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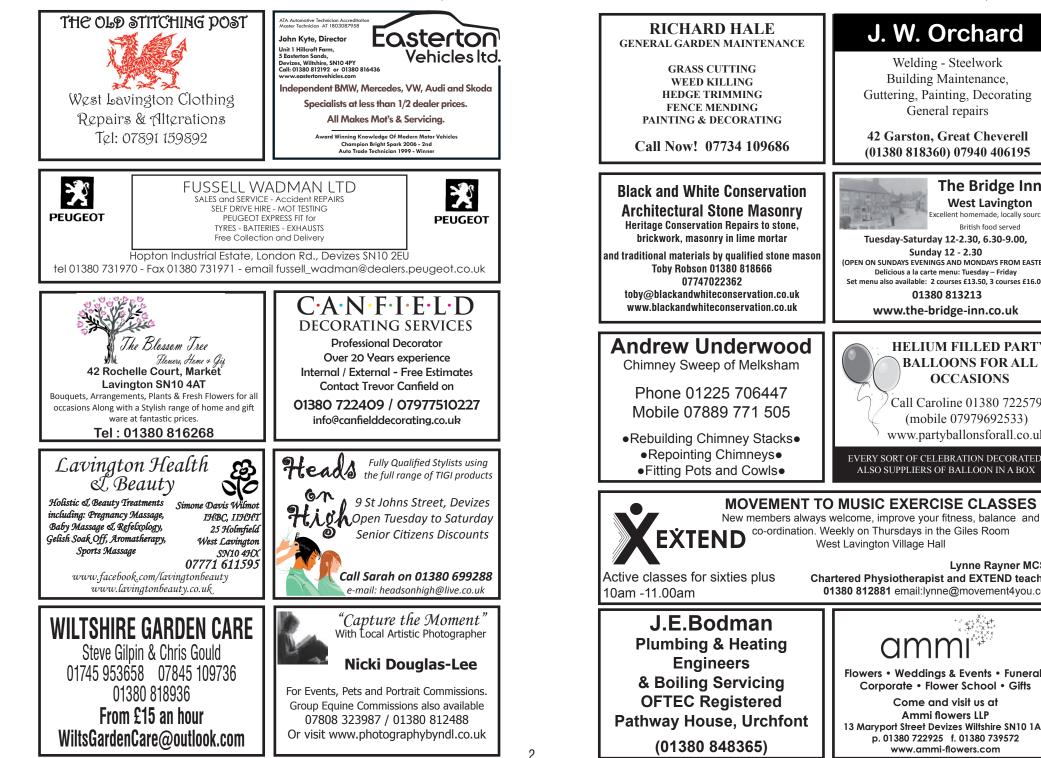
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	Calendar of Services - October 2016 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell	
2nd October	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Barnabas, Easterton Archdeacon Sue Groom					
9th October	11.00 am Harvest 🗙 Celebration Community Hall	9/9.30 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am Harvest Celebration Community Hall, ML	11.00 am Harvest Festival		
16th October	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
23rd October	9.00 for 9.30 am Breakfast Church (at the old school)	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (CW01)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)		
30th October		9.30 am Patronal Eucharist		4.00 pm Evensong (BCP)		
6th November	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Simple Celebration St Mary's, Market Lavington Fr John Hawthorne					

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## VILLAGE LINK West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826

All Saints, West Lavington: St Peter's, Great Cheverell: St Peter's, Little Cheverell:

## **CHURCHWARDENS**

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

#### OUR NEW INCUMBENT The Official notice

The Bishop of Ramsbury is pleased to announce that he has appointed the Revd Marion Harrison to be the next Priest in Charge of the benefice of the Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton.

Marion is currently Priest in Charged of the Seven Churches Benefice in the diocese of Norwich. Marion will be licensed by the Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday 8th February 2017. Please continue to pray for the churchwardens and Benefice Council as we prepare to welcome to our communities.

## AND THE PERSONAL MESSAGE

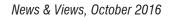
## Hello everyone,

I thought I would write and introduce myself to you. I was born in Woking, Surrey and lived there until the tender age of ten when my family moved to Sandhurst, Berkshire. Apart from Sandhurst I have lived in Belgium, Germany and N. Ireland. I have three children and, so far, three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. All of whom but one, live within a ten mile radius of Sandhurst. My son Gareth lives in Newcastle.

That's the bare bones but who am I? I am a lifelong Christian who started Sunday school at the even more tender age of two weeks. So I can honestly say that I can't remember a time when God was not a part of my life. And I still find that exciting. I have a lifelong passion for animals and wildlife and come with a Welsh cob, three cats and an African python.

Although I am coming to you from the Diocese of Norwich, I am not new to Salisbury. I was both ordained and priested in Salisbury Cathedral and worked my curacy in the Watercombe Benefice in the south of the Diocese. As a southern girl I feel I am coming home and I am looking forward to meeting all of you and exploring the next few steps of our spiritual journey together.

See you all very soon. Revd. Marion Harrison





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Oct 6th Animals & their homes Oct 13th Night Sky Oct 20th Woods Oct 27th Half Term



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## PETE LAMB AND THE HEARTBEATS

Following the success of our Concert last year, we are organising another one this year on Wednesday 14th December from 2.30-4 p.m., in West Lavington Village Hall with a Tea Interval. It will follow the same format as last year, with the same musical aroup.

Tickets will be £6.50 and will be on sale at the end of October.

**Eileen Hinton** 

THE NESTLING TRUST QUIZ NIGH When? Wednesday, 9th November at 7.30 p.m. Where? Devizes Sports Club Cost ? £10.00 for team of four Light Supper (donations invited) For tickets please contact Sue Hamblin (01380 813571) Or Mike Gaiger (818500)

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## **DEVIZES CARNIVAL**

Young people as old people. Men dressed as women and women as men. Our group's entry in this year's Devizes carnival was "Village Oldies". Think Nora Batty and Last Of The Summers Wine- that's what we wanted to be.

It poured all day and we even wondered if, this year, it might be cancelled. Costumes had been put together from charity shops and older relatives wardrobes, and as we

met up on The Green, the rain finally stopped. There were fifty of us so there was a lot of walking sticks, tabards and wrinkly tights! Tummies were padded with cushions and hair sprayed grey. Our dance rehearsals paid off and we won our group.

At 6pm, the procession set off and we danced (and laughed) our way all around town. The number of entries was down this year, but, despite the dreadful weather, I think we brightened up most people's evening!

Hilary Stone





#### Editor's Note

My congratulations ro Hilary Stone and her friends for braving the awful conditions on the one truly bad day of the Summer and my thanks, not only for her account of the occasion, but also the cover picture for this issue, which showed the indomitable spirits of the participants on the day.



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## **"STARTER" COMPUTER COURSE**

As outlined in last month's News and Views, West Lavington Parish is mounting a starter computer course, designed in particular for older people who might wish to keep in touch with relatives and friends, online or by skype or similar means. This course is already oversubscribed, and the Parish will therefore repeat it in a month or two, dates to be arranged.

If you would like to attend the second course, please contact Mike May (812574) or any member of the council so that we can put you on the list



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The September restart for Lavington Community Choir began with us welcoming lots of new members and seeing our old friends who have returned after a break.

We have begun singing 'And the Glory of the Lord' from Handel's Messiah, also we are learning 'Peace white Dove', 'Shona

Malanga' and 'Sold Down the River' which consists of three separate songs sung at the same time and is great fun when each section of the choir takes a turn at singing the tunes!!

We would love to have more people enjoying a sing on a Thursday and if you don't read music, do not be deterred as we spend time learning each part, and some of the music is backed up by learning tracks to help you practise in your own time.

So, If you would like to add your voice please come along and join us; you will be enthusiastically welcomed. We meet on Thursdays at the Market Lavington Community Hall at 8 for 8.15 p.m. There is a weekly fee of £3.50 and there is a bar available for refreshments at the break.

More information is available from paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com our musical director. And the final piece of news for this month is a date for your diary, our Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 15th December at the Market Lavington Community Hall, we look forward to seeing you there.

## THE FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON

Chrístmas Concert Saturday 3rd December 2016, 7pm (doors open 6.15pm) St John's Church, Long Street, Devízes, SN10 1NP Wessex Male Choír and Shrewton Sílver Band

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available during the interval Tickets - £15/adult Under 16s free To download a seat order form, please visit: www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com

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## THE LAVINGTONS HOME GROUP

Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. at 46 High Street, West Lavington (Mark and Caroline Spindlow) Contact us on 01380 813445 or cwood772@btinternet.com.

The Home Group has now been a regular meeting for over 3 years in term times. We are a group of Christians, or interested people, who meet for a chat and tea/coffee. We are very friendly group and would love to welcome anyone who is likeminded and would enjoy the discussions. If you can come for a complete course that's great, but you are also welcome to come when you can. Michael Challinor, Mark and Caroline Spindlow share leading the courses – but are always happy for others to take a turn too! Our next course starts on 5th October and is about learning to hear God's voice. A small group study by Mark Aldridge who is the Head of Ministry for New Wine International. He loves to teach on the prophetic, healing and the Kingdom of God. If you would like to order a course book (£1.35) and study guide (£5.39) for this let me know. Dates October:

5th	Jesus is our model
12th	The Prophetic Gift and its many Blessings
19th	Getting started with listening to God
26th	No meeting
Nov 2nd	Discerning the True Voice of God

### WEST LAVINGTON IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR Available About Now!

My latest local history offering is a collection of WW1 photographs mainly from an album belonging to Jackie and Gillie Holloway. It gives us an idea of what life was like in the village during the turbulent years from 1914-1918. The book should be available in October at Devizes Books, Amazon.co.uk, or from me at £6. All profits will go to the youth club and the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

I have also produced a little book about the chequered history of the Shaftesbury Fountain, better known as Eros, in Piccadilly Circus. This is called "Forever Eros" and is available at £4.99. (I should point out that this one is not part of my charitable local history project, but I really enjoyed researching it and I think it makes an interesting read.)

Lyn Dyson (813943)

## SLIMMING WORLD COMES TO WEST LAVINGTON

A new Slimming World group is opening in West Lavington at West Lavington Village Hall on Thursday 13th October at 7.30 p.m.

Leonie Freegard joined her local Slimming World group in Devizes at the beginning of 2015 and dropped from 12 Stone 4 to 9 stone.

Leonie has now trained as a Consultant for Slimming World, the UK's largest groupbased weight loss organisation, at their national training academy in Derbyshire, and now she is opening her own group in West Lavington. Although there are currently around 4,000 Slimming World Consultants across the UK and Ireland running 15,000 groups, the closest groups for West Lavington and the surrounding villages are in Devizes, Melksham or Westbury, at least 5 miles away. Leonie is excited therefore to open a group to offer her knowledge to the local community of West Lavington, and surrounding villages.

Support is really the most important thing. It all starts with feeling that you're not alone. I couldn't have lost over 3 stone without the weekly help, encouragement and understanding of my own Consultant and group. As someone who has lost weight myself I know the challenges people can face, which is why, along with the group, I will be there to support every one of my members all the way to their chosen target weight. Setting targets, sharing recipes and other ideas, and working together as a group to overcome challenges and celebrate success is so important to a successful journey. That's why, at my Slimming World group, there'll be tons of support, encouragement and fun.

"Like a lot of slimmers, I had tried to lose weight so many times before by following numerous diets but they were never sustainable because I'd always get tired of restricting what I ate. I thought I was destined to struggle with my weight for the rest of my life, but when I came to Slimming World it was different. I never felt like I was on a diet. The eating plan encourages you to eat lots of tasty, filling foods like pasta, rice, potatoes and lean meat and fish, you are never hungry and no foods are banned so there's no deprivation. I couldn't believe I'd found a way to lose weight without starving myself.

myself. Leonie's Slimming World group will be held at West Lavington Village Hall every Thursday at 7.30 from 13th October. For more information or to join Leonie's group either pop along on Thursday 13th October at 7,30, call her on **07817 997466** or email **leonie.sw@yahoo.com**. There is also more information on the **West Lavington Slimming World Group on facebook**.

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#### WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL Hire Rates from 1st October 2016

Rates per hour	Weekday (Mon-Fri)		Weekend (Sat & Sun)			
Day – 8 am-6 pm Evening 6pm - midnight	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other		
Hall - Daytime	£7.00	£8.00	£8.00	£10.00		
Hall - Evening	£9.00	£10.00	£10.00	£12.00		
Giles Meeting Room - Day	£5.00	£5.50	£6.00	£6.50		
Giles Meeting Room - Eve	£6.00	£7.50	£7.00	£8.50		
Changing Rooms Are charged at Hall rate						

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- Telephone bookings to Lynne Rayner on 01380 812881.
- Email bookings to Lynne@movement4you.com.
- Bookings must include event preparation and clear-up time
- Local rates are for village clubs and societies, registered charities and local private hire only.
- 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.
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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB TRIP

As part of its support for older members of the community, West Lavington Parish Council has agreed to fund the transport cost for trips being organised by the Friendship Club. The next such trip is to Blooms near Wroughton, a garden centre with craft shops, a butterfly house and a good restaurant. The cost of travel is free, and YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER of the Friendship Club to join in. All are welcome. The trip takes place on November 23rd leaving at 2 p.m. To book a place please contact Eileen Hinton (813264) before October 15th



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## **CHRISTMAS IN MELLSTOCK**

The Mellstock Band return to Edington Priory Church on Saturday 26th November to give a rambunctious concert of rural Christmas music from Thomas Hardy's Wessex AND a Gallery Carols workshop in Bratton during the afternoon.

The show is built around the descriptions of Christmas festivities in the works of Thomas Hardy and his friend, the Dorset dialect poet William Barnes. As always the band perform in period costume, with village band instruments of the nineteenth century including fiddle, concertina and serpent.

The programme consists of West Gallery carols, harmony songs and rousing dance music, all linked together with spoken extracts, and incorporating a Dorset Mummers' Play.

**The Gallery Carols Workshop** from 2.30 to 5.30pm at Bratton Church Institute will be given by Dave Townsend, who plays concertina and fiddle and sings, and who has been

## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

You may agree that 2016 has been a year of surprises. Anyone looking forward at the beginning of the year could be forgiven for not predicting some of the events that have transpired, and we still have three months to go.

Some of the news has been good. Leicester City (my birthplace) was not expected to come top of the Premier Division - the spirits of my ancestors must be tickled pink. Nor did we expect Team GB in Rio to beat the number of medals won at the London Olympics four years ago. At the time of writing, we look likely to do just as well in the Paralympics. And it's nice to know that Giant Pandas are no longer on the list of endangered species.

Some news was not so good. The massacre in France on Bastille Day was a shock and a tragedy. The selection of candidates for the US Presidential elections might also come into this category.

Famously, the pollsters failed to predict the vote for Brexit. Who, in January, would have foretold that, by July, David Cameron and George Osborne would have retired to the back benches and that Teresa May would be PM?

The latest item to catch me by surprise is the debate about grammar schools.

Whatever the arguments for or against selective education, the fact is that the schools in this county are already doing pretty well by national standards. About 96% of our children are in schools classified by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding, which puts Wiltshire very nearly at the top of the list.

Provisionally, it looks as if our A level results are up to or above national standards. Our GCSE results look good too and, on very tentative data, may be as much as 4% better than last year.

Locally, the results for Lavington School have been assessed by The Independent to be the 82nd best in the country, which puts it in the top 3% of secondary schools. Congratulations are due to the pupils, the staff and the leadership team for this achievement.

Not to be outdone, Dauntsey's School is reporting its best GCSE results ever, putting it in the top quartile of independent schools in the country. Well done to them too! I have no idea what other surprises may be in store for us but it's good to know that our schools are giving our young people the best possible start on the roller coaster of life.

#### 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

#### Vandalism

At the Parish Council's invitation, PCSO Fiona Marno attended the September meeting to discuss the spate of vandalism and anti-social behaviour that has been plaquing the Village Hall and its immediate surroundings. Incidents have included, but were not limited to, broken windows and destroyed drain pipes at the Village Hall, drug-taking by the BMX track, "doughnut driving" in the Village Hall carpark and late night youth group disturbances. A waste bin had been set alight and its plastic casing burnt to the ground. Berries were smashed into and spread around the children's play equipment in Robert's Playground.

Members of the council feel strongly that prevention of this type of conduct is important but the intention should be to change behaviour, not to criminalise young people. However, vandalism, can affect a community's quality of life because it damages and destroys things we care about. It makes people feel less safe, it can be dangerous if it gets out of control and it costs money when, as at the Village Hall, damage occurs to buildings and equipment.

PCSO Marno again emphasised that the public needs to keep reporting these incidents. When an incident is actually happening, the number to dial is 999. Otherwise, ring 101 – the call can be anonymously recorded, if requested. The police are interested in any and all information, no matter how insignificant. It can help to build a bigger picture of happenings in the area.

As a result of Parish Council intervention and reports by the public, the police have increased patrols. They have moved cars on from the carpark and have recorded names.

PCSO Marno advised that the police can also undertake prevention. This includes visiting local schools and organisations in the community (they have already been to DAPS and are planning to go to Lavington School and the Youth Club), speaking to local head teachers, and talking to any offenders identified and their parents. "Restorative Justice" can also help offenders think about the consequences of their actions.

Councillors thanked PCSO Marno for taking their concerns seriously and ensuring more of a police presence as needed. The council will continue to liaise with her and colleagues on these matters.

#### **Computers for the Elderly**

As reported last month, the council is supporting our elderly residents by arranging outings and a starter computer course for those with no or minimal computer skills. We are now very pleased to be able to report that the first starter computer course, which will begin in October, was quickly fully booked. However, please do not let that discourage anyone who would like to take part. Contact the Clerk or any member of the council if you are interested.

#### Dog Fouling Campaign

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As also reported last month, the Parish Council will be commencing a campaign this autumn to Counci end dog fouling in public spaces and on farmland within the parish. Dog fouling has been raised by farmers as a priority issue because of its serious threat to livestock. The Council itself has raised the issue on occasion after occasion, emphasising its impact on community well-being and danger to children's health. But still dog faeces abound in public spaces and on farmland, arish on the ground and hanging in poo bags. This anti-social behaviour must stop.

## Sandra Gamble. Chairman

If you have ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kaye Elston, on  $\frown$ 07782 251464 or at clerk@westlavington.org.uk.

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

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## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Firstly, we would like to welcome our new Parish Councillor, Tanith Alexander.

**Crime Report.** A suspicious vehicle had been reported, and the Police are asking that residents be vigilant and report anything to 101. Also with the dark nights on their way, please make sure all your sheds are locked and your outside lights are working.

Emergency Flood plan. Our new Councillor is busy drafting a new flood plan, for the village. We will be asking the village to get involved with this during the next few months. More information to follow.

Can we remind everyone that we meet on the first Monday of the month and everyone is welcome to attend.

The parish council advises that the Clerk has resigned. Contact via email remains parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org and by telephone 01380 816110 until a new clerk is appointed.

## LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 14th September 2016 in little Cheverell Village Hall. The following were the main items discussed.

1. The Parish Warden Scheme - the list of 5 priority items for this scheme has been submitted and their receipt acknowledged. No update on this item but a reminder that if any villager wishes to report a problem please contact Sue Ivey on 813439 or sueivey3@aol.com.

2. Low Road 20 mph speed limit proposal – at the Community Area Transport Group meeting on 28th July it was agreed that the proposal should move to the traffic speed analysis stage using metro-counters.

**3. Low Broadband speed** – Michael Maxwell reported that, despite the improvement in the quality of the line, BT Openreach have refused the Parish Council's offer to pay for a survey to ascertain the cost of reconnection. Michael has also drawn the Parish Council's attention to the Digital Economy Bill which should be enacted in Spring 2017 and which will impose a Universal Service Obligation on telephone providers to give a minimum download speed to all who want it of 10MPS

4. Footpaths - Dr Gil Rooke reported on the various planned improvements to the footpaths in and around Little Cheverell which he hopes will be completed before the next Parish Council Meeting.

5. Donation to the Youth Club - a donation of £100 was agreed to be made to the Youth Club which is provided jointly by Market and West Lavington communities. Young people from surrounding villages are welcome to attend.

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday 16th November.



## **NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY** C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Every child from Year 1 – Year 6 has had a trip to Stonehenge this term, to enrich their learning on the topic of Neolithic Life. We are so fortunate to live in an area rich in this heritage, and the children

enjoyed spending time in the Neolithic huts that are part of the Education Provision at Stonehenge. They have written poetry about the great stone circle, done plenty of History, Maths and Science on the area, and some have done "Cave Painting", on the underside of their desks, lying on their backs using sticks, feathers and fingers! Messy but fun.

Our youngest children will be taking a trip to Salisbury Cathedral soon, where they will explore "Properties of Materials" in the walls of this wonderful old building.

#### **Christian Foundation**

All children, whether of a specific faith or no faith at all, are welcomed into our school where they grow spiritually and develop a strong moral compass, empathy and sense of responsibility for others through the Christian ethos and values that are embedded in our school. We expect every child to be developing their own philosophy - whatever form it takes - through questioning, listening to other views and spending time in reflection. They understand how to respect views different from their own and they grow in understanding of other faith and non-faith positions. Behaviour in our school is impeccable, and there is a real sense of welcome, compassion and friendship as the direct result of the emphasis placed on Christian values.

#### Harvest Service

We have had a beautiful celebration of the Harvest, with children singing and playing instruments, art, poetry and prose on the subject and a great collection of food which we gave to the Trussel Trust Foodbank in Devizes.

#### Clubs

We like to offer lots of special interest clubs at our school, designed to appeal to children with wide ranging interests. Some of these are led by volunteers or staff and others by specialised coaches. We have lots of sports clubs, including archery, judo, winter and summer sports, netball and cricket. We also have handbells, chess, art News and handicrafts. Our Gardening Club, run by Mrs Read (a parent) and a great band of volunteers, has just purchased a greenhouse and we hope to continue our programme of providing vegetables and beautiful plants and displays even more effectively.

#### Come and see our school

Schools If you think your child would enjoy being at our school, please make an appointment to come and visit us, have a look around and chat to the Headteacher. There is lots of information on our website www.holy-trinity.co.uk and our phone number is 01380 813796.

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## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We are enjoying a fantastic term at Lavington Pre-school learning 'all about me' as we all settle in to the new school year. We welcome Micheal, Aletheia, Catherine, Eloise, Olivia, Poppy and AJ this term, they have all settled in so well and it has been lovely getting to know them. As part of our topic we have been looking at family photographs and talking about how people are related, we have been talking about our pets, homes and holidays. As always, if you feel you have something relevant to our

topic, perhaps about the local area or history, that you would like to share with us please let us know, it is always lovely for the children to have local visitors!

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Schools News

It has been lovely watching our leavers settle so well at Big School next door, they all look so grown up in their Big School uniforms. We all enjoyed their Leavers Celebrations at the end of the summer term and wanted to extend our thanks to everyone who came to support the event and everyone who donated raffle prizes so generously, we raised over £500 on the day and we are planning to use the money raised to enrich the role play environment in the playroom.

We are delighted to say that we have recently applied for the Co-op local community fund and we have been successful. Every time Co-op members choose Co-op branded products and services and use their Co-op Membership card 1% of what they spend will go to their chosen local cause. If you have a Co-op membership card we would be very grateful if you would select us as one of your local causes, thank you.

**TOP TIP:** Our Top Tip for this month is from Understanding the world in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum), 40-60 months "Help children to find out about their environment by talking to people, examining photographs and simple maps and visiting local places."

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING: In April 2014 the Government broadened the criteria for 2 year old funding for up to 15 hours per week and you may now find that you fall into the eligibility criteria if you have a child between 24 - 36 months old. If you think you might be eligible, you will need to complete a funding form: http://www.wiltshire.gov. uk/early-years-better-2gether-funding.pdf

We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website www.lavingtonpreschool. org.uk or contact our Manager,

Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk



## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dauntsey Academy Primary school welcomed back their ever increasing number of pupils to a new and exciting academic year. After a summer holiday which saw many changes, everyone has come back with smiles on their faces and eager to embrace the challenges ahead.

DAPS now offers a complete wrap around care service in a beautifully converted room within the main school building. Children are welcomed to both the breakfast session and after school session where they enjoy

healthy food, good company and a home from home environment.

Our newest school members came back to a newly converted EYFS classroom which enjoys a large garden and outside classroom area, including trees for den building! They have settled into school life incredibly well and are already fulltime, enjoying the benefits of Forest school and all that DAPS has to offer.

While reflecting on last year, as we plan the school's continuing development over this academic year, we took time to celebrate our results for 2015-2016 which saw us above the National average in all areas. The results demonstrate, despite the new and much more challenging National Curriculum, the high aspirations and determined hard work of both our amazing pupils and committed staff.

Measure	School Outcomes	National Outcomes
Percentage of children who reached the new expected standard in both English and Maths.	78%	53%
Percentage of children reaching the new expected standard in Reading	78%	66%
Percentage of children reaching the new expected standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	90%	72%
Percentage of children reaching the new expected standard in Maths	87%	70%

We also celebrated the outcomes for our Year 2 statutory Government tests where we were above National average in all areas, our EYFS 'Good Level of Development' and our Phonics screening where 86.4% of our children met the expected standard.

We would warmly welcome you to come and see for yourself all that Dauntsey Academy has to offer. Our school community is consistently recognised as one of our great strengths alongside the academic and personal development for each and every one of our pupils. If you would like to find out more or organise to come and see us, please contact Mandy Francis in the school office on 01380 813373. Our website will also give you an insight into the school and all it offers. www.daps.wilts.sch.uk

The DAPS Team Welcome you on 2nd,11th &16th November Mrs Mandy Francis, Admin. Asst.



## WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We are now fund raising for the next visit of our French friends from St Pierre 2018. Our first event will be a "Games Evening" (Bingo, Beetle, Oh Hell and quiz) in West Lavington Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday 7th October. There will of course be a wine bar and a raffle. Tickets at £5 each include a Ploughman's Supper. The event is open to non-members, so why not come along? Tickets from Mike Page on 818510.

Further events are planned as follows: Le Petit Dejeuner Francais (member only) on November 12th, a Christmas meal on December 9th and a Chinese New Year evening on January 8th 2017.

Note that membership is only £12 per year for over 60's.

Contact Myself on 818510 or our chairman Malcolm Johnson on 818147 or blocker38@ hotmail.com to join in time for our visit to France next year.

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Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

# 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 10 Spooky Plants for Halloween Here's a few suggestions for spooky plants that will add a certain something to your Halloween party. 1.Chinese Lantern: 2.Buddha's Hand: 3.Black Iris:4. Chinese Black Batflowers: 5.Dracula Orchid: 6.Venus Chinese Black Batflowers: 5.Dracula Orchid: 6.Venus Fly Trap: 7.Pitcher Plant: 8.Dolls Eyes: 9.Corpse Plant. 10.Three-coloured Blushing Bromeliad

Next Meeting: Wed October 19th Subject: No Dig Abundance Guest Speaker: Charles Dowding Monthly Competition: Vase of Mixed Flowers



Caroline's career has been in education. She has taught for 21 years and the latter 10 years were spent as a head teacher of a church school.

Before she began her talk Caroline encouraged us all to take part in a group discussion by sharing our memories of what it felt like to be moving up from a junior to a secondary school. Quite a few of us remembered feeling nervous about the ordeal and how the change would affect us.

Caroline then went on to talk about the modern approach to helping children deal with the stages of transition from infants to junior school and then from junior to secondary school and described the hidden curriculum of Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL). The hidden curriculum included such topics as "New beginning - self awareness", "Managing feelings - social skills" "Dealing with bullying (to coincide with Anti-Bullying Week)". Children were given opportunity through role play to explore their emotions and guidance on how to deal with them. We learned a lot more about activities that took place to make the transition as smooth and happy as possible for children moving onwards and upwards.

We do thank Caroline for her most informative talk and a very enjoyable afternoon. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Anne Janes at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 10th October when Sue Cox, who runs the Women's Refuge in Salisbury, will talk about her work there .

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When you visit an hotel with beautiful gardens you probably do not wonder what the garden looks like for the rest of the year. An hotel is often open for 365 days a year and will aim to look equally good whatever the season. For our September meeting we were given a very interesting and entertaining talk

by Jane Moore, writer, Chelsea medal winner, TV presenter and head gardener of the Bath Priory Hotel.

The Priory Hotel makes a feature of its gardens. All the main function rooms and the most sought after bedrooms overlook the four acre walled garden. The guests are encouraged to spend time in the gardens and maps are provided explaining the layout and features. There is a terrace, lawns, a meadow and even a kitchen garden. When Jane applied for the job of head gardener in 2003 she was delighted to find that the garden was relatively flat and was south facing. There was also a magnificent glasshouse. But a small drawback was that the lack of access to the garden at the rear of the hotel meant everything had to be brought through the hotel. Jane says that she has become an avid recycler and compost maker so this is no longer a concern.

When Jane took over the garden it was already blessed with mature trees and colourful borders. She has gradually stamped her own mark on the place and introduced new colour schemes and designs. She uses plenty of spring bulbs, lots of alliums, peonies, penstemons, rudbeckias, pot marigolds, grasses and many other plants in her garden design. She also has a huge collection of cotinus, the smoke bush. In her illustrated talk we saw some of her stunning colour combinations. Jane explained that deadheading takes up a lot of the gardeners' time. Not only does it prolong flowering but also it is especially important in these gardens where everything needs to look neat and tidy at all times.

Some of the plants in her schemes Jane said were chosen for their ability 'to die well'. For instance when roses finish flowering they often have colourful rose hips and other plants have architecturally beautiful seed heads or reveal colourful bark when the leaves fall. These attributes are important because they provide interest at certain times of year. Jane also uses dahlias and yellow berried hollies and mountain ash to add late colour.

Some of the plants she uses, such as rudbeckias, she has discovered are troublesome to propagate and instead she buys them in as plug plants. She also collects a lot of seeds from the garden and pots them up for the following year.

As well as giving us plenty of ideas for our own gardens I believe Jane may well have whetted some appetites to pay a visit to the Bath Priory Hotel for lunch or afternoon tea and to view in person these delightful gardens.

This year our 'fun' fruit and vegetable show was well supported. There were not as many entries in the vegetable section this year compared to previous years because of the unusual season. However there was an abundance of entries in the fruit and flowers categories.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 11 October will be all about pelargoniums. Janine Fanshawe and Caroline Wilkinson will be extolling the virtues of these colourful plants and giving us a taste of the wide variety available to the English gardener. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15pm.



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

Teams are now up and running in the new season, with training schedules now set out below for each age group. As always new members are welcome to come along, with the coaches contact details shown.

Date for diary: The Club are also organising the Annual Badgers Bash 'Disco' fund raiser on Friday 21st October from 7.30pm – at the Market Lavington Community Hall – see separate poster for details.

#### Training times/locations:

U5 1800-1830 FRIDAY St Barnabas School, Market Lavington> Mark Goddard  $\,:\,$  01380-813160  $\,$ 

U6 1800-1830 FRIDAY St Barnabas School, Market Lavington – Mark (above)

U7 1700-1800 FRIDAY St Barnabas School, Market Lavington- above

U8 1700-1800 FRIDAY St Barnabas School, Market Lavington - Sharon Black : 01380-818193

U9 1830-1930 FRIDAY Northbrook, Market Lavington - Mark Goddard : 01380-813160 U10 (2 teams) 1800-1930 FRIDAY Northbrook, Market Lavington - Dave Kiddle - : 07843-678781 + Pete Crozier

U11 1730-1830 FRIDAY Northbrook, Market Lavington - Neil Black – 01380-818193 U13 1800-1900 WEDS West Lavington Village Hall - Stewart Swan – 07756-540864 U14 1030-1230 SAT West Lavington Village Hall - Jake Davis - 07741-306303 Under 17/18: contact: Austin Coleman – 07929-842221



#### Steve Dagnall (Everton Supporter) 01380-72796 http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/



## OCTOBER AT TRINITY CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY HALL Market Lavington

Sunday 2nd Oct 10.30 am Family Worship and Communion – Rev Gary Gotham Sunday 9th Oct 11.00 am United Harvest Festival -Rev Gary Gotham followed by Bring and Share Lunch. All invited

Oct 10.30 am Family Worship – John Saunders Sunday 16th

Oct 10.30 am Family Worship - Douglas Colborne Sunday 23rd

Oct 10.30 am Family Worship - Sue Smith Sunday 30th

Joyful, informal style of worship in Methodist/ United Reformed Church tradition followed by coffee and refreshments. Visitors of all ages are very welcome.



#### St.Arbucks Opening Hours (01380 816145)

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Tuesday 10 am – 4.30 pm Thursday CLOSED

Saturday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

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Casual Cuppa - Friday 1st July and 5th August 10.30 am to noon. Drop- in for coffee and company.

Ash and Bob's Bacon Breakfast – Saturday 2nd July and 13th August 9.00 am – 2 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 12 - 17 year olds. Open every Tuesday in term time 4.30 - 6.30pm for young people to socialize and relax. Prices are subsidized. Run for and by local young people. Free WIFI available.



#### **BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS**

Romeo GRANT was baptized by Rev Ann Cocking at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on Saturday 27th August 2016.

#### WEDDINGS

Kerri Adele BRADLEY and Duncan Alastair FULLING were married by Rev Jennifer Totney at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on Saturday 20th August August 2016. 2016.

Chido KUWANA and Jonathan **BEDDOW** were married by Rev Pat Strowger at All Saints' Church, West 7th August aged 90 years. His funeral Lavington on Saturday 20th August 2016.

#### **FUNERALS**

The funeral of Mrs Gladys PEACH of West Lavington was held at all Saints' Church, West Lavington on 22nd August 2016 and followed by cremation.

Mrs Olive COX of Little Cheverell, died on 4th August 2016, aged 95 years. Her funeral and burial at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell took place on 22nd

Harold William James "Bill" PHILLIPS of Little Cheverell, died on and burial at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell was on 26th August 2016.

## **BENEFICE 200 CLUB**

This month I asked Terry Strowger to help with the draw. Terry pulled out the first ticket which belonged to Sue Stacpoole of Littleton Panell winning her £40. The second ticket belonged to Hilary Carr of Great Cheverell which earned her £20. Thank you Terry

**Bonnie Matters** Organiser

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

In the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught his followers to pray, "Give us each day our daily bread". I know that it's down to us to 'earn our crust, but Harvest Time reminds us that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above". Usually the first thing we do when someone gives us a gift is to say, 'Thank you'. Parents encourage their little ones to say 'ta' when they are given something. Encouraging an attitude of gratitude is important. It keeps us from taking the kindness of others for granted. How often do we pause to thank God for our 'daily bread' and much much more?

And God has given us so much more than everyday food. Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." Jesus gave his life that we might live through him. The most nutritious food will only do us good if we eat it. Jesus speaks of eating the living bread that came down from heaven. He invites us to feed upon him by faith that we might receive the life he came to give.

When we recognise that the good things in life are gifts from God, that helps us not only to be grateful but generous. Jesus told his followers, "freely you have received, freely give". At the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday 2nd October, 11 a.m & 6 p.m. we will be having our special Harvest Services. They are an opportunity to thank God for his good gifts, and also to share something of what he has given to us with others. Any produce donated will be shared between the local food bank in Devizes and Leonora Pilgrim Home for the elderly in Chippenham.

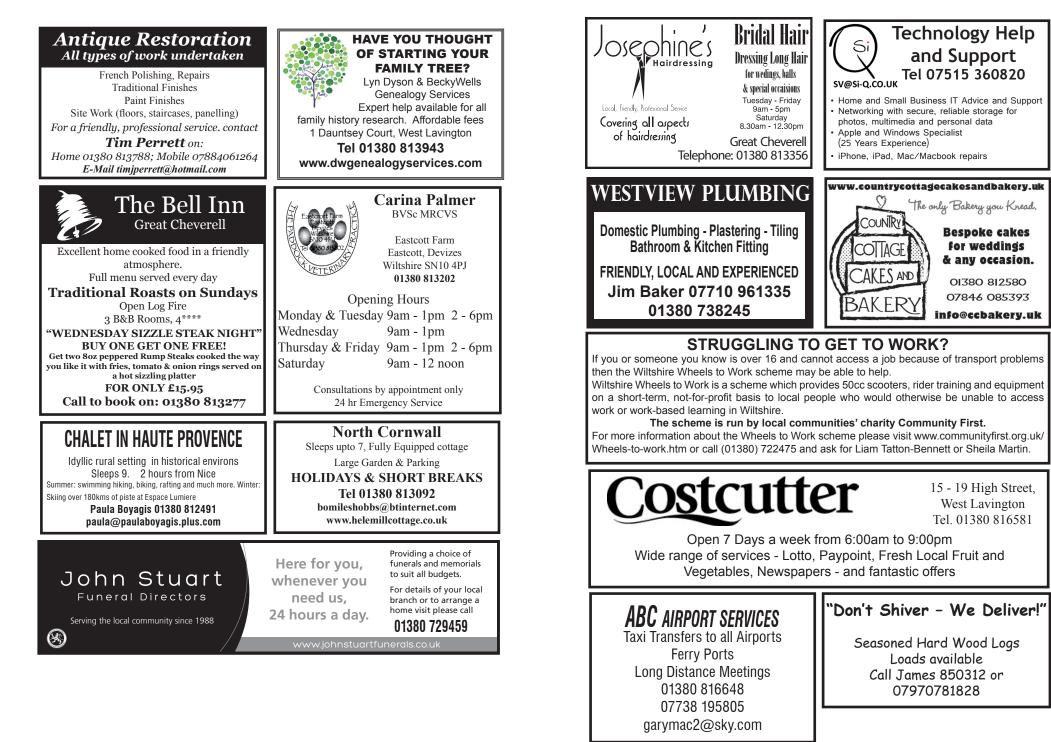
All are welcome. Feel free to come along. Pastor: Guy Davies www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk

Time for Tea Plus Sunday 23rd October, 4.30pm 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, 10.00am-12 noon

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