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The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd September	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together At All Saints' Church, West Lavington				
10th September	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's Church Pet Service	9.00 am Breakfast Church (Food and Fun for All Ages)	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's Church	11.00 Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
17th September	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
24th September	9.00 am Breakfast Church in the Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
3rd September	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Holy Communion At All Saints' Church, West Lavington				

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00 am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell
4:30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

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

FROM THE RECTOR
September 17 reflection

This is the month when the late summer blooms give us one last blaze of glorious colour before the end of the flowering season. This is the month that the season of Autumn begins to awake and shake the apples from their trees. This is the month when the nights begin to draw in.

For us September brings a crashing back to normality after the lazy warm days of summer, the excitement of holidays taken, family visits and exam results received. Well done to all our young people for surviving the tension and achieving their goals. To those who just missed out, good effort and keep on trying, don't give up; life has so much to offer. For everyone making a new start, going to school for the first time or changing schools, preparing to start university or a new line of work or starting retirement. May the journey you are undertaking be exciting and all you hope for. In our churches our thoughts are turning to Harvest Festival, the celebration of a good harvest and the thanking of God for all He gives to us, the land and the seed, the rain and the sunshine and the beauty of this corner of Wiltshire within which we live. And of course we cannot forget to thank God for the wild harvest he provides for all the wild life with which we share this environment.

Our harvest services are often associated with food, either a harvest supper or the hospitality of wine and pick-at's in the church after the service. Harvest is a time for all to celebrate and join in the fun and, it goes without saying, everyone is invited. Please do keep an eye on the rota page for October for these very special Services; we look forward to welcoming you.

Revd. Marion Harrison

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

Address 25 White Street, West Lavington SN10 4LW
lavingtonrector@gmail.com (Not available Fridays)

Retired Priests: Rev Ann Cocking 812763

Rev Pat Strowger 812840

Benefice Office as above - churchlavington@gmail.com

CHURCHWARDENS

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

Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)
Stanley Long (818330) Pauline Jenkinson (813775)
Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

From the Rectory

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Welcome to our first colourful front page ! This facility been kindly made available to us, with the result that our covers will, in the foreseeable future, be appearing. with topical, seasonal, local and colourful covers.

The present cover is a combination of almost all of these elements, even though it is probably not familiar to most of our readers. This roundel can be found on the North wall of West Lavington Church. For the benefit of those who cannot fully understand the details, it is a conglomeration of pieces of glass taken from the apparently shattered windows during WW1. It is therefore colourful, local, topical and seasonal as it commemorates 100 years since Passchendaele – during the Autumn months when the horror of deaths by drowning in the mud were at their worst.

We have to be grateful to Brigadier General Thompson who obviously once owned it, and equally to Ron and Meg Barron who presented it to the church. Ronald Barron and his wife were closely associated with Dauntsey's – he as a senior member of staff for 42 years and she as a wartime teacher there. The circumstances of the previous ownership of the roundel are not known.

The wording around the edge informs us that:

This stained glass was collected at Ypres Cathedral during the Great War 1914-18 by Brigadier General Thompson K.B., C.M.G., R.A.

Special thanks are due to Fred West who suggested this picture and to Neil Lockhart who has photographed and converted it into this month's cover. If anyone who has read this can think of, or preferably take pictures of, suitable subjects for a cover, please contact the present editor, though with a growing bank of offers one cannot guarantee that it will appear.

Jim Hodges.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW AND VIEWS

Volunteer(s) needed !

Before the monthly copy of News and Views reaches most households it needs to have been sorted as part of a group before it reaches the local distributors. From the 900 copies 75 are for Little Cheverell, 260 for Great Cheverell and the rest for West Lavington and Littleton Panell, Then batches for each distributor have to be counted out and delivered to the home of the aforementioned distributors.

For many years this task was undertaken by Joy Thomas and more recently by Hilary Stone.

We are now looking for another volunteer to do this for us. It is a task for only 10 months of the year, which could be split into less if more than one offer is made.

If you want more details of the procedure please contact Jim Hodges (812467) or hjhodges2011@btinternet.com

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 information, and news of future concerts, can be found on the Edington Arts website,
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LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR NEWS

Northern Harmony is returning to Market Lavington on September
 26th.
 Northern Harmony is a group of talented young singers, based
 in Vermont USA, who have won worldwide acclaim for their
 remarkable command of harmony singing styles. After last year's
 very successful event a return visit was arranged details of which are below.
 On Tuesday September 26th there will be a Singing Workshop from 3.30 to 5.30 for
 which you do NOT need to be able to read music. Then in the evening, there will be a
 concert which begins at 7.30.
 Tickets are available from Market Lavington Post Office or from chrisnpat@gmail.com

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This takes place in term-time only and is for lengths-only swimmers.

Please contact me for further details.

Julia Ford

Tel 812365 j.n.ford@btinternet.com

100 Years Ago

There were no casualties from West Lavington during September 1917 but on August 18th at the battle for Lens, Private Frederick Claude Morris Glass 835610 was killed. He had been born in Market Lavington but had emigrated to Canada, and it was with a Canadian regiment that he was fighting. There were heavy losses on both sides at this battle with some use of gas attacks.

Mums & Chums

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GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 5th August Mr.& Mrs. Fanshawe kindly threw their garden open to visitors in order to raise money for the Village Hall. We were lucky and had a sunny and warm afternoon and plenty of visitors to enjoy the garden. A mature garden with ponds, goldfish, ducks and resident cats! The afternoon was enjoyed by all who came who sat and chatted in the sunshine. In addition to home made cakes and tea the plant sale was also popular and with the raffle raised much needed money for the Hall. Our thanks go to the Fanshawe family for their hospitality and for sharing their garden for the Village Hall.

Wendy Wilshin

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Street Scene

Summer Competition

Streetscene is celebrating its third anniversary this summer and what a celebration it has been! Thirty-one splendid entries in our first Summer Competition for the

best planted hanging baskets, pots or frontage floral display. And many other residents have put on dazzling floral street displays of colour as well.

The 5 member judging panel was expertly led by Rupert Wade, chairman of The Lavington & District Gardening Club.

1st prize (a £50 garden token) was awarded to Mrs Rosie Potter (left of photo) of 2 Mill Lane WL for her exquisite hanging baskets and much else.

Runners-up Mrs Pauline Rebbeck and Mr Clive Kite (right and centre) both of Littleton Panell each received £25 prize tokens. Especially noted were Pauline's eye-grabbing hanging baskets and frontage on the approach to the village and Clive's dramatically colourful pots, uplifting the dull A360 frontage in front of the former hairdresser's shop.



Mrs Rosie Potter - Mr Clive Kite - Mrs Pauline Rebbeck

Competition prizes were provided through the public's supporters of Streetscene's work, and a very generous benefactor, to whom we are hugely grateful

Also, street displays **highly commended** by the judges (in no particular order) were:

- Mr & Mrs Ford of Eastfield for their highly interesting and varied house frontage
- Mr & Mrs Potter of Holmfield for their dramatic hanging baskets and flower bed display
- Mrs Ann Janes of West Lavington High Street for her spectacular hanging baskets
- Mrs Priscilla Challinor for her Sandfield bus shelter tubs.

Streetscene's own flowering tubs can be viewed at the Chocolate Poodle, the corner of Pagnell Lane, the bus shelters, the cross-roads, opposite the Sandfield entrance, Hooks Court, Duck Street and under the West Lavington approach sign from Salisbury. Three flowering saplings also adorn the grassed area in front of The Churchill carpark and planters display vibrant colour along the Village Hall terrace.

But what has been immensely encouraging to the Streetscene team is the increasing number of Littleton Panell and West Lavington residents/businesses/institutions – like the pub and the Baptist Church - who each year, and in particular this year, have been putting out their own hanging baskets, pots and tending their floral frontages – culminating this summer in the best season yet. We wanted to say thank to all you for your support and hope it will continue.

The Poppy Appeal 2017



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- » **28th October to 11th November** **House to House/static collections**
- » **11th November** **Armistice Day/Poppy Day**
- » **12th November** **Remembrance Sunday**

Our wonderful RBL approved volunteer collectors will be conducting house to house collections in your local area over the above dates. There will be resources for both adults and children within the collection boxes promoting the Poppy Appeal, so please give as generously as possible to this worthy cause.

If you require any additional Poppy Appeal items or further information on Remembrancetide, then do contact Steve or Bridget on 01380 813099

Steve and Bridget Herniman
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The Nestling Trust would like say a huge thank you to Mark and Nancy Reilly who walked the El Camino de San Diego de Compostella. a gruelling 488 miles to raise funds to help the Nestling Trust build a home for destitute/trafficked children in Nepal. We would also like to give our heartfelt thanks to all those people who donated so generously. The total raised is nearly £4000, which is amazing! The home is under construction at Sarangkot and is due to be completed by the end of the year.

Bouncing in the rain.....!

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE UPDATE

For the first time in many years, it rained on our parade - well, frankly, it poured. But despite the awful weather, the Fete was strongly supported and we managed to raise over £2700, which is little short of miraculous. We would like to thank everyone who turned out in the rain, supported the stalls, entered the Dog Show, bounced on the Castle, enjoyed the wonderful teas served in the Village Hall - and even bought an ice cream!

A third of this year's Fete profits will be shared amongst the Sea Scouts, Robert's Playground, DAPS and the Village Hall. The rest goes towards supporting the upkeep of All Saints Church.

Special thanks go to the Rev Marion Harrison for opening the Fete; to our Announcer, Chris Bonney; First Aider Ashley Galloway; to Dauntsey's School for their tables and sound equipment; to the Sea Scouts and St Barnabas Primary School for their marquees; to DAPS for their tables and chairs; to the Classic car owners; to Louisa Haywood, Jess Hanson, Rangebourne Pets, the Macqueen Veterinary Practice and Leading Canines for their support for the Fun Family Dog Show; to Costcutters, the Churchill Arms, the Market Lavington

Co-op, the Green Dragon; and Majestic Wine, Sainsbury's and Morrison's 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.

The afternoon's atmosphere was vastly enhanced by the wonderful Market Lavington Concert Band, whose presence has become an essential part of the Fete, and who played on through the rain. We were very saddened to learn of the death in August of Mervyn Smith, the Band's founder and conductor. Mervyn was determined to be with us, and conducted two of the Band's pieces, despite being so ill. We send our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and members of the Band.

And last, but by no means least, we are enormously grateful to all the 90-plus helpers and volunteers whose hard work and fantastic stalls help create and stage the Fete every year, whatever the weather. Thank you! We couldn't do it without any of you!

Tony Morton, Bob Giles, Sue Bonney

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will be closed for the school holidays; we look forward to seeing you all again after the holidays.

Do not forget that we will be at the Village Fete on 22nd July, with our 'Smashing the Plates Stall.' Do come along.

Eric Freeman - Chairman of West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to rebook that date.
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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

One of the many joys about living in this area is that we can feel safe. Statistics show that crime rates in Wiltshire are among the lowest in the country. Indeed, The Lavingtons & Erlestoke area is one of the safest in the county (at least, if you exclude anything that may happen inside Erlestoke Prison).

But that doesn't mean it's all sweetness and light. From time to time, and especially in a few regular places, there are instances of vandalism and anti-social behaviour that can upset the tranquillity that most of us enjoy. At one level, anti-social behaviour can include littering, dumping rubbish, dog-fouling or noise. When these occur, the happiness of all who are affected is reduced. At its worst, vandalism can cause serious damage. Threatening or intimidating behaviour can cause serious distress. Sometimes a single culprit is to blame for the issue. In other cases, there may be several perpetrators. In such situations, face to face confrontation with the offenders is probably unwise. So what to do?

Obviously, one's thoughts may turn to the Police. If a crime is underway that may count as an emergency, then call 999. To report a crime that has occurred in the past, phone 101. Wiltshire Council may also be able to help. Details of the council's role and the services provided can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-safety-anti-social-behaviour>. You can contact Wiltshire Council's public protection officer by telephone 0300 456 0107 or by email asb@wiltshire.gov.uk.

All reports of anti-social behaviour will be taken seriously. Some problems can be resolved quickly but others take time. There are a number of interventions that may be appropriate and the council's team works in partnership with other agencies including the Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, the Probation Service, the NHS, the Crown Prosecution Service and various voluntary bodies. In the worst cases, enforcement such as civil injunctions and orders can be employed.

So if you are affected by anti-social behaviour, you don't have to suffer in silence. And if you are one of those who causes a nuisance, the message is "Behave – or else...!"

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

Although officially in summer recess, councillors have been very busy during July and August.

An application to central government was successful for grant monies to appoint a planning consultant to take the **Neighbourhood Plan** forward to the next stage. In late September, households will receive a Housing Needs Assessment Survey on affordable housing as required by Wiltshire Council. This will be followed in November by further proposals and policies and the opportunity for members of the public to make representations over a 6/7 week period before the Plan is submitted to Wiltshire Council for the final stages of the process.

The Parish Council has also applied for grants for **CCTV equipment** at the Village Hall including the Youth Club and BMX track area. Following months of anti-social behaviour temporary police CCTV was installed for 3 months, when vandalism ceased. However, it has begun again with a drain pipe ripped off and deposited in the Robert's Playground, earth dug up to make an unauthorised extra height jump on the BMX track, log stepping stumps in playground chipped away, fly tipping in the vicinity of the track and littering. All these incidents have required substantial personal time on the part of councillors and the clerk to remedy. The Parish Council has taken the police's advice that CCTV is an important deterrent and we await the result of our grant applications to the Area Board (matched funding) and PCC Action Fund.

The **BMX track** was repaired two years ago at a cost of £5,000. Nevertheless, it has become evident over the intervening period that more work will soon be needed to maintain and keep the track in a repaired and safe condition. The cost of a more sustainable surface is significant and applications are now with the Area Board (matched funding) and Sport England.

At the beginning of June work started on a **car wash** in the centre of the village without planning permission. The council registered its objection and work stopped. It is understood that the owner of the site was informed that the canopy is in breach of planning control and that the car wash use must not commence without planning permission. At the time of writing, no application has been received. A request to Wiltshire Council for removal of the existing canvas structure and rubble resulting from drainage excavations was made at the beginning of August.

The council's application to have **The Churchill** listed as an Asset of Community Value, has been accepted by Wiltshire Council on the basis that it is the last remaining pub in the village and the only place to be able to have a meal socially. The following link will provide more information: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningcommunityrighttobid.htm>

There are still two **vacancies** on the council which will increase when Cllr Bonnie Matters moves away in October. We very much hope you will help us fill them! Please contact the Clerk to register interest

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.

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council is resuming work on West Lavington's Neighbourhood Plan following a pause brought about by the retirement from its Steering Group of several key volunteers who had been developing the Plan since its initiation in 2012/13. Recommencement of work has been enabled by receipt of a central government grant and engagement by the Parish Council of planning consultant, Anthony Northcote.

So where have we got to? In early 2016 a first draft of the Plan had been published and an eight week public consultation undertaken. 1050 questionnaires were distributed and 30 % returned - a significant and valuable level of feedback.

With regard to the choice of **development sites**, a definite preference was expressed. A clear majority of the responses, 68%, supported the single site 7 (adjacent to DAPS), with a capacity of up to 50 houses, as their first preference. A further 23% again supported site 7 combined with site 2 (adjacent to The Farm development). Support for other sites or combinations was very low.

The community response to the levels of **housing growth** was closely matched with nearly half the proportion wanting 50 to 75 houses and about the same number wanting less than 50 houses. There was only limited support for more than 75.

Overall, the proposed Plan **policies** were supported by 85% of people and there were some useful comments and suggestions that may be included in the final Plan.

What to expect next?

Wiltshire Council is currently consulting on a **Settlement Boundary Review** to which the Parish Council will be responding. The (relatively minor) changes that are being proposed will be overtaken by the Neighbourhood Plan in due course.

At the end of September, households will receive a **Housing Needs Assessment Survey** required by Wiltshire Council to establish if there is a proven need for affordable housing in the parish and to use the findings to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.

- The first section looks at existing households in the parish and also describes the levels of new housing, if any, which would be supported by respondents to the survey (*a potential overlap with the findings of our NP public consultation referred to above*).
- The second section examines the numbers of households who have a current need for new affordable housing.

In November, the Parish Council will undertake a Pre-submission Consultation to publicise details of proposals and policies in the next draft of the Plan. The community will be invited to comment - during a 6/7 week period - following which the Plan will be submitted to Wiltshire Council. From there, all being well, examination and referendum will follow during 2018.

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CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council is on 4 September – 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

It's been a quiet summer – pity the weather hasn't been so enjoyable ! Thanks to those people who have taken the opportunity to cut back their hedges along the roadsides. But no thanks to those people who continue to allow their dogs to foul our walkways without clearing it up. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Remember that £1,000 fine that Wiltshire Council can levy as well as the health threats to children who will soon be using those walkways (especially Green Lane) when they return to school.

The Council continues to notify Wiltshire Council of any potential highways hazards such as potholes and hedges that obscure sightlines, so please let us know of any such problems. Please bear in mind, though, that the Parish Council has no legal responsibilities or powers to rectify such problems – all we can do is notify the Highways Authority.

The Council is still considering improvements and additions to the playground near the Pavilion, and is open to (affordable !) suggestions from villagers. Please contact the Clerk or any Councillor with your ideas.

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk
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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Welcome Back, Everyone!

It is wonderful to welcome all our children and their families back after the holidays. We especially enjoy welcoming all our new children and their families into our warm and friendly school community. There are so many exciting stories to share and so many wonderful experiences to reflect on after the summer break.

Themes for this year

We encourage children to learn through topics and themes as far as possible – it is always much more fun to learn how to write a report or a story or a poem if it is relevant to the topic. And maths makes more sense if children are using their maths skills to solve problems that have to do with their topic or theme. As part of our historical studies this year we will be having a focus on invaders of the British Isles. We shall have field trips to Bath to see the Roman remains and many other field trips throughout the year to bring learning alive.

Some topics will be covered by all classes in the school, others will be specific to the class – often a topic will be suggested by the children's interests. Topics will unfold over a term or half term, often ending in a big project – a film, a class museum, a meal, a class art gallery, a musical performance or some project that provides an end point for the learning around the topic. Parents are encouraged to come into school for Sharing Assembly every Friday afternoon to see how each class is progressing through their work.

Democracy in school

At the start of the school year, each class will vote in two representatives who will sit on the student council. These councillors will help the leadership team to make strategic decisions by offering the viewpoint of the children themselves. We encourage every child to come to us with their ideas for school improvement, either by popping into the headteacher's office or by writing us notes or by mentioning things to their teachers. The student council provides another avenue for us to listen to the children themselves in a more formal context. We always take account of the children's views because if the children are happy at school they will be excellent learners. We want children to enjoy school.

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 and our phone number is 01380 813796.

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

10th July Meeting: Our visiting speaker was Sheila Mills, who told us all about the Shonda Project. This small independent charity was set up 20 years ago to provide

children in a very poor part of Kenya with affordable primary education. It all started in 1993 when Mick and Angela Prentice travelled to Kenya on holiday. While they were there they saw many young children sleeping and living rough by the Likoni ferry terminal on the south coast of Mombasa. They made enquiries and discovered that many of these children had been orphaned following the Likoni ferry disaster in which 200 people had died. Mick and Angela wanted to help these vulnerable children so they were put in touch with a Baptist Minister who was trying to provide a school for the children. Following that first meeting they returned to the UK and started fund raising. When they returned a year later they found that work on the school building had begun. The school has now grown in size with classrooms being built entirely funded by UK donation. It has several school and church links and there are skype calls between schools. The community there is made up of both Christians and Muslims and the school has a Christian ethos and welcomes children from all faiths. More information can be obtained from their website: www.shonda.org.uk

14th August Meeting: Anne Wilson was enrolled as a member by Janet Hodges and warmly welcomed into the Branch. Our topic for the afternoon was the Tear Fund Charity and the work they do with partner organizations around the world to help the poor and needy, eradicate poverty and bring relief in times of crisis. Many people around the world are starving because of the changing climate and people are being taught to help themselves resolve this problem by an innovative alternative method of cultivating crops called 'Foundations for Farming'. Most farming methods take the goodness from the soil but do not replenish it. This new method can reverse the damage by protecting and preserving the soil and retaining moisture. It is inspired by how soil is naturally replenished, with no ploughing and using mulch cover from leaves and plant materials. By adopting these methods it is possible to increase yields tenfold. More information about Tearfund can be found on their website: www.tearfund.org

Fete: Janet expressed sincere thanks to all who had visited the MU stall, despite the weather, and provided produce for it. The grand total from the sale of items on the stall amounted to £240.

Next Meeting: Monday, 11th September at 2.15pm at the home of Janet Hodges, 23 Stibb Hill, West Lavington. The speaker will be Anji Scofield, who will be speaking about "A Christian Faith at War".





For our July meeting we visited Seend Head House garden. This is a private garden that often opens for the National Gardens Scheme. The owners are enthusiastic amateur gardeners. Over the past five years they have set about making a delightful garden where the previous

owners had allowed free ranging pigs and hens to modify the previously landscaped well kept garden. This has involved clearing briars and scrubland, digging out years of puddled mud from original ponds, planting lots of trees in the garden and parkland, and building new bridges across the mill race.

On the evening of our visit it was if we were getting enough rainfall to make up for the previous month's rain deficit. We rang ahead to check if we should cancel the visit but were delighted to be told that we were still welcome. The garden at Seend Head House is bordered on the north side by a high stone wall, lined on the inside in places with brick. The back wall of the fine 18th century dwelling is contiguous with the wall. The lawn in front of the house slopes down to a leat which serves a nearby mill. Beyond the leat is an island bordered on the other side by Semington Brook, a tributary of the River Avon. To the east of the house is open parkland with mature trees and some younger trees planted by the current owners. The leat too is lined with a mixture of mature and young trees. Ducks and geese roam free in the gardens. Near the house, in front of the brick lined wall is a 'hot' bed with beautiful red and orange flowers. Nearby, by contrast, is a bed with cool colours. Other borders had large lilies in an exquisite range of colours. In one area there was a fenced enclosure with raised beds where an amazing array of flowers were being grown for a friend's daughter's wedding. Even in the rain this garden appeared colourful and interesting and obviously well tended.

Our August visit to local gardens was cancelled because it was so wet underfoot and heavy showers were forecast.

For our September meeting we will be visiting Poulshot Nurseries. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 5.40pm on Tuesday 12 September.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.



Pre-season is well underway for the badgers with many teams having restarted training and completing the arduous registration processes with the leagues and FA organisations and the teams are ready to go for season 2017/18.

All players this season are being issued with Badgers tops to be worn at training and matches and the teams should look splendid in arrival. Some teams will have new kit and this has been possible by support from shirt sponsors so very many thanks to them.

If you are interested in taking up football or getting involved in football coaching, please talk to one of the relevant managers whose information is below:

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- U8 and U9 – Sharon Black 01380 818193
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- U15 – Jake Davis – 07741 306303

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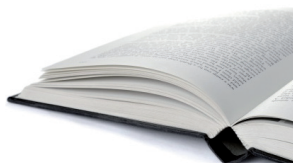
Next Meeting: Wednesday
 20th September
Subject: Garden of Edible Delights
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Competition: Vase of Michaelmas Daisies

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GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

Our Summer meeting could not take place in the garden owing to the inclement weather. We did manage to generate some heat in the discussion on the two books we had read. *Vinegar Girl* by an American novelist Anne Tyler, is a modern take on 'The Taming of the Shrew.' Kate is stuck running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and her pretty uppity younger sister. Plus Kate is adored by her pre-school charges but their parents don't always appreciate her forthright manner. Then her father hatches a scheme for her to marry his brilliant lab assistant so he will not be deported. An interesting and easy read which gave rise to varying opinions but we agreed that it is a recommended novel for easy summer reading.



The second book was *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry - a very different story. Set in Victorian London and Essex Village in the 1890's and enlivened by the debates on scientific and medical discoveries of the era. 'The Essex Serpent' has at its heart the story of two extraordinary people who fall for each other, but not in the usual way. Cora is a well-to-do London widow who moved to an Essex parish where Will Ransome is the local vicar. The village is engulfed by rumours that the mythical serpent, once said to roam the marshes claiming human lives returned. Cora a keen amateur naturalist is enthralled but Will sees his parishioners as being gripped by moral panic and deviation from the faith. There are many strands to the story and for richness of prose and depth of characterisation and is well worth reading.

Wendy Wilshin

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Saint-Pierre d'Autils

Before I report on our visit to France in July, I would like to say a few words about the Twinning Association in West Lavington.

After our initial surge of members when we formed in 2010, our membership has been fairly constant. We would like to increase our membership not least because our twinned village St Pierre d'Autils

has combined administratively with two adjacent villages under the one Mayor and so it is probable that their membership will increase significantly

So a few words about what it entails to be a member of West Lavington Twinning Association. Firstly you don't have to live in West Lavington. Membership is also open to residents of surrounding villages (we even have members from Urchfont!).

Secondly you don't have to host French families when they visit us and you don't have to join in the biannual visit to St Pierre, and even if you do participate, you certainly don't have to speak French. You could simply join in our activities here in UK and have a great time. We hold many events each year, often with an international theme, especially the supper, and always a wine bar! We also have "specials" such as Race Night, Murder Mystery, Quizes including Skype-linked quiz to France, Burns Night, Halloween etc etc. Most of our events are open to non members as well. Events for the rest of this year are a Greek evening on Sat 14th October in WL Village Hall plus American night on 24th November also in the WL Hall. In January we plan a repeat of our very successful Burn's Night.

So to our visit to St Pierre this year. This was over the Bastille weekend which is one the principal public holidays in France. Since Bastille day itself was on a Friday this year, many of us travelled over on the Thursday. The main celebration involved the whole village, an evening meal with live entertainment and dancing for 150 people. This was followed by a lamp-light procession around the village then a magnificent firework display. On the Saturday the two associations, or Jumelage, visited a medieval Abbey and were treated to a play in the Abbey grounds about Empress Matilda (William the conqueror's granddaughter) and King Steven. In the evening we had a group barbecue followed by a concert by the village choir.

I hope I have whetted your appetites to join us which you can do by calling me on 818510, or emailing our chairman on blocker38@hotmail.com and simply asking for a membership form.

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The July draw was performed by Joy Thomas who drew the tickets of Malcolm Smith for 1st prize from Littleton Panell and Sharon Pike from Great Cheverell who won 2nd prize.

The August draw was done by last month’s first prize winner, Malcolm Smith, who drew two tickets. The first one belonged to Wendy Brewer of West Lavington and the second ticket belonged to Andrew Liardet of Escott. Congratulations to both participants.

Only 5 more draws until we begin the year again, but 10 more chances of a win....will it be you?

Bonnie Matters 816133



BAPTISMS

Alfie OTTOWAY was baptised at St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington, by Rev Marion Harrison, on Sunday 18th June 2017.

Ralph PETTIT was baptised by Rev Marion Harrison at St Peter’s Church, Great Cheverell on Saturday 24th June 2017.

Jade BECKETT and her son **Charlie BECKETT** were baptised at St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison, on Sunday 16th July 2017.

Rosie Elizabeth WHEELER and **Daniel John BRADY** were married by Rev Marion Harrison at St Peter’s Church, Great Cheverell on Saturday **5th August 2017**.

Emily Jane ROBERTS and **Jorge William WADMAN** were married at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on Saturday 12th August 2017.

FUNERALS

John Maurice WELLS, formerly of West Lavington, died at BUPA Market Lavington on 13th July 2017, aged 97 years. His funeral, preceding cremation, was held at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington on Tuesday 15th August

Patricia Millicent LYE of West Lavington (formerly of Erlestoke) died on 1st July, aged 84. Pastor Guy Davies of the Ebenezer Baptist Chapel conducted the funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium. Thank you for the £531 raised for West Wales Poundies Dog Rescue.

WEDDINGS

Shelley Lorraine FIELDING and **Daniel Richard WARD** were married by Father Robert Bailey at St Peter’s Church, Great Cheverell on Saturday 24th June 2017

Victoria Elizabeth BEDDOW and **Thomas Charles ABBOTT** were married by Rev Marion Harrison at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington on Saturday 29th July 2017.

Amber Fanaih MARTIN and **Mark Anthony REYNOLDS** of West Lavington, were married at St Peter’s Church, Freshford, on 4th August 2017.

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The truth that the framers of the Declaration of Independence held to be 'self-evident' is based on the teaching of the Bible, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27). That is why people of whatever nation, race, or creed, whether they be male or female are to be treated with equal dignity and respect. Equality does not mean uniformity, but whatever differences there are between people, the fundamental principle of equality remains. An old song by my boyhood heroes, The Jam bears witness to this principle. In *Man in the Corner Shop* they sang,

Go to church do the people from the area
All shapes and classes sit and pray together

For here they are all one
For God created all men equal

The church is not confined to one nation, race or social class. Jesus sent his followers to make disciples of all peoples. The songs of heaven would make any racist decidedly uncomfortable. The saints in glory sing to Jesus,

You are worthy
For you were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation
(Revelation 5:9)

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Events

'Pop-up Coffee Bar' from 10.00 to 11.30am on Friday, 1st September. Come along for a friendly chat over a nice cuppa.

'Rock of Life' 5.00pm Saturday 23 September. Join us for an evening of Christian songs old and new with locally based musicians. Free entry. Followed by light refreshments. All welcome. For more on the band see their Facebook page, @therockoflife.

'Time for Tea Plus' 4.30pm on 24 September. Join us for Sunday tea followed by a short service. Expect an array of sandwiches, a variety of cakes and a plentiful supply of tea or coffee. Then comes the 'plus' bit, half an hour of hymn singing, prayer and a snappy message from the Bible.

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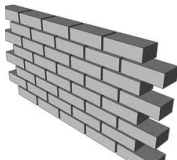
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