Regiment.

On 14th July, the 8th Devonshires were involved in the British offensive at the Battle of Bazentin Ridge, which marked the start of the second phase of the Battle of the Somme. The objective was to take the villages of Bazentin le Petit, Bazentin le Grand and Longueval, which were located on the top of the ridge.

The battle lasted all day, with the result that the British did take most of the Bazentin Ridge, but over the coming weeks and months it changed hands several times. The British losses on that day were 9,194 men, compared with German losses of 2,300. Thomas Plank was killed in action during this battle. His older brother, William had been killed in action near Ypres in January 1915.

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Do you want some good news for a change?

Wiltshire has a thriving and growing economy. Only 0.6% of the working age population is claiming Job Seekers' Allowance, which is about half the national figure. Not bad, I'd say! Schools are doing well. Over 90% of our children are being educated in schools that are rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, which puts Wiltshire very nearly at the top of the national list. The proportion of students getting GCSE Grade A*-C including English & Maths is well above the national average.

Another positive point is that, on average, men and women in Wiltshire live in good health for longer than those in other parts of England.

But when more of us reach old age we may need more help. Wiltshire Council's Adult Care Services have supported 26,483 individuals between April 2015 and March 2016. This includes residents who received both long term and short term support. Help to live at home is designed to help people who are frail, sick or disabled to live at home for as long as it is safe and it helps people to continue to look after themselves in their own home.

To help the environment, waste diverted from landfill continues to exceed the target of 75%. Landfill = Bad. Recycling = Good. Please keep it up!

Less happily, the number of incidents of fly-tipping increased by 22% over the year. Actions to reduce the number of incidents include increased camera surveillance and increased joint working operations with the Police to intercept waste which is being transported illegally. In addition, the Council will make full use of the new fixed penalty notice (introduced in May 2016) as an added deterrent to would-be fly tippers.

Support for local communities last year came in the form of grants from Area Boards, which totalled £1.7 million, supporting 1,038 local projects. For every £1 of grants an additional £4.53 was leveraged from other sources so the total investment in Wiltshire communities totalled over £5.7 million. To know more about the County statistics go to

<http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/CitzDash/CitizenDashboard/MainReports>

The next Devizes Area Board meets in West Lavington Village Hall on 11th July at 6.30pm. All are welcome, so come!

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



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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

It has been a busy Spring season for our parish organisations and businesses - despite the rain.

During May and June, the Youth Club hosted a very successful refreshment tent at the wonderful Sculpture and Art Display in the Manor gardens. The Queen's 90th birthday was celebrated with due enjoyment at The Churchill. One of the highlights of our French Twinning friends' bi-annual visit was a dinner and fun-filled line dancing evening, also at The Churchill.

Streetscene supporters have been out planting their tubs in red, white and blue. Other residents along the A360 are once more helping to cheer up our high street with displays of their own colourful potted plants and hanging baskets.

As the Spring season merges into Summer, there are still some special Parish events for all to enjoy. Be sure, if you can, to support the Flower Festival at All Saints' Church during the week-end of July 8th to 10th. And, of course, the village Fete on West Lavington playing field on July 16th is something as always to look forward to.

While all this is going on, the Stagepost is finally being cleared for development. Four houses are to be constructed at the rear. The future of the old building at the front remains to be determined. The Council awaits a planning application with interest.

We on the Parish Council wish you and your families a very good summer!

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. The Parish Council website is at www.westlavington.org.uk.

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LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL Meeting on 24 May 2016.

This was a combined AGM and regular council meeting.

At the AGM the Chairs of the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council delivered their annual reports which highlighted the developments of the last twelve months.

The following are the main items that were discussed at the regular Council meeting.

Village Roads

It was reported that Wiltshire Council had repaired the potholes in Low Road that were deep enough to be repaired with cold tarmac. Anne Venus said there were potholes near the stream bridge on the Great Cheverell Road and agreed to report these to Wiltshire Council. The Chair reported that Wiltshire Council had replied to the complaint about overhanging foliage along Low Road saying there was no immediate danger but they would continue to monitor the situation.

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Michael Maxwell was unable to attend the meeting but had supplied a written report to the Chair who gave a summary. As a result of recent complaints the issue was now being dealt with by BT Openreach High Level Complaints Dept. In parallel, BT had discovered a fault in the main connector at the railway bridge at the north end of Low Road and after rectification some improvements were expected. We would continue to press for the Broadband connection to be switched from the cabinet in Littleton Panell to cabinet 3 in Great Cheverell. Michael also reported that nine subscribers had applied for compensation from BT for poor service.

Council Vacancy

A discussion was held on the procedures for filling the vacancy created by the recent resignation of a Councillor and how it could be publicised throughout the village.

If you would like to know more about how to become a Parish Councillor please contact one of the following Councillors:

Wes Parfitt 812857 Anne Venus 812120 Val Bruce 818828
Sue Ivey 813439

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 July 2016.

St. Barnabas Church of England (VC) Primary School – Market Lavington

Vacancy for School Governor Can you help ?

Did you know that school governors represent England's largest group of volunteers (currently some 300,000 strong), who are dedicated to school improvement. Governors make important decisions with regard to the running of the school - that is, with regard to curriculum, pupil targets, school improvement, budget, staffing, health and safety, management of premises ...

If all this sounds rather daunting, remember that school governors are drawn from all walks of life and no specialist knowledge is required just enthusiasm. Support is offered in the form of websites, helplines and training, some specifically for new governors. Along with more experienced governors who are always on hand to provide advice and information.

Governing bodies act corporately and are collectively responsible for decisions. The emphasis is very much on collaboration with other governors and the Headteacher. The amount of time devoted to governance varies, but an average might be one or two governing body meetings per term, plus one or two committee meetings.


Governors report that they derive a range of personal benefits from the work - indeed, many find the role enormously rewarding and stay with the same school for years. These benefits include: the chance to acquire new skills and upgrade existing ones, undertake an exciting and challenging role, meet new people and work together towards a common goal. Governors also report immense satisfaction that, in giving up a few hours a term, they can help make a real difference to children's lives.

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LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term at Lavington Pre-school we have been focusing our investigations on Nature and Wildlife. We have made hand print animals, been on nature walks and we have seen some lovely pictures of chicks hatching!

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 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

Residential Trips

Recently our Year 5 and Year 6 children went to the Forest of Dean on a residential trip. They took part in adventure activities, including caving, climbing, outdoor problem solving and lots of other great activities. These trips give children the chance to tackle challenges that are not usually within the school curriculum, and help them develop their independence and leadership skills. As ever, our children behaved impeccably, supporting each other, having fun and learning important life skills. We are very grateful to our staff who are prepared to take on the responsibility of looking after 50 children on a trip like this – this is an indication of their commitment to providing the very best education to our children.

End of term

As we rush towards the end of this school year, we are having a wonderful time with events such as our **evening music concert**, showcasing our outstanding young musicians, our **French concert** in which every child takes part in a French sketch or song, our Year 3/Year 4 performance of Shakespeare's **Midsummer Night's Dream**, our **Sports day**, the Year 6 **Leavers' trip to the Cathedral**, our **School Eucharist** celebrated by the Bishop in our school hall, afternoons in school for parents including the **Year 6 Restaurant** and our **Grand Opening** of the new Outdoor Classroom. Children are enjoying eating their lunch outside as a picnic in our beautiful school grounds, and having fun with lots of outdoor learning. So much going on at school!

Every day is an open day

We do not limit prospective parents or other visitors to a few open days in the year – if you would like to see our school and find out more about it please phone and make an appointment at any time. Lots of photos and information can be found on our website www.holy-trinity.co.uk. Our phone number is 01380 813796.

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DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Residential Trips for Years 6 and 4

Our Year 4 and Year 6 classes have enjoyed residential trips this month.

Year 6 spent a week in Bideford, Devon and enjoyed some great activities including surfing, mountain boarding, and an extreme assault course.

Year 4 enjoyed 2 nights in Llansteffan, Wales. The children experienced a Tribal Kingdom day, a night search and rescue activity and time at the beach surveying the seashore

EYFS Tea Party

Our new pupils for Elm class came to visit for our new parents' tea party last week which was a great success! Current and new EYFS pupils enjoyed playing in the forest while new parents enjoyed tea and cake. It was a fabulous afternoon which gave everyone a warm welcome into our school community.

Mrs Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.

Feeling helpful? Full of enthusiasm?
Have some time to spare?
Marvellous. DAPS needs you!



make a
difference
day

On Sunday 3rd July, from 10.00 a.m. onwards, we are having a 'Make a difference day'. We have several things outside that need to be re-painted or stained so that our school looks as smart outside as it does inside. I will ensure that paint and stain etc. will be here although if you have your own brushes that you could bring that would be great! Whether you have the whole day or just a few hours, your help would be most welcome.

In order to make sure I have enough tea and biscuits, please could you let the office know if you are able to help and for approximately how long?

Thanking you in advance
Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

A very active May and June supporting the Youth Club with their lunches and teas. This was a very well run event and most cheerfully led by Mike and Sandra May. I

think enough money was raised to keep the Youth Club afloat for the next two years. We now plunge on with our good works and energy, supporting the Flower Festival from 8th-10th July, and working hard towards our own stall of produce, jams, marmalade and cakes in the Fete on Saturday July 16th.

Our next meeting on Monday, 11th July, at 2.15 p.m. will be at the home of Ann Janes - and on August 8th we meet at All Saints with our Deanery friends at 2.30 p.m. for a service, remembering Mary Sumner, our founder. We shall also be welcoming new members.

Lavington & District Gardening Club

Meetings held **3rd Wednesday of each month** at
West Lavington village hall at **7.15pm.**

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

Gardening Tip

Bubble Skirt
Floating flowers are a fun way to decorate for special occasions, or to simply create something different for your dining room table. Most flowers float pretty well on their own until they start to pool with water and slowly sink. For a longer lasting centerpiece, use bubble wrap to make little skirts for your flowers.

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 20th
Subject: Borders of Distinction
Guest Speaker: John Negus
Monthly Competition:
Vase of Sweet Peas



For our June meeting we toured four members' gardens in Little Cheverell. The gardens were different sizes and on different terrain.

The first garden had beautiful manicured lawns leading from the house to a stream. The banks of the stream were planted with water loving plants but there were gaps in the planting so that you got occasional glimpses of sparkling water. The flower beds on the lawns were well stocked with colourful plants and shrubs. The backdrop to this garden was fields sloping toward the horizon. In the first field was a fruitcage with fruit bushes, a strawberry plot and vegetable beds.

The next garden was perched on the steep side of a valley. The owners awoke one day to find that torrential rains had caused a landslide and half their garden had been deposited on a neighbour's drive. Insurance paid for a retaining wall to be built and the topsoil replaced creating a hard to access steep slope. Undaunted, they set about hardlandscaping, creating steps and walkways and planting the terrace with colourful plants and shrubs. The result is a beautiful small garden with a spacious feel and lots of areas of interest.

The third garden was very large so we confined our visit to an area where an old border was being replanted and a 'secret' garden accessed through the dwelling. The secret garden contained many seating areas chosen to catch the warmth of the sun at different times of day. A pond full of wildlife also provided a home for the toads that were obviously doing a great job of controlling the slug and snail population. The garden was colourful and fragrant with the scent of roses. But the star of the visit was an eight week old puppy, tiny and playful and capturing the hearts of all the visitors.

The final garden was a wonderful space surrounding the house. It was full of flower borders packed with interesting plants. There was a nice flow from one area to another and around every corner a new treat for the senses. This was not an easy to maintain garden but the result of countless hours of care and attention. There were fruits and vegetables in abundance. Everyone remarked on the container grown lemon tree laden with lemons.

On Tuesday 12th July we are planning a visit to a Becketts Vineyard in Littleton Panell for a talk and a tasting. There will be a charge of £6 for members and £8 for non members. Meet at 7.15pm at Great Cheverell Village Hall.

The August meeting will be a visit to Erlestoke Walled Garden, now the home of Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club. The host will be Patrick Stayt, the groundsman.

To view the club's programme go to:
<http://www.greatcheverell.org/clubs>
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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.
 'The Badgers'

Team presentations were held towards the end of May, with a full list of Players receiving awards shown below.

	Supporters Player of Year	Players Player of Year	Managers Player of Year	Respect
Under 6	Medals for each team member			
U7	Medals for each team member			
U8	William G.	Charlie B.	Jack S.	
U8	Oliver E.	Jensen J.	Logan B.	
U9 Whites	Dominic E.	Finlay K	Harry N	Harry C.
U9 Blacks	Sam L.	Oscar C.	Joseph P.	
U12	Charlie S.	Josh B.	Robert S.	
U13	Sammie J.	Jacob D.	Josh H.	
U15	Jack C.	James S.	Ed C.	

MORE PLAYERS WANTED: The Club are now open for new members in all age groups (Boys and Girls) to start in September, with the following age group teams to participate in the various area Leagues and contact details (age groups = Under 6 on 31 August of 2016):

- Reception Year + Under 6: Mark Goddard : 01380-813160
- Under 7: Mark (temporary)
- Under 8: Sharon Black : 01380-818193
- Under 9: Mark Goddard – above
- Under 10: 2 teams Dave Kiddle – : 07843-678781 + Pete Crozier
- Under 11: Andy Duckett (temporary) 07970-028330
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JULY & AUGUST AT TRINITY CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

Market Lavington

Sunday 3rd July	10.30 am Family Worship
Sunday 10th July	11.00 am United Service - Rev Gary Gotham
Sunday 17th July	10.30 am Family Worship Communion and Barbeque, Homestead Farm, Drove Lane, Market Lavington - Rev Gary Gotham
Sunday 24th July	10.30 am All Age Worship – Rev Ward Jones
Sunday 31st July	10.30 am Family Worship – Rev Graham Warmington
August	
Sunday 7th	10.30 am Family Worship
Sunday 14th	11.00 am United Service St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington
Sunday 21st	10.30 am Worship and Communion – Rev Tom MacMeekin
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BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

Olivia May SCRANNAGE of Devizes was baptized by Rev James Campbell on 22nd May 2016 at St Peter’s Church, Great Cheverell.

WEDDINGS

Debra WRIGHT and **Andrew FULLER** were married by Rev Andrew Sheard at St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington on 4th June 2016.

Tatiana GRAHAM and **James GREW** were married by Rev James Campbell at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington on 4th June 2016.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The June prizes were drawn by Gordon Somerville from Easterton. He drew the 1st prize of £40 whose number belonged to Dennis Alcock from Great Cheverell and 2nd prize to Jeannette Giles of West Lavington. Congratulations to both of you.

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Citizens of Hope

By the time you read this the result of the EU referendum will have been revealed. I am neither a prophet or pollster so I'm not going to try and anticipate the outcome here. Whatever that may be, one of the defining issues of the referendum campaign was our sense of political identity. Are we first of all Europeans and then British, British and then European, or simply British? The answer to those questions is partly based on a sense of cultural belonging and partly on political matters such as sovereignty and citizenship.

There is no 'Christian view' on whether we are better off in or out of the EU, but the Bible has something to say about citizenship and the role of the state. A decent government will defend its citizens, uphold the rule of law and harness the power of society to serve the common good. But there's only so much the state can do, both at the national level and as states work together in organisations like the EU.

The Christian attitude towards politics is summed up well in the words of Jesus, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.' We are to give 'Caesar' or the state its due by obeying the laws of the land, paying our taxes, and acting as good citizens. But the state has no power to change the human heart, or command our worship. That is God's domain.

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God. Its power is not of this world and cannot be measured in terms of military might, GDP, or global influence. King Jesus did not come to destroy his enemies, but to die for them. He did not seek to enrich himself, but by his poverty to bestow the riches of God's grace upon others. Belonging to this kingdom is not a matter of race, or national citizenship. All who believe belong. None of this means that Christians have little interest in politics, or that we wish to withdraw from society. Jesus calls his people to play a full part in the life of this world and to seek the wellbeing of their local communities. But for the Christian, our ultimate citizenship isn't measured by the words on our passports, but our hope in the Lord, 'our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20). That thought helps to put the raging political controversies of the day into perspective.

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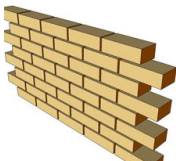
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