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Calendar of Services - December 2017
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd December Advent Sunday	9.30 am Said Holy Communion (BCP), All Saints' Church, West Lavington 6.00 pm Advent Carols. St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				
10th December Advent 2	11.00 am United Toy/ Gift Service at Easterton	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Annual Toy/ Gift Service	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	5.00 pm Carol Service
17th December	11.00 am Family Friendly Carol Service	9.30 am Parish Communion	6.00 pm Carol Service	4.00 pm Carol Service	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
Monday 18th December	6.00 pm Real Nativity				
Wednesday 20th December		6.00 pm Carol Service			
24th December Christmas Eve	10.00 pm Midnight Mass	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	4.00 pm Christingle	11.30 pm Midnight Mass	4.00 pm Crib Service
25th December Christmas Day	9.30 am Family Friendly Service	9.30 am Family Holy Communion			9.30 am Christmas Communion (BCP)
31st December New Year's Eve	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Barnabas Church, Easterton				

Calendar of Services - January 2018
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
7th January Baptism of Christ	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				
14th January Epiphany 2	11.00 am United Covenant Service with Trinity Ch at the Community Hall	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Covenant Service at Market Lavington Community Hall	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
21st January Epiphany 3	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
28th January Epiphany 4	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)	
4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together 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.

CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington: Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)
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DECEMBER REFLECTION FROM THE RECTOR

Inside out by Peter Trow. (pp141 CAFOD)

It is not hard to imagine the crowded inn. Friends and relatives have got together and seek to celebrate; the place is packed. Some who are weary are trying to sleep. The place is full to capacity. There is much conversation, perhaps some singing and dancing. There is no room here for Mary who is about to bring forth her son. There was no room at the inn.

How common these words are, though they may be said in different ways: “don’t disturb me, I’m busy.” “I would like to help but I don’t have the time.” “I like a routine and I don’t want anything to interfere with it.” Or “I can’t come and see you I have business to attend to.” And every time we excuse ourselves, we exclude ourselves from certain experiences. Being pre-occupied is a great defence against anything new happening.

“I would have said my prayers but there is too much happening to me right now.” In such ways we risk missing the coming of God into our lives.

Yet the innkeeper, busy, hard pressed, found room. He offered a space to Joseph and Mary. Simple accommodation and into it came the Christ Child. The innkeeper made room and the Christ was able to enter into his place.

Amid all the busyness of Christmas, the activity that threatens to overwhelm us, the Church invites you to make room. To join in with any or all the festivities the churches of the benefice are offering this Christmas. To hear the story of a child’s birth and rejoice with us that God comes, he comes into the world, he comes to me and he comes to you. So that all can rejoice in the mystery of the God who seeks to share in our daily lives. We celebrate the greatest of miracles that the Word is made flesh and dwells among us. Let us all give a moment to think over these words of St. John. “to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.”

So, from one child of God to another, May Christ our infant saviour give you the joy of the Bethlehem Shepherds, the awe of the worshipping sages and the humility and love of the holy family.

From Myself, Ann Cocking and Pat Strowger, may all the blessings of Christmas be yours this year.

Revd. Marion Harrison

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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CLEARING THE DESK

The picture of the editor and his wife at Ascot Races as the cover for the December issue of *News and Views* may seem both inappropriate and unseasonal, which in most senses it is, but the editor has acted upon the persuasion of his successor to record his retirement from the role after 27 years in which almost 300 editions of the magazine have been produced.

Above all, it does at least provide him with an opportunity to thank the many people and organisations for their contribution to this publication in a variety of ways over those years.

For a start he wants to thank the advertisers who have provided the necessary finance and then the faithful contributors who have sustained our interests, regularly and promptly. As well as this, he is grateful to all the distributors who have delivered – in some places up to 50 copies - in all three villages, particularly Mike Brain (Little Cheverell) and the Wilshins (Great Cheverell). We have been particularly fortunate in our Printers with their generosity of spirit and unfailing help. It is thanks, as well, to our Treasurers, photographers, artists and presenters of ideas that our continuing existence has been made possible. But above all. the editor is grateful to two people – Hilary Stone in West Lavington for offering to take over the role of editor and Neil Lockhart in Great Cheverell for his skill, imagination and wisdom in advising and producing the final accomplished version.

Contributors please note: The address of Hilary Stone is welovehilly@gmail.com

Jim Hodges

MARKET LAVINGTON CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the Christmas Country Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall on November 18th, especially to those cake bakers out there who helped our Cake Stall raise over £180! I do hope you all enjoyed the Fair and found some great things to buy. I thought you would like to know that we raised an excellent £1067 for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, which is our highest total to date, and brings the amount raised over the last seven years to over £6000. Thank you all very much! This money will help a lot of serving and former serving soldiers and their families who are in need.

Sue Bonney

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A note for your diary

Next year's West Lavington Fete will be on 14th July.



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What's On

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100 YEARS AGO

Sergeant Frederick H Collins 3/769 Died 1st December 1917

Frederick was born in Stert in 1867. He was the nephew of Richard and Mary Ann Collins of West Lavington, and was raised by them. Richard was a shepherd. He and Mary Ann had five children younger than Frederick.

Frederick first joined the army in 1886 when he was 18 years of age. He achieved rapid promotion to Corporal in 1890, Lance Sergeant in 1891 and Sergeant in 1892. He served in India from 1895 to 1898, at which time he had served his twelve years and was discharged. He did re-apply to join again in 1903, but bought himself out after only a month, for the sum of £18. By this time he was married to Frances Iles.

After his discharge from the army, Frederick and Frances ran the workhouse at Bradford on Avon. He was the master of the workhouse and Frances was the matron. They also had a daughter, Vera Margaret living with them there. She was born in 1907.

When the war broke out Frederick offered his services once again to his country, although he was by this time nearly 50 years of age. He was stationed at the Devizes Depot of the Wiltshire Regiment. He died there of natural causes on 1st December 1917. He was buried in Devizes with full military honours, and was the oldest soldier from our villages to be classed as a war casualty.

Lance Sergeant Samuel Phillips 18779 Died 7th December 1917

Samuel was born in 1896 in West Lavington, the son of James Phillips and his wife, Mary Carter. James was a market gardener in Littleton Panell. Samuel grew up with eight brothers and sisters and was working as a farm labourer in 1911.

We don't know precisely when Sam volunteered, or indeed whether he was called up. We do know he was attached to the 5th battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment, and that they were deployed to Mesopotamia (Iraq) in 1916.

For nearly two years, Sam would have been in the thick of the action against the Turks, including the Battle of Kut al Amara, the capture of the Hai Salient, The capture of Dabra Bend, The passage of the Diyala, The pursuit of the enemy towards Baghdad, Capture of Baghdad, Battles of Delli 'Abbas, Duqma, Nahr Kalis, crossed the 'Adhaim and at Shatt al 'Adhaim, The Second and Third Actions of Jabal Hamrin and at Tuz Khurmatti (29 April 1917).

Sam caught meningitis whilst serving in Mesopotamia. He was transported to India for medical treatment, but died there on 7th December 1917 at the Deccan War Hospital in Poona.

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Our region covers Littleton Panell, West Lavington, The Cheverells and Erlestoke and whilst we await some final contributions, we expect the total to exceed £3000.

Thank you for making such a valuable contribution to this year's appeal. All proceeds go exclusively to support those in need from the ex- service community.

Steve and Bridget Herniman
Joint Poppy Appeal Coordinators for the RBL

The Poppy Appeal collection has been so well organised by Bridget and Steve Herniman. The sum of over £3000 has been due to the hard work of the team of collectors but also because of the expert planning by the Hernimans. My thanks to all.

Michael Challinor, Royal British Legion.



THE NESTLING TRUST

It was a swinging 60's & 70's Evening with Bruce Hopkins delighting the audience with favourite songs from the era. The Nestling Trust would like to thank Bruce, and everyone who came and helped make the evening such fun.

Altogether over one thousand seven hundred pounds was raised to help complete the Children's Home for destitute and trafficked children in Nepal; we are most grateful, thank you.

Sue Hamblin

P.S. For your diaries – the next Nestling Trust Event will be: An Indian Evening with Food and Entertainment. Saturday 24th February '18 at Market Lavington Community Hall. More details to follow.

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The full range of music for Advent and Christmas will be included in the programme, including plainchant, traditional folk tunes and pieces by Matthew Martin and Kenneth Leighton. The College's Organ Scholars, Josef Laming and Charles Maxtone-Smith (who will be familiar to Edington Music Festival goers as the Festival's Assistant Organist) will also contribute.

Add to the mix of superb music the now traditional interval refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies, and you have an unbeatably wonderful start to the Christmas season! Demand for tickets is already strong, so don't delay getting yours; ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email sue@edingtonarts.org. Prices are £20 front nave, £15 rear nave, and £10 sides, with 18 and under coming free. If you buy on the door on the night you will need to add £2 per ticket.

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Thursday 6:30pm until 8:30pm at West Lavington

Friday 6.30pm until 8.30pm at Market Lavington

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We look forward to seeing you all again. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from us all.

Eric Freeman - Chairman of West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

I feel there is an atmosphere of nostalgia at this time of year. The traditions of advent and Christmas are deeply resonant of times past. No only carols, but the music played in shops and on the radio is invariably the warm and familiar seasonal fare. If you have a log burning in the grate as you come in from the chill, the mood is complete. Frosty mornings may help us forget the threat of global warming for a while, but other concerns of the modern world can make us yearn for the good old days. Well, maybe. I am old enough to remember the 70's. Let's look at a few of the current issues and compare:

- Trouble in the Middle East? The last king of Afghanistan was overthrown in 1973 (while I was visiting neighbouring Iran). The Iranian revolution followed in 1978/9. I don't think I contributed, but you may recall the subsequent hostage crisis.
- An American president with unconventional habits? Richard Nixon resigned in 1974 after impeachment proceedings against him for "high crimes and misdemeanors".
- Rising prices? Now 3%. Inflation peaked at 20% in the 1973/74 recession.
- Minority government? The February 1974 general election yielded a Labour minority government (which then won a majority in October 1974).
- Edgy relations with Europe? Labour pledged in its February 1974 manifesto to renegotiate the terms of British accession to the EEC, and then to consult the public on whether Britain should stay in the EEC on the new terms. The referendum took place in 1975. Plus ça change, you might say.
- Sexual immorality in parliament? Jeremy Thorpe comes to mind (although Profumo, in the 60s, may be much more interesting to some).
- There is more than I can relay here - Russia (then USSR), Venezuela, China and the Far East, etc.

The point is, if you live long enough, you will have seen it all before - but I may be taking my new role as portfolio holder for heritage too seriously.

I wish you long life, a happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation

24 November 2017 to 12 January 2018

West Lavington Parish Council is again consulting on its **Neighbourhood Plan**. This is the first statutory consultation required and is taking place under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012. Included are the results of the recent **Housing Needs Assessment Survey** regarding affordable housing requirements in the parish. Very many thanks for the excellent 36.1% response rate achieved. The results of the survey have been incorporated into the Plan at Policy H1. They evidence an overall housing allocation of a minimum of 30 units to be built in order to meet the affordable housing need expressed in the survey. This is based on the 30% requirement of Core Policy 43 of the Wiltshire Core Policy. The results of the survey are set out in full on the Parish Council website as a supporting document to the Draft Plan.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has built on the responses received from the 2015/16 informal consultation on the first draft of the Plan and the final version will build on comments made as a result of this consultation. It contains four themed sections: Growth; Infrastructure, Services and Facilities; Built Environment; and Natural Environment. **Policies** are included within each section to guide the development and use of land. You will find that each Policy contains an introduction and explanatory text followed by the Policy itself in coloured text.

The methodology for arriving at 'site 7' (land south of Lavington Lane and north of DAPS) as the **preferred housing allocation** under Policy H1 is set forth in the supporting background document: Site Assessment Methodology, which can be found on the 'Planning' tab of the Parish Council website www.westlavington.org.uk. You will recall that, of the four short-listed site options under the first draft of the Plan, site 7 (now referred to as site H1(A)) received 68% of consultation respondents' votes as their preferred site for development.

Eight sites are designated for public consideration as '**Local Green Spaces**' under Policy N1 of the Draft Plan. 'Green spaces' are sites the community would wish to see protected and where inappropriate development would not be allowed other than in very special circumstances. Proposals for development of any adjacent sites would need to demonstrate that they presented no harm to the setting and provide enhancement for people and wildlife.

Communities that draw up neighbourhood plans that secure the consent of local people in a referendum will benefit from a 25% **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** arising from development in their area. Otherwise the levy will be 15% only. CIL is focused on assisting delivery of community projects in the local area.

This will be the last time members of the parish community will have the opportunity to make representations on the policies of the Plan before Wiltshire Council arranges a local referendum. A majority of "yes" referendum votes will ensure its adoption and it will then form part of Wiltshire's wider statutory plan and will be used to determine planning applications across the parish.

My fellow Councillors and I wish everyone a very happy festive season.

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.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 6 November, and will meet again on 4 December and 8 January 2018 – 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. All interested parties are welcome to attend. And the Minutes are available to see on the website, our shiny new Notice Board outside the shop, and in Victoria Park.

We still have a vacancy on the Council, which we really need to fill if local democracy is to be maintained. If you want to join the Council, in order to help YOUR village thrive, please contact the Chair or the Clerk. It isn't an onerous task (honest!), but hopefully it's a rewarding one. Please think about it.

The new website is now up and running. It would benefit from active information – club meeting reports, local craft fairs, nice photographs so please send stuff in!

The Council continues to focus on the state and usage of our roads, in particular, the crossroads on the B3098 at Pear Tree Lane, Green Lane and the High Street (C40). Regular discussions are held on these important issues with Wiltshire Council. And, regrettably, there's the ongoing issue with the responsible disposal of dog poo. Dog walkers seem to share the same areas as children, especially Green Lane and the Pavilion playing field. So, it's doubly important to clear up. And hanging little bags on trees, or casually throwing them into the compound where the Pavilion keeps its bins, just assumes that someone else will clean up after you. It's all very, very anti-social, so please do the responsible thing and either take it home or put it in a proper waste bin. Unfortunately, the Council's next action will have to be a legal one, and nobody wants that.

But, to end on an upbeat note Happy Christmas! I'm writing this in November, but it shouldn't be published until December, so I feel safe to say it.

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

Phone: 01380 816983 Email: parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

This is a summary of the meeting held on 15th November 2017. The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village or on the Parish Council website- <http://www.kennet-communityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/>

1. The Parish Steward assisted by Michael Brain, cleared all the mud from the road next to stream adjacent to Cedar Croft. The steward's next visit is scheduled for Dec 11th. Please contact sueivey3@aol.com with any tasks you think the steward may be able to tackle.
2. It is hoped that if the Low Road 20 mph consultation proceeds without problem, the signs will be in place in March/April 2018
3. The improvement to the provision of broadband for 10 properties at the railway bridge end of the village has been promised for sometime before August 2018. This is according to information given at a meeting hosted by Claire Perry in September 2017
4. An idea to create a group email of village residents, which would be 'undisclosed' to protect privacy, was discussed. Parish councillors will ask residents for their views. The facility would be useful to publicise matters of village interest, for example road closures.
5. A morning gathering with coffee is to be arranged at the village hall. It is for residents who find the evening PC meetings difficult to attend but who would like to meet some parish councillors. More information to follow.
6. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Top 3%! We were delighted to receive a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb, Minister of State at the Department for Education, congratulating us on being in the top 3% of all schools in the country for the Phonics Screening results! As ever, we always emphasise that the outcomes in statutory government assessments, whilst important, are not

the only areas that we focus on. We are just as proud of our children's spiritual and social achievements, their creative and physical accomplishments and their interest in learning across all areas of the curriculum. We aim to prepare them to be happy, fulfilled adults in all areas of their lives.

Creative Curriculum We were delighted to have Emily Greening, from Ballard's farm in Edington, come to our school and give a fascinating and inspiring presentation to our children on arable farming. Although the children decided, very reluctantly, not to plough up our playing field to plant 4 acres of wheat, we have been inspired to set aside a smaller plot of land for the purpose and we look forward to growing, harvesting, preparing and milling the wheat and making our own loaves of bread next Autumn! Our Gardening Club, with Mrs Liz Read in charge, has taken up the challenge of driving this project forward.

All the children in Years 3 and 4 had their annual residential trip this month, spending a night away from home at Braeside in Devizes, where they took part in canoeing, pond dipping, low rope challenges and many other wonderful activities. These trips away give children the chance to develop their independence, team working skills and resilience. They always have a wonderful time. We are very grateful to our teachers, teaching assistants and volunteers who organise and accompany these trips – it is a huge responsibility and we are very fortunate to be able to offer our children this great adventure.

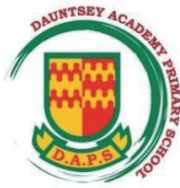
The weekly cooking classes have focused on using seasonal vegetables this term, and children have made wonderful roulades, soups, quiches and many other tasty dishes. Mrs Heath and Mrs Andrew provide outstanding opportunities for our children to learn really important life skills in these lessons – cooking, food hygiene, healthy eating and nutrition are all covered.

Our children have been part of the Edington Tapestry Project, and our panel, which depicts Alfred the Great and his battle, has now been completed and will join the other panels in due course. We always welcome the opportunities to take part in wider community projects – the support of our local communities is essential to our success. There is an African proverb that says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child!"

Every day is an open day 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.

*We wish everyone in our community a very
blessed Christmas and a happy new year!*

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Autumn term has continued to be a busy one here at DAPS. The children from military families led our Remembrance Day assembly. Each child contributed a poppy to a large poppy collage. Year 6 recited 'In Flanders Field' and the whole school sang the Royal British Legion song 'The Call'. It was a beautifully respectful event with our children making us proud again.

This was followed by our Anti-bullying week. The week began with an 'Odd Socks' day where all the children wore odd socks to demonstrate that we are 'All Different, All Equal' which was the national anti-bullying theme for the week. The children worked in house teams to explore the theme of bullying. They learned about the 'STOP' campaign, meaning 'Several Times On Purpose' and 'Speak To Other People'. The children worked together to create an 'Acts of kindness' display, they painted anti-bullying messages on pebbles and wrote anti-bullying messages on fabric squares. Every child has the right to an education where they feel happy and safe – a commitment we take incredibly seriously. Our week focused on our children understanding what bullying is and knowing what to do if you see it or experience it.

In February 2018, the whole school will be taking part in a Science week. Already we have some wonderful activities planned for the children but we want to make it as varied and engaging as possible. If you are a keen astronomer (amateur or professional) who would be willing to bring your telescope into school then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Davey by email: admin@daps.wilts.sch.uk

Please come and join us for our annual Christmas market on Friday 1st December at 4.30 p.m. There will be festive food, drink and entertainment as well as an opportunity to do your Christmas shopping from a range of local crafts and trades people. It's a magical event which really starts the festive season! If you would like to visit Father Christmas, please contact the school office on 01380 813373 to book your special slot.

If you would like to support the learning of our children in ways such as, hearing children read or taking part in Forest School you would be most welcome. Please contact the school office on 01380 813373.

Everyone at DAPS would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Firstly, we would like to wish everyone, including all the children, parents and community members who support our Pre-school, a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. We have had an amazing time this term focusing our investigations on 'space and the galaxy', we made stars and moons and we made our interest table into the surface of the moon. We have also been regularly visited by ACTIVE Trowbridge this term and we have pretended we are spacemen walking on the moon.

Now we have moved on to some more festive celebrations as we get nearer to Christmas, we have planned a visit to the Bupa Care Home in Market Lavington to sing carols on the 13th December and we have been really busy practising our songs. We have been making festive decorations and cards and decorating our playroom. Our Christmas party, for all the children at the Pre-school will take place on Friday 15th December in the village hall at 3.30pm, Mad Pete is coming to entertain the children and we are hoping Father Christmas will pop in too!

Please remember that if your child will be 4 by the 1st September 2018 you will need to apply for your primary school place by 15th January 2018, applications can be made online on the Wiltshire Council website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>

30 HOURS FUNDING: All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. More information regarding funding for 3 to 4 year olds is available at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-for-3-and-4-year-olds>

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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:

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Our meeting on 13th November was to plan the programme for the coming year. By the choice of topics chosen it sounds as though we are in for some very interesting meetings! Details to follow when the programme is finalised.

Our Branch Leader, Janet Hodges, reported that a donation had recently been sent to the Women's Refuge in Salisbury.

Next Meeting: "Christmas Reflections" a meditation led by Revd Pat Strowger. This will be held at 11am on Monday, 11th December in the Ebenezer Chapel, West Lavington and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. (Please note change of time and venue for this meeting.)

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During our November meeting Sally Nex, a freelance journalist, and accomplished speaker, gave us some interesting behind the scenes anecdotes, insights and photos of the Chelsea Flower Show. At Chelsea three to four thousand journalists from home and abroad share a marquee for the duration of the show. Sally said that she has learnt that the trick is for a journalist to turn up early each morning to secure the use of a locker and perhaps lay claim to a chair and some desk space for the day. The press tent is not always the safest place to be while the gardens are being built. One year a giant crane straddled the tent while building Dermot Gavin's exhibit and at times the situation appeared to be perilous. Sally described for us the year before each show. Once a designer submits a garden design to Chelsea there is little wriggle room for deviation from that plan. The designer employs a company to grow the plants and to source the materials and eventually to build the garden described. The average garden at Chelsea costs about £250,000 to build and the money is sourced from sponsors who value the publicity. Perhaps the most expensive garden cost about 20 million pounds as David Domoney used precious metals and diamonds and rubies and other gems in the display. Sally said that there was a good spirit of co-operation between exhibitors. They would even lend each other plants to complete a display. There are a few problematic sites on the showground, especially above an old Victorian sewer that is unable to take the weight of some of the materials. Each year designs have to be tweaked to avoid the collapse of this ancient but essential sewer. According to Sally the Chelsea pensioners have a marvellous time celebrity watching and posing with models for photographs and so are happy to endure the disruption once a year. Sometimes the appearance of a particular plant in a garden design at Chelsea can lead to spectacular sales of that plant for years to come.

In December we will reveal the new programme of events for 2018. It promises to be just as interesting and varied as the 2017 offering. Once again, we are holding the price of membership at just £8 per annum per person or £15 for a couple. New members are always welcome.

On Tuesday 12 December we will hold our Christmas party at 7.30pm in Great Cheverell Village Hall.

For our first meeting in 2018 on Tuesday 9 January our speaker will be Denise Plummer, the lady who writes the weekly farming column in the Gazette and Herald. The topic will be 'My Farming Life'.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.



The season is well underway and here are updates CHARTER STANDARD CLUB from our teams.

Badger Cubs are growing in numbers and enjoying their football. There is lots of space for more little ones to join in – we train on Fridays at Northbrook at 1730. Contact Mark for information.

U7 – The team is on the lookout for players to enable the club to enter a team in the league after Christmas – contact Sharon.

U8, U9 – These teams are having fun playing football and are also looking to boost numbers – contact Sharon.

U10 – Both teams are playing well and enjoying being back in matches against other clubs.

U11 – We welcomed new players welcomed and they are settling in well. The teams are improving, scoring freely and enjoying their new home at The Elisha Field.

U12 – Have had a great start to the season and are unbeaten since their first league match. Unfortunately, they lost their first cup match but still sit at the top of the league table.

U14 – Had a great start to season and currently lead their division. Are on the lookout for a goalkeeper – contact Stuart below.

U15 – Are playing well after tough start and have progressed to the second round of the League cup.

We are still looking to boost numbers in the lower age groups and include players of all abilities, so 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:

U7/U10 – Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U11 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781

U14 – Stewart Swann - 01380 812329

U8 and U9 – Sharon Black 01380 818193

U12 – Neil Black – 01380 818193

U15 – Jake Davis – 07741 306303



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WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our next event is our Burns night on Saturday January 27th at 7.30pm in WL Village Hall.

This event is open to members and non-members of The Twinning Association and tickets (£12.50) can be obtained from Michael Page on 818510.

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 Sunday 17th December 10.30 am - Rev Gary Gotham
 Sunday 24th December 10.30 am – Rev Gary Gotham
 Sunday 31st December 10.30 am - Carol Praise

JANUARY

Sunday 7th January – 10.30 am – Mr Douglas Colborne
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Christmas Holiday Thursday 21st December to Thursday 4th January CLOSED.



FUNERALS

Arthur Frank Mainwaring MORRIS
 died at Dauntsey House West Lavington on 8th November 2017, aged 94 years. His funeral took place at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 15th November, followed by burial in Farnham, Surrey.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winners for November were drawn by Rona Bushell and were Doreen Wolleter from West Lavington who won 1st prize, and Debbie Lovegrove from Market Lavington who won 2nd prize.

Please consider spending £12 again to enter for 24 chances of a win in 2018. Your ticket sellers are; Easterton: Sue Allen, Market Lavington: Diane Delmar, West Lavington: Hazel Jennngs, Little Cheverell: Marlis Rawlings, Great Cheverell: Brenda Knock.

Happy Christmas!
Bonnie Matters 816133

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH After Darkness Light

December is the darkest month. 21 December is the shortest day of the year, with only 7 hours, 49 minutes and 44 seconds of daylight. But it is also the brightest month of the year when High Streets and houses are lit up with a dazzling array of Christmas lights. The association of darkness and light is appropriate for the message of Christmas that Christians celebrate at this time of year. Of Jesus it is written "the light shines in the darkness".

It is true that the world can sometimes seem a dark place, what with conflicts, natural disasters and personal tragedies. We hope that there will be light at the end of the tunnel, but the tunnel can sometimes seem very long and very dark.

In his account of the Christmas Story Luke tells of shepherds watching over their flocks by night. Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord around them. Some Christmas lights! Not even the grandest High Street illuminations could beat that. The angel had been sent with news that would light up the shepherds' lives, 'Today in the City of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Christ, the Lord.' The shepherds hurried to see the sight. That very night they saw a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a lowly manger. That baby was none other than Jesus, the light of the world. He came to,

shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.

Jesus took on the darkness of sin and death by dying on the Cross for our sins. He rose again from the dead, the ultimate triumph of light over darkness. The Lord Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' Are you following the light of the world?

Wishing one and all God's richest blessing for Christmas and the New Year,

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Events:

17 December, 4.30pm 'Time for Tea Plus' Christmas Special – A Festive Sunday Tea, followed by a short carol service
24 December, 4.30pm Christmas Eve Carol Service
25 December, 10.30am Christmas Morning Service
31 December, 4.30pm New Year's Eve Service

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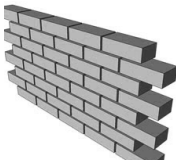
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