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The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>4th September</b> (15th after Trinity)	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together All Saints' Church, West Lavington ★				
<b>11th September</b> (16th after Trinity)	11.00 am Benefice Worship Together and Trinity Church St Mary's Church, Market Lavington ★				
<b>18th September</b> (17th after Trinity)	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell Fr John Hawthorne ★				
<b>25th September</b> (18th after Trinity)	9.00 for 9.30 am Breakfast Church ★	11.00 am Harvest Festival	11.00 am Parish Communion (CWO1)		
<b>2nd October</b> (19th after Trinity)	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Barnabas Church, Easterton Archdeacon Sue Groom ★				

★ Suitable for all ages. Families welcome

**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.

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

**NATIONALISM WITH A PURPOSE**

**Monthly Letter**

**The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury**

There's a strong nationalism at the Olympics, particularly when looking at the medal table. Team GB has done us proud.

A healthy nationalism knows that to belong everywhere you have to belong somewhere. The instinct is that by loving our own country we are better able to relate to the wider world. The Olympic movement is international.

It was good in Rio to have a few competitors for the first time who are refugees and have no country to represent. Half are South Sudanese living in refugee camps in Kenya. They, too, are part of the Olympic ideal.

The way we tell our history and describe our present circumstances makes a very big difference to the way we live in a world of threats and opportunities.

When we go abroad we see things differently. We've been in Germany. After the Second World War 14 million German speaking people were moved into Germany as defined by the Allied powers.

No wonder Mrs Merkel has encouraged modern Germany to receive 1 million from the present migrant crisis. It's in their history to do so.

In Munich there is a Victory Gate, the Siegestor, that looks much like the Arc de Triomphe in Paris or the Wellington Arch in London. Built in the nineteenth century to celebrate Bavarian valour it was badly damaged in the Second World War.

Its restoration has incorporated on one side the destructive marks of battle and the inscription now reads: 'Dedicated to Victory; Destroyed by War; Urging Peace'. It turns a disaster into a hope.

This is a Biblical pattern. In seeking Christ in today's world we face reality and ask where and how hope is reborn. Christ is in our history and is a very present reality that transforms the future.

**CHURCHWARDENS**

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

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

## WEST LAVINGTON CHURCH FETE

**Thank you to everyone who helped us make a Fete Record!**

The organisers of the West Lavington Church Fete in July would like to let our supporters know that the Fete raised a magnificent total of £3,813.41, which is a record! For the first time, a share of the Fete profits was divided between two local causes: the West Lavington Youth Club and the West Lavington Village Hall Fund each received £635.57. It is intended to share the profits in the same way next year, and the Fete organisers are happy to receive nominations for the two local causes to share in the profits from the 2017 Fete.

We were once again lucky with the weather, and it was a joy to see so many people enjoying all that the Fete had to offer. Our thanks go to everyone who came and especially to all the 90-plus helpers and volunteers whose hard work and fantastic stalls helped to make it such a success. Thanks, and appreciation too, to the magnificent **Market Lavington Community Band**, whose music created a wonderful atmosphere; to **Philippa Winbolt** for opening the Fete; to our Announcer, **Jim Hodges**; to **Dauntsey's School** for their tables; to the **Sea Scouts and St Barnabas Primary School** for their marquees; to **DAPS**, for their chairs, and to the children for their Maypole Dancing; to the **Classic car owners**; to **Lynn Harley, Rangebourne Pets** and the **Paddock Veterinary Practice** for their support for the Fun Family Dog Show; to **Costcutters, The Churchill Arms, the Market Lavington Co-op and Sainsbury's, Morrison's and Edwin Giddings of Devizes** for their support for the Bottle stall; to our commercial stall holders; and, of course, to all those who generously donated prizes and goods to the Grand Prize Draw and the village Stalls.

**We couldn't do it without any of you!**  
**Tony Morton Bob Giles Sue Bonney**

*(Our cover picture gives some idea of the the fete as the flourishing village village event that it is, weather permitting!- Ed)*

Harvest Festival  
All Saints Church West Lavington  
Sunday September 25th at 11a.m.  
Followed by a Ploughman's Lunch  
Everyone welcome

## ANNE MARGARET REYNOLDS (1934-2016)

We are sorry to record the death of Anne Reynolds, a much loved teacher of Art at Lavington school for thirty years and a well known figure during her time of living in Littleton Panell. Anne, the daughter of Major Tim Wigmore, the deeply respected teacher of P.E. at Dauntsey's for many years, studied at Corsham Court and then at Liverpool University before eventually taking up a post at Lavinggton School. Her love of Art was duly reflected in the affection in which she was held by her pupils. Even in retirement she continued exercising her love of art, even dawning portaits of fellow patients in her care home..

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

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# Edington arts

You've never heard saxophones like this! On Saturday October 15th at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church, Marici Saxes will show you what beautiful, honey-toned and dextrous instruments the saxophone family includes Sarah Field, Fiona Asbury, Hannah Riches and Josie Simmons are

all classically-trained, very un-stuffy saxophonists with different musical tastes. They play soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones and have come together to play a huge range of music from tango (Piazzolla) to folk (Irish Suite by Josie Simmons), and 'serious' classical (Faure) to jazz (Richard Rodney Bennett). All the arrangements are by the quartet members.

They have just completed their first CD, recorded in Wiltshire, and are already making huge waves on the London and international music scene. This is yet another Edington Arts concert not to be missed.

Tickets are £20 front nave, £ 15 rear nave and £10 sides, (10% discount to Edington Angels and 18 and under come free) in advance from 01380 831256 or music@edingtonarts.org . Programme information and (hopefully, if we can master the technology!) samples of their music will be at www.edingtonarts.org . (Please add £2 per ticket if you buy on the door).

## WEDDING VENUE REQUIRED!

We are looking for a barn and field to hire as wedding venue in July/Aug 2017. We are hoping to host a village fete themed wedding where our family and friends can camp over. We are happy to "make over" the barn ourselves and put in the work required to make a farm building a suitable venue for a wedding. If you think you can help please get in touch on 07837456639 or cara\_constable@hotmail.com.

Cara and Jon in Market Lavington.

## FORESTRY WORK IN ERLESTOKE WOODS

Landmarc, on behalf of the MoD, will be removing over 800 diseased mature Norway Spruce trees from Erlestoke Woods over 4 weeks during September and October. Three lorry loads of timber will be removed each day via the B3098 and the A360 to Devizes, avoiding rush hours. The land will be replanted with mixed broadleaf trees that will enhance the ecology after a few years. If you have any questions or would like further information on the forthcoming work, please contact Landmarc Support Services National Service Centre at Westdown Camp on 0800 0223334.



Lavington Community Choir would like to thank everyone who supported their Summer Concert on Saturday 9th July at the Community Hall Market Lavington.

The evening was a huge success raising £718 for Cancer Research UK through a raffle on the night and a donation from the concert profits.

A massive thank you to anyone who turned up early on Saturday afternoon to set up the hall and who then helped at the end with the clearing up. Thanks also to Lucy and her team who ran the bar so successfully & profitably in the interval and after the concert. Without Devizes Books and Market Lavington Post Office, we would not have sold tickets so we are grateful to them for their help.

In the first half of the evening the choir sang the Vivaldi Gloria with Tony Jones accompanying on the piano, Tim Price with the violin, Bella Bryan on the cello and Sue Frost playing the oboe. Soloists for this piece were Barbara Gompels-Soprano soloist and Chloe Jordan - Contralto soloist.

The choir is very grateful to all these performers. We also need to mention the Wiltshire Performing Arts Library for the loan of a number of musical scores.

The second half of the programme included a medley from Guys and Dolls and again, the performance was enhanced by soloists Matt Lines, Tim Padfield, Mark Wastell, Lewis Cowen, Yvonne Cotterrell, Julie Dyer, Angie Bishop, Moira Stephens, Sue Ivey, Sue Bonney, Sue Tovey, & Louise Peake. Tim Price accompanied on the piano.

And so to our musical director Paula Boyagis. Paula joined us in September 2015, when we wondered if the choir could continue after Jo Richards moved from the area. But Paula has ensured that it has.

A great big thank you Paula from Lavington Community Choir.

We shall restart on Thursday September 8th at 8 for 8.15 p.m..

If you would like to add your voice please come along and join us, you will be enthusiastically welcomed.

More information from paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com or our website <https://lavingtoncommunitychoir.wordpress.com/>

Here is a date for your diary, our Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 15th December at the Market Lavington Community Hall.

## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

Following the extensive public consultation process carried out over the Christmas period, and analysis of the results, the Parish Council agreed at its July meeting that the shortlisted option site off Sandfield adjacent to DAPS (site 7 in the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan) should be adopted as the preferred choice for the Neighbourhood Plan. The council also agreed that the remaining three option sites identified in the draft plan should no longer be considered as potential sites for development within the Plan. An important factor in the council's decision rested on the public consultation response which placed site 7, on its own, overwhelmingly top of all site options at 68%. When coupled as an option with another site, it came second in the second preference, meaning that some 90% of respondents supported the development of this site in either of these options.

While all shortlisted options have drawbacks, including access, comments on these sites from Wiltshire Council officers noted that the sites have 'come through a robust shortlisting process' and indicated that they regard site 7 as the most acceptable in terms of sustainability because of its position in the village in relation to facilities and footways.

Again, with a view to the consultation results, this time regarding housing numbers, the council looked at such issues as dwelling and household growth in the last decade and benefits to local trade, schools etc. It took particular note of the fact that 44% of consultation respondents showed a preference for less than 50 new houses while 42% favoured 50 to 75. This led the Council to consider that a broad level of around 50 new houses should be adopted.

However, it was also felt important that some scope for flexibility should be built in to allow for scope in design solutions that might be needed to reflect a mix of different types of houses and larger and smaller units. As a result, the Parish Council concluded that a range of between 40 and 60 new dwelling units should be agreed for the adopted site.

Consultation with Wiltshire Council by the Steering Group continues with regard to site 7 on issues such as site access, surface water run-off and drainage, all of which were raised by respondents during the consultation. These will be the subject of serious consideration by the council prior to further community consultation on a second draft Plan and a sustainability report that will focus on plan policies.

**Sandra Gamble, Parish Council Chairman**

## THE LAVINGTONS HOME GROUP

Wednesdays 7.30pm 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 then enjoy a Christian DVD which stimulates us to discuss and grow in our belief. Our most recent one has been so intriguing that we have had to carry it over to this term. The debate it has caused has been terrific!

We sum up the evening with a prayer time. Come and join us for our last 3 evenings on prayer by John Eldridge.

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 for the next term:

- 7/9 Moving Mountains John Eldridge – Healing Prayer
- 14/9 Holding the heart in unanswered prayer
- 21/9 Course summary
- 28/9 SOCIAL – Bring and Share

## “STARTER” COMPUTER COURSE

As part of its initiatives to support older people in the community, West Lavington Parish Council is to mount a five week starter computer course (2 hours per week, starting Monday October 17th; many more details to follow.) It is designed to help older people in particular learn how to maintain electronic contacts with distant families – i.e. simple emails, Skype etc. and to cover other relatively simple uses of the computer, laptop or Ipad.

The course will be free; laptops etc. will be provided, no previous knowledge required. There is no age, limit, up or down, but the course does target the older population who perhaps missed out on the computer age.

Full details will be circulated in the next News and Views, but in the meantime, if you are interested, please contact Mike May, (812574) or other members of the Council. Places are limited, so it will pay to get your name down early!"

## WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Committee of the Village Hall would like to give thanks to the PCC for the very generous donation from the proceeds of the Church Fete.

Lynne Rayner, Secretary West Lavington Village Hall

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## The Nestling Trust – Update Children's Home

Some great news that we would like to share is that work has begun on the construction of the Children's Home in Sarangkot.

Following the earthquake last year work was unavoidably delayed until the government decided upon new building regulations. Our building was the first to receive permission in that area at the end of July '16 and we hope it will be completed after a year.

Marbu Clinic

The Health Clinic at Marbu, a remote village in Dolakha has now been operating for two and a half years. It began in April 2014 with support from TNT working with the District Health Office. The original building was destroyed in the earthquake so a temporary building is being used. TNT has plans to build a new clinic as soon as permission is granted from the Ministry of Health.

Lapilang and Chilankha Clinic.

Villagers have just completed building two simple clinics in these remote villages in Dolakha, funded by TNT.

Water connection

In the remote villages of Marbu, Lapilang, Chilankha and Bhirkot the earthquake caused the water supply to dry up due to changes in water courses. TNT have funded the materials such as piping equipment, taps etc and men from the villages have provided the manpower, now three villages are reconnected and have piped running water, and work on the fourth is almost completed.

Krishna

The 4 year old little boy suffering cerebral palsy, rescued by TNT and now undergoing physio treatment, is now able to walk unaided and can play with toys and feed himself. Shrijana

A 16 year old girl suffering disability from a foot deformity is undergoing corrective surgery and receiving physiotherapy treatment funded by TNT.

Health Education Project Gulmi.

5 remote village communities of Harmichaur VDC in Gulmi have taken part in health awareness days where they received information on hygiene, nutrition, drugs and alcohol and sexual health. Health auxiliaries received training and they will continue to support the communities and spread the information to neighbouring villages.

The Nestling Trust wishes to thank all our loyal supporters who have made this work possible, we are most grateful.

Sue Hamblin



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## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

One of the many good things about living in this area is the evidence of community spirit and good neighbourliness. We all get on with each other, don't we?

Most of us do, but I see a regular flow of issues that could be defined as un-neighbourly behaviour and they are some of the hardest matters to deal with.

Un-neighbourliness can take a number of forms. Littering is a common problem. It was staggering how much rubbish was collected from verges and hedgerows by the Clean for the Queen event. Don't drop it; take it home!

Dog poo is another perennial issue with deeply unpleasant results on pavements, footpaths, and grass areas. There are places where children cannot play and fields where farmers cannot allow their livestock to graze owing to the risk of infection from the faeces. Don't blame the dogs for the problem.

Shouting, loud music, smoke from bonfires, revving of engines – all are examples of crass behaviour that can peak in the summer, so I hope you have not been one of those to suffer this year. Overgrown hedges is another summer complaint. If vegetation from your land overhangs a public right of way or intrudes upon a neighbour's property, it's your duty to cut it back.

On the other hand, if one of your trees is a valued feature for the neighbours and the neighbourhood, please look after it. Trees take a lifetime to grow. If you own a good specimen, or if you own a forest, don't cut if you don't have to.

Inconsiderate parking that blocks driveways or prevents large vehicles from using roads and lanes is another common complaint. Just because a section of highway does not have formal restrictions does not mean it's OK to park. It's a criminal offence to obstruct a highway so think before you park. It could be a matter of life and death if an emergency vehicle is prevented from getting through.

Finally, if you are putting up a fence or building a shed, you may have a legal right but think of what it looks like from your neighbour's property. If they won't like it, try to find something more acceptable.

The message is "Do as you would be done by". It's an ancient principle. It's the Golden Rule.

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

With the Parish Council's first Autumn meeting taking place on the first of September, here's a reminder of what was happening before the August break and notice of some things in the pipeline.

**Renaming an old landmark:** At an extraordinary meeting of the council on the 29th of June, members came together to name the site comprising four new houses behind the old Stagepost pub. It is the duty of parish councils to name new developments. In view of the history of the site, Wheatsheaf Mews was the councillors' unanimous choice. Houses will be numbered 1 to 4.

**Landowners' meeting:** In early July, local farmers and landowners met with councillors. The aim was to learn of any particular concerns, gain a better understanding of how the Parish Council might be able to assist and build communication channels for the benefit of all. Topics ranged from dogs to litter, flytipping, hare coursing, rural crime and communications. Other subjects raised included fracking licences, resilience planning and flooding, rights of way, hedge cutting, and electric and non-electric fencing. It proved a very informative evening with many common concerns expressed.

**Vandalism:** Vandalism to the Village Hall recently has resulted in damage to property including broken windows and destroyed drain pipes. In addition, rowdy group behaviour around the Village Hall late in the night has been experienced. Drug taking has been detected on the playing fields. A rubbish bin has been set alight and its plastic cover burnt to the ground. The police have visited. They have requested that residents, particularly those living nearby who may witness incidents of anti-social behaviour, report any ongoing incidents by dialing 999 and any incidents that are no longer continuing by calling 101. We thank all those who have brought these occurrences to our attention. Please continue to do so.

**Activities for the Elderly:** The Parish Council has supported young people for many years, in particular by grants to the Youth Club. Having recently succeeded in building up our reserves, we would now like to redress some of the balance by funding activities for the elderly. In particular the council is looking to provide three or four trips for elderly members of the Friendship Club, and would also welcome on these outings elderly non-Friendship Club parish residents. A starter computer course at the village hall for those who have no or minimal computer skills is also planned. This course focuses on ways that older relatives can keep in touch with family via emails and skype. The course will be free. Details appear in this issue.

**Community well-being :** The Parish Council will begin a parish campaign in the Autumn to end dog fouling in public spaces and on farmland within the parish. As always, we thank the many dog owners who clear up after their dogs for their co-operation. However, despite numerous polite requests to remove their dog's poo and attempts to raise awareness regarding the associated health risks, dog faeces still abound on grounds where people walk, children play and livestock graze. More bewilderingly, poo bags full of faeces are left to rot on hedges and branches. Villagers have had enough and farmers feel the same! If you would like to contribute your ideas to the campaign, please contact the Clerk.

**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).

## LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 13th July in little Cheverell Village Hall.

All Councillors were present and also members of the public and Councillor Richard Gamble.

The following were the main items discussed.

1. **Mrs Linda Deane** was unanimously co-opted on to the Council to fill the vacancy.
2. **Mr Andrew Spearey** briefed the Council on the background to his intended application to build a house on the forecourt of the barn at the north end of Low Road. Cllr. Gamble mentioned certain relevant planning policy documents and Councillors asked questions. The formal application is to be awaited.
3. **The Parish Warden Scheme** was discussed in readiness for its roll-out in October, particularly the selection of the 5 priority items.

These were decided as:

1. **Filling small potholes.**
2. **Clearing silt blocking drains and gullies.**
3. **Clearing overhanging branches and brambles.**
4. **Clearing and strimming verges.**
5. **Clearing foliage at road junctions.**

**( Sue Ivey is our liaison officer with Wiltshire County Council; if any villager wishes to report any problem with any of the above on any road please contact her on 813439. On 14th July Sue submitted our first request, for the above to be done along Low Road.)**

4. The Chair said that he had reported the mud along School Lane, the damaged chevron signs outside the village hall and the potholes along the B3098 to Wiltshire Council.
5. **Low Road 20 mph speed limit.** The Chair and Mr Michael Maxwell will attend the CATG meeting on 28 July.
6. **Low Broadband speed.** Mr Michael Maxwell reported via the Chair about his ongoing efforts to improve this.
7. **Footpaths.** Dr Gil Rooke informed the meeting that footpath number 6 running toward Littleton Panell should be cleared in the next couple of weeks.
8. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday 14th September.

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



## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

It is wonderful to be back in school with the children, excited, happy, full of energy and enthusiasm! There are lots of stories to be told about holidays and lots to look forward to in our first half term.

### Theme for this term

We are working on a whole school topic on the Neolithic times for the first half term, and we will take all the children to Stonehenge in the first few days back so that they can gain an insight into how people lived on Salisbury Plain millennia ago. This will provide richness for the learning that will follow, as children write reports, stories, poetry and diaries about our ancestors in this area.

### Outstanding results

We were delighted once again with our outcomes in the statutory government tests. It is the first time we have been tested on the new, much more challenging curriculum, and it was wonderful to see that our teachers and support staff, and our amazing children, rose to the challenge magnificently. The table below shows how far above the national levels our little school has achieved. In an environment where so many schools have struggled, we are very proud of our aspirational and hardworking children, our committed and inspirational staff and our engaged and supportive families who have ensured that, at Holy Trinity, the children have continued to excel.

Measure	School Outcomes	National Outcomes
Percentage of children who reached the new expected standard in both English and Maths.	85%	53%
Percentage of children reaching the new expected standard in Reading	85%	66%
Percentage of children reaching the new expected standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	89%	72%
Percentage of children reaching the new expected standard in Maths	96%	70%

### Come and see our school

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](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk) and our phone number is 01380 813796.



Saint-Pierre d'Autils

### WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In June we held our Twinning Weekend when our friends from St Pierre in France visited us. The visit was a great success, including the rain on the Sunday night where we enjoyed fish and chips under a marquee! We spent the Saturday at Longleat followed in the evening by an excellent Wild West supper at The Churchill Arms (thank you John and Leslie). Our Line Dance tutors were very good although our French friends needed no lessons, for they had been practising

during the previous months (unbeknown to us)!

We now start fund raising for their next visit in 2018, and our first event will be a "Games Evening" (Bingo, Beetle, Oh Hell and quiz) in West Lavington Village Hall. There will of course be a wine bar and a raffle – on October 7th at 7 p.m. 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 Déjeuner Francais (members only) on November 12th, a Christmas meal on December 9th and a Chinese New Year evening on January 28th.

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

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

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

### Mothers' UNION

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Somehow this Summer, whenever we were going to participate in or help at an event, the sun came out and blessed us. The Flower Festival was a great success; our thanks to

Bonnie Matters for all her hard work, and for so cheerfully running it all. Just over £900 was made. Then came the fete. We were very proud to win the Joan Brooke Memorial Rose Bowl, for the best presented stall. My truly sincere thanks to all those, members and friends, who worked so hard, making cakes, jam, marmalade and decorating the stall. We made £441. So thanks too, for coming and buying and supporting us. It was a very happy afternoon.

At our last meeting in July, Sue Elford, who works for Barnados at Erlestoke Prison, came to thank us for the Work the MU has done for the crèche for about 20 years and presented us with a delicious carrot cake. I am so grateful to Julia Ford, Sara Cook, and Evelyn Grant for carrying on. They do not belong to our branch, but we have not severed our ties with the Prison, as we shall be doing Angel Tree at Christmas.

On September 12th at 2.15 p.m. Caroline Spinlow has invited us to her home where she will speak to us on "New Start". We support parents as their children start school in Reception classes.

Janet Hodges (812467)

### 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

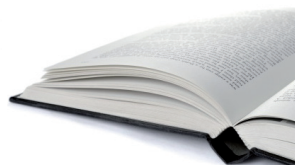
Lime-hating plants love a good pine mulch! The key with keeping lime-hating plants looking good is to acidify the soil. Special liquid feeds will do this but a good natural way is to mulch around the plants with dead pine needles. Collect these on your weekend walks and put them to good use around your rhododendrons, azaleas etc...

**Next Meeting:** Wed September 21st  
**Subject:** Sowing an annual flower meadow  
**Guest Speaker:** Paul Jupp  
**Monthly Competition:** Vase of Michaelmas Daisies

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## BOOKMARK



Our meeting in July took place on a sunny although chilly evening in Anne Marie's garden and we enjoyed nibbles and Pimms as well as books. As our June meeting had to be cancelled we had four books to review. The first was *At Hawthorn Time* by Melissa Harrison which has a prologue describing the bloody afternoon aftermath of a car crash on a lane outside a village from which the story tracks back. We are not told which of her protagonists are involved. There is Jack, an itinerant farm worker; Jamie, a local boy; and Howard and Kitty, who have taken early retirement and relocated from Camden. They are all adrift in their own particular way, struggling to find a life in the countryside and to belong. Each chapter is headed with the names of plants in bloom at the time. We all enjoyed this descriptive novel; the atmosphere created and the family relationships described were excellent. We voted it 9/10. The next book was very different, *A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding* by Jackie Copleton and is set around a Japanese woman who lives through the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki. When a badly scarred man knocks on the door of Amaterasu's retirement home in America and says he is her grandson, she doesn't believe him. But if you have become adept at lying can you tell when someone is speaking the truth. Amaterasu has always believed that her daughter and grandson had died the day the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki so this man is either a miracle or a cruel trick. The stranger forces her to revisit her past: the hurt and humiliation of her early life, the intoxication of a first romance and the fierceness of a mother's love. This book caused prolonged discussion, it is an interesting and emotional read, with vivid descriptions of Japan in 1930's and the aftermath of the bombing. Again we felt it was a 9 book and also would pay re-reading. Hild did not feel it was for her and had not read it. The third book was *Sweet Caress* by William Boyd. The story of a woman photographer. Amory first remembers her father returning on leave during the First World War but his absences, both actual and emotional, are what she remembers. Her photographer uncle Grenville supplies the emotional bond and when he gives her a Camera and some lessons in photography unleashes a passion that dominates her life. She begins an apprenticeship with Grenville in London photographing socialites but then her search for life takes her to Berlin in the late 1920's, New York in the 1930's and to the Blackshirt riots in London and France in the Second World War. William Boyd has created a panorama of some of the defining moments in modern history told through the camera lens of a woman. Not all of us had read this but those who had were enthusiastic about it and again thought it worth a 9.

The last book of the session was *The Wolf Border* by Sarah Hall. This is the story of Rachel a zoologist working in Idaho as part of a wolf recovery project. She spends her days, and often nights, tracking the every move of a wild wolf pack. It is a fairly solitary existence but she is content. Rachel receives an approach from a wealthy Earl who is interested in reintroducing the grey wolf to Northern England and she agrees to a meeting. She is certain that she wants no part of the project but the Earls estate is close to the village where Rachel grew up and where her mother now lives in a care facility. Rachel has not been home for a long time but she returns to run the project. We found much to discuss in this novel which has marvellous descriptions of weather and scenery. Rachel's handling of relationships led to much discussion, especially following the birth of her son. The project to reintroduce wolves also led to discussion on other reintroductions into the wild, such as beavers and the impact it can have on the eco system. By now we were all talked out! We did agree this was a good read 9/10.

Wendy Wilshin

## 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 group-based 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.

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.**



There is nothing so quintessentially English as village cricket, except, perhaps, the English garden. In Erlestoke there is an idyllic spot where cricket and gardening history have come together. The home of the Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club is within the confines of a Victorian walled garden. On a fine

August evening we visited the walled garden and Patrick Stayt the groundsman gave us a tour and an interesting talk about the history of the garden. He also shared some secrets about what is involved to get the cricket pitch ready for matches.

The walled garden was part of the Erlestoke Manor Estate. The enclosure carried out in 1782 when ancient common rights over the surrounding fields, marshes and downs were swept aside and the land allocated into private ownership, allowed the owners of the Manor to landscape the property. They put in lakes and planted the valley side with the trees and shrubs which now form the backdrop to the walled garden. In 1819 the property was sold to the rich owner of a West Indian plantation, Simon Taylor. Eventually it was inherited by Anna Taylor, wife of George Watson. The Watson Taylors continued to own the estate for the next 100 years and it was probably during their time that the walled garden was built. When the family fortune of the Watson Taylors began to dwindle the property was broken up and the house and gardens were sold in 1920's. There were various owners thereafter. Eventually it was taken over by the War Department and used as an officer training centre. As with many walled gardens during the war years the place fell into disuse or alternative use. When the cricket club took out a 21year lease on the the walled garden in the 1980's it was little more than a rubble filled field with a few fruit trees. The cricket club repaired the wall and removed the rubble and created a verdant cricket field. Then in 2013 they managed to negotiate the purchase of the walled garden thus securing the future of what must be one of the quirkiest and most beautiful village cricket grounds in England.

Maintaining the pitch even for village cricket involves a lot of cutting, rolling and scarifying. And at the end of the season it all has to be dug up and reseeded to get it ready for the next season. One of our garden club members had researched walled gardens and gave us a talk about them. We learned that the walls provided protection from the wind and also security for valuable plants. An acre of garden could provide food for 12 people. To maintain an acre took 2 to 3 gardeners. The gardens were often sited far from the main house so that they did not impinge on the landscaped views. The Victorians were great explorers and plant hunters and estate owners often vied with each other over who could grow the best exotic fruits or flowers. Whilst being the head gardener was regarded as a good job the average life span of a gardener in Victorian times was 35 years. This was because of the poisons used as pesticides and the danger of injury because of the nature of the work.

On Tuesday 13 September Jane Moore will be giving a talk: ' Late summer colour'. Jane, a writer and silver medal winner at Chelsea, is the head gardener at the Priory hotel in Bath. Meet at 7.15 for 7.30pm start at Great Cheverell Village Hall. The charge for non-members is £2.

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### BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

**Edward Daniel Scott JELF** of Great Cheverell was baptised by the Bishop of Ramsbury Edward CONDRY at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 19th June 2016.

**Lucy Arian HARRIS** of Littleton Panell was baptised by Rev Pat Strowger at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 17th July 2016.

**Imogen Patricia RUSSELL** of Woking was baptised by Rev Pat Strowger at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 23rd July 2016, her first birthday.

**Joshua Michael Robert WOODS** of Market Lavington was baptised by Rev Jennifer Haynes at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 31st July 2016.

### WEDDINGS

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

**Tatiana Faith Ruth GRAHAM and James Edward GREW** were married by Rev James CAMPBELL at all Saints' Church, West Lavington on 4th June 2016.

**Sarah Ruth HAILSTONE and Dean Sinclair BARRETT** of Market Lavington were married by Rev Harvey GIBBONS at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 16th July 2016.

### BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The July draw was performed by Sally Reynolds of Market Lavington who picked Brenda March for 1st Prize and David Thom for 2nd Prize, both from Market Lavington. All complete coincidence!

August's draw was done by two little visitors from Kenya who came to Breakfast Church. Jack pulled out Sholto Heddewick's name from the bag for 1st Prize and Ben took out Stella Wilson's name for 2nd Prize. Both come from each of the Cheverells. Thank you Ben and Jack. We wish you a happy holiday with your grandparents.

**Bonnie Matters Organiser**

## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH INTERESTED?

If you're interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, why not join us for our next 'Time for Tea Plus' meeting? See below for the time and date. The idea is that we lay on a traditional 'Sunday Tea' of sandwiches and cakes, washed down by a plentiful supply of tea. It's a great opportunity to have a chat and get to know people. Then we have the 'Plus' bit, a short service with a few hymns and a talk. The talk may draw some thoughts from a Bible passage and show how it applies to our lives today. It may be a word of personal testimony to how following Jesus has made a difference in someone's life. We like to mix things up a bit, just to keep it fresh.

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