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	Calendar of Services - October 2017 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell	
1st October	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Holy Communion (BCP) At St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell					
8th October	11.00 am United Service at Trinity in the Community Hall	11.00 am Harvest Festival Service and Lunch	11.00 am United Service at Trinity in the Community Hall ML	11.00 Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	
15th October	11.00 am Harvest Festival and Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Harvest Festival	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	6.00 pm Harvest Service and Supper	
22nd October	9.00 am Breakfast Church in the Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Family Harvest Festival		
29th October		9.30 am All Saints' Patronal Festival		4.00 pm Bible Sunday		

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 October reflection

Isn't it interesting how our lives are full of cycles and seasons. There is of course the natural seasons that remind us of the turning of our planet and the relationship it has with our sun. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The cycle of all life in our world, birth, growth, reproduction and inevitably death. The seasons of the school year and many, many others. The Church too has seasons and cycles. The two great cycles that make up the Church Year are the Temporale cycle which cover the festivals from Advent to Pentecost (Whit Sunday) and the Sanctorale cycle that covers the celebration of the Saints days, ordinary time and the pastoral celebrations such as Harvest and All Souls. At the moment we are in ordinary time. But this isn't a dull time for the church. We are at the start of our celebration and thanksgiving for this year's harvest. A harvest not only for ourselves but also the abundance of wild food that nature produces for the wildlife all around us. It would be wrong of us to think that God only cares and provides solely for us. He doesn't. His care is over all his creation. This is something we all need to think about and maybe act upon.

Soon, we will be thinking of those who gave their lives in two world wars and what that achieved for us and our lives today. Towards the end of November our thoughts turn to those we have loved and lost as we hold our All Souls serves around our benefice. And then we come to the season of Advent and the cycle that celebrates the life and ministry of Jesus.

A lot to do and a lot to look forward too.

Revd. Marion Harrison

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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TALES OF A PIONEER By Alfred Saunders and his daughters Edited by Lyn Dyson

This is a fascinating account written by Alfred Saunders, who grew up at Russell Mill, a son of miller Amram Saunders. Amram is best remembered as the man who organized the purchase of all the toll gates around the Lavingtons, and then arranged a ceremonial burning of them, thus removing a source of irritation and expense for the community. Alfred did not enjoy a close relationship with his father, and perhaps for this reason he decided, at the age of twenty to emigrate to New Zealand. This was in 1840 when New Zealand was a new frontier for European settlers, and the islands were still in the hands of the indigenous Maori population.

In this book Alfred recounts his childhood in Russell Mill and goes on to tell us about his adventures as one of the pioneering settlers in New Zealand. It is a story of hardship and wealth; imprisonment and near bankruptcy; and a successful political career in the House of Representatives. Alfred's style of writing makes this a book difficult to put down, and so having become totally absorbed, I felt the need to make it available to the community from which he originated.

I have added some information, in the form of appendices, but the main body of the book is as Alfred and his daughters wrote it. All profits from the sale of this book will be divided between West Lavington Youth Club and Market Lavington Museum. I am hoping to have it available at the beginning of October from Amazon.co.uk, and Devizes Books, and also from me.

Lyn Dyson e mail: lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk telephone 01380 813943

100 Years Ago

Gunner Henry James Whiting 128518 Killed in Action 18th October 1917

Henry was born in 1890 in Great Cheverell, the youngest of seven children born to Hugh Whiting and his wife Mary Jane Chapman. Hugh was a farm labourer and he and Mary Jane had eight children. They lived at Laurel House, Great Cheverell.

Henry was killed in action between the first battle of Passchendaele on 12th October, and the second battle of Passchendaele which began on 26th October. Clearly during this intervening period when the men were holding their trenches, they would have been subject to enemy action from snipers and shelling. It must have been at one of these sessions that Henry lost his life on 18th October 1917.

He was buried at the Cement House Cemetery in Langemark/ Poelkappel in Belgium.

Private Francis Moore 201488 Killed in Action 19th October 1917

Francis, or Frank Moore, was born in 1894 in Market Lavington, the son of William James Moore, known as James, and his wife, Bessie Kyte. James was a bricklayer, and the family was living with James' parents at New Farm House in White Street, Market Lavington in 1891.

Frank joined the 1st/4th Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment and was sent to India in October 1914. The Regiment stayed there on garrison duty until September 1917 when they were sent to Egypt.

Frank was killed on 19th October 1917 in the lead up to the third battle of Gaza. He was hit by shrapnel while entrenched at Kurd Hill.

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Now he is coming to play for Edington Arts in the Priory Church on Saturday 7th October in a concert which starts at 7.30pm and which will include famous trumpet works by Haydn, Mozart and Handel as well as some well-known contemporary music from Bert Bacharach and Howard Goodall.

This consummate musician, accompanied by organist lan leGrice, is also a collector of antique trumpets, and will be giving a demonstration on how they were played – not so easy with no valves!

Tickets are £20 front nave, £15, rear nave and £10 sides: 18 and under come free, and Edington Angels have a 10% discount on ticket prices. If you buy on the door on the night, please add £2 per ticket. To buy your tickets now, please ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email Sue at sue@edingtonarts.org. Full programme information is on the website, www.edingtonarts.org



LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

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

But we have lost some of our bass and tenor singers and so the main message for this month is-

If you're a bass or a tenor we need your voice!!! You will be enthusiastically welcomed and if you don't read music, do not be deterred as we spend time learning each part, and some of the music is backed up by learning tracks to help you practise in your own time.

We meet on Thursdays at the Market Lavington Community Hall at 8 for 8.15pm. There is a weekly fee of £3.50 and there is a bar available for refreshments at the break.

More information is available from paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com our musical director. And the final piece of news for this month is a date for your diary, our Christmas Concert will be held on Friday 8th December at the Market Lavington Community Hall, we look forward to seeing you there.

The Poppy Appeal 2017

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The Royal British Legion provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community serving men and women, veterans, and their families

This year's poppy appeal occurs on the below dates:

» 28th October to 11th November

» 11th November

» 12th November

House to House/static collections

Armistice Day/Poppy Day 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.

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POP UP CONCERT

Thank-you to everyone who supported the PoP Up Concert at Little Cheverell House. People were incredibly generous entering into the spirit of the event & raising £6000 for the Nestling Trust. This is fantastic as it will finance solar energy for the childrens home which is currently under

construction in Nepal. We were particularly grateful to opera singer Miranda Keys, soul singer Poppy Gunnerud & hip hop dancers Sophia Hill & Solene Thomas for their brilliant performances. So many people in the community helped & we are very grateful for the tremendous support received.

The Pye Family.

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT **SWIMMING CLUB 2017**



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WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

We are back open after the summer break, come and join us:-

Seniors at West Lavington Monday 7pm - 9pm 6:30pm - 8:30pm Thursday Seniors at West Lavington 7pm - 9pm Seniors at Market Lavington Friday

Open to all from Secondary School pupils up to age 18 years old Come and let us know the events you would like us to arrange

We look forward to seeing you again

Eric Freeman - Chairman of West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

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Giles Meeting Room - Day	£5.00	£5.50	£6.00	£6.50		
Giles Meeting Room - Eve	£6.00	£7.50	£7.00	£8.50		
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Mon 10-11am Wyvern Club

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division
The nights are drawing in and there is a chill in the air. The international situation seems worse than it has been in years. The national papers, and even the local press, seem to report mostly gloomy news. Is there nothing to smile about? Well, yes there is.

First, there has been significant growth in employment in Wiltshire. The county's employment rate is up by 8.7%. This is much better than in Britain as a whole. Wiltshire Council has worked with businesses to support the creation of 10,200 jobs in the last 3 vears.

Apprenticeships have been particularly positive. Last year, more than 6,400 people signed up to apprenticeship schemes, which was a 20% increase over the previous year.

Good employment is not the only success. The circumstances of some of those in our society who are least fortunate have also improved. In the past few years, Wiltshire has seen a fall of over half the number of households accepted as homeless while the national figure has risen slightly.

But increased economic activity makes the environment suffer from more traffic, more energy used and more pollution. Right? Wrong! According to Grant Thornton, the healthy economy in Wiltshire "has had a neutral impact on the natural environment" and "our built environments are resilient places we want to live in". Indeed, in their Vibrant Economy Index, the firm ranks Wiltshire as the best area in the country in terms of resilience and sustainability.

You too are doing your bit to help the environment. The amount of waste created by each household in Wiltshire has fallen and a smaller proportion of that waste is going to landfill. Well done!

And there's more. Since 2013 Wiltshire has seen a steady improvement in the proportion of secondary school pupils who attend Good or Outstanding schools as judged by Ofsted. Wiltshire's performance in this area remains above the national average.

Finally, the number of traffic accidents on Wiltshire's roads in which people are killed or seriously injured has been dropping for two-and-a-half years.

I know that not everything is perfect but I had to look pretty hard to find some bad news (with the possible exception of the ever-tightening pressure on the council's budget). So things could be worse, despite the fact that winter is on its way!

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



WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

All households should by now have received a Wiltshire Council Housing Needs **Assessment Survey**. The survey is designed to provide the council with information on affordable housing needs and aspirations. However, some guestions repeat those already answered in the **Neighbourhood Plan** consultation of 2015/16 - for example, when asked how many new houses should be built, nearly half wanted 50 to 75 houses and about the same number wanted less than 50. In November householders, businesses and landowners will also be invited to comment on the details of the proposals and policies of the next draft of the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to Wiltshire Council for the final stages of the process.

Wiltshire Council's Devizes Area Board has supported the Parish Council's application for matched funding for CCTV cameras at the Village Hall. In 2016, the hall and the play equipment suffered months of vandalism and there was evidence of drug dealing. When temporary police cameras were installed, the activity stopped but has recurred since they were removed. The aim now is to stop vandalism and anti-social behaviour, or to detect and catch perpetrators. We hope calls to the police will reduce and any drug dealing will go elsewhere.

In addition, PC Teresa Hebert, Community Police Co-ordinator and Rowena Lansdown, Wiltshire Council's Public Protection Officer for Anti-Social Behaviour will be attending the Parish Council's meeting on 5th October to discuss ASB incidents in our area. They will explain what can be done to resolve ASB and say what they need from the community. All are invited to attend to hear what they have to say - 7.00pm in the Giles Room of the Village Hall.

As I reported last month, the council has been very busy with all its work on behalf of the community, which, this year, extended into its summer recess, I am pleased to report, therefore, that applications have been received for the two vacancies on the parish council. With the vacancies filled, the council will again be at full complement. My fellow councillors and I extend our many thanks for these offers to serve the community and to help us represent its interests.

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.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings on 12th July & 13th September 2017 in Little Cheverell Village Hall.

This is a summary of the business at both these meetings. The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village or on the Parish Council website-see item 5 of the first report.

Meeting on 12th July

- 1. All responses from residents to the requests for ideas about village projects were discussed:
 - The cutting back of the hedge opposite the Nosworthy bench
 - Maintenance of the 3 dipping wells
 - General horticultural tidy up
 - Turn the Millennium Green into a carpark
- 2. The Parish Steward doesn't visit in August; the next scheduled day is Monday 18th September
- 3. The Defibrillator training on July 26th was well attended. Please could everyone glance at the equipment in the phone kiosk as they walk by? The disc should be green, if it's red, please tell either Linda Dean or Sue Ivey.
- 4. Parish Council Website the minutes from the meeting held on 12th July can be accessed at http:// www.kennet-communityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/
- 5. MyWiltshire website this is a website that can be accessed by any resident to report issues, it doesn't have to be a parish councillor. Just go to the Wiltshire Council website and then put into the search box 'MyWiltshire online reporting'
- 6. Village BBQ -the event happened in sunshine on Sunday August 13th and was well attended.
- 7. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Meeting on 13th September

- 1. Richard Gamble was able to report on the 20mph that hopefully by the November meeting of CATG some definite information will be available. He also informed the Parish Council of meetings that would discuss safety at Black Dog crossroads and problems on B3098. Claire Perry is hosting a meeting on 28th September about broadband provision. The recycling centre will be closed for 2 weeks end of Nov/ beg Dec for an upgrade
- 2. Village Projects some residents with young families had sent a proposal via Sue Ivey, suggesting that some sort of natural activities would be good for the local children. Willow structures were discussed, which as they are natural and growing, could perhaps be planted on the Millennium Green.
- 3. The request to MyWiltshire for the verges to be trimmed was turned down as we have already had this done once during 2017 and that is our entitlement!!
- 4. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th November at 7pm in the Village Hall.

SAFETY FIRST ON LOW ROAD

There have been reports of inappropriate behaviour by some drivers on Low Road.

These are just a few examples of complaints received.

- * Vehicle driven up behind a pedestrian and hooting
- * Driver shouting 'this is a road, not a footpath'
- * Pedestrian I had to throw myself into a hedge to avoid getting run over
- * Vehicle drivers unable or unwilling to reverse
- * Delivery lorries exceeding the weight limit damaging hedges and walls
- * Cars driven in excess of the speed limit

Low Road is a single track lane which demands safe driving.

The majority of drivers are careful and considerate, but for those few who are rude

and impatient to other road users, please take note of:

Rule 206 of the Highway Code

'when' approaching pedestrians on narrow rural roads without a

footway or footpath. Always slow down and be prepared to stop if necessary, giving them plenty of room as you drive past

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 4 September, and will meet again on 2 October - 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close, All interested parties are welcome to attend.

The Council has accepted, with regret, the resignation of Tan Alexander. Although she hasn't been on the Council for long, she has made a notable contribution, and the Council thanked her for her service. A Casual Vacancy has been notified to Wiltshire Council – if you are interested in joining the Council and supporting your village, please contact the Clerk for further details.

The Council has approved a project for a new website which, it is hoped, will be much more accessible and useful to residents and visitors. To bring it more up-to-date, village clubs and organisations are asked to submit information such as what they do, when and where they do it, and contact details. Also, if anyone has any really good photographs of notable features or nice views, that they would be prepared to share, please let us know.

The Wiltshire Mobile Library Service is under review. A consultation feedback form can be downloaded from http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/ and is open until 4 November. As is often the way these days, 'use it or lose it'

The Council is increasingly concerned with Highways matters, and is working with Wiltshire Council to rectify them. Particular issues are the safety of the crossroads on the B3098 at Pear Tree Lane, clearing Green Lane to allow safe passage for emergency vehicles and important deliveries to households, and the condition of the High Street (C40) due to damage caused by HGV's.

The condition of Victoria Park is also of concern. Discussions are continuing with the Ministry of Justice to repair the roads and broken street lights, and the local MP is now closely involved. The Council stands ready to provide all the support it can to residents. Finally, the Council is still working with the Army to provide First Aid training, which can be certificated. It is hoped to start this soon. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

> Chris Hall, Parish Clerk Phone: 01380 816983 Email:parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org





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DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL Autumn Term



What a wonderful start to our Autumn term. The children and staff are bursting with all they have done and achieved over the summer break. School has been tidied and reorganised...again and classes are looking good to go.

We are starting this year with a whole school topic on 'Growth Mind-set' which is heavily linked to our personal goals. There is wonderful information on the internet about the power of retraining your brain to think positively and we are working together with our parents to support the children this year in being the best they can be, taking on challenges out of their comfort zone and developing the grit and determination to succeed.

The staff enjoyed a fascinating TD day with a visiting speaker - Dr Maryhan Baker who specializes in anxiety, self-esteem and attachment issues in children. She visited classes last week for an age appropriate workshop and she is returning in March to offer a parent information workshop. She not only was an expert in her field but had endless strategies and resources for practical things we can all do to help our children in this ever changing world in which we live.

Our School Leaders proudly accepted their badges this week, having written the most thoughtful, engaging letters of application for their chosen roles My Head Boy and Girl and my Deputy Head Boy and Girl shook hands like professionals and awarded the badges alongside me in a special assembly. We work hard to ensure our pupils develop a wide range of skills, including those needed to be a responsible leader, which they can carry into their future with confidence. Alongside our Prefects and House Captains, we have a dynamic school council, made up of pupils from all year groups and a very proactive set of Eco warriors.

Academics: In the academic year 2015-2016, our academic results in phonics, reading, writing and maths in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 exceeded the national average for primary schools across the country. We also exceeded the average for primary schools in Wiltshire in all areas. In fact in KS1 and KS2, the number of children who achieved the greatest depth or highest standards available in English, mathematics and reading was also far above Wiltshire and the national standards too. July's results show that we have done exceptionally well again. We can't officially announce the results until later on in September when they are published but we know our children will again be at or above the national standard in most, if not all areas. We also have to give a special mention to four of our pupils who this year achieved the highest possible marks available in some of their SAT tests - they scored 120 out of 120 - which would place them in the top 1% of children in the country! Additionally, 100% of pupils who took an entrance exam for a private or grammar school in the last 2 years, all passed and were accepted and are successfully carrying on their learning journey with solid foundations laid here at DAPS.

Fundraising: Our School council worked incredibly hard, with their peers, to raise approximately £500 for their selected charity - Julia's House. Having enjoyed a visit from Julia's House representatives, our pupils were fascinated by the idea of a special place families can go to when their child suffers from a life limiting illness. We also enjoyed the opportunity to support better known events, such as Comic Relief and Children in Need as well as raising money for our school project - the Early Years Outdoor Classroom. In total, we raised over £3000! None of this happens without the support of my staff and our pupils and parents and I thank them for all their time and effort. We welcome you to visit our school and see for yourselves If you feel your child would enjoy being a part of our school community, please come and visit us, have a look around and chat to the Headteacher, DAPS is a supportive, friendly and happy school where children learn to love learning and aspire to be the best they can be. Our OPEN DAYS are any Tuesday in November - see our website for an insight into our school's vision and ethos. We currently have spaces in all year groups except Year 4

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We are enjoying a fantastic term at Lavington Pre-school learning about our 'health and keeping well' as we all settle in to the new school year. This term we welcome Felix, Alfie, Roman James, Ruby Rose, Elvis, Marko, Alana and Anthony, they have all settled in so well and it has been lovely getting to know them. As part of our topic we have been talking about exercise and eating healthily, we will be looking at the clothes we wear as the weather changes and the things we do to help us stay

well, such as washing our hands before we eat. As always, if you feel you have something relevant to our topic that you would like to share with us perhaps, you are a doctor or a nurse, please let us know as it is always lovely for the children to have local visitors!

It has been lovely watching our leavers settle so well at Big School next door, they all look so grown up in their Big School uniforms. We all enjoyed their Leavers Celebrations at the end of the summer term and wanted to extend our thanks to everyone who came to support the event and everyone who donated raffle prizes so generously, we raised over £400 on the day which is a fantastic result. Over the summer we took delivery of our new pirate ship, this has been installed in the garden due to the amazing fundraising from our Easter Trike Ride. We have also created a brand new 'imagination area' in the garden with all the necessary utensils for making mud pies, the children have been enjoying this very much!

This year we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our 'Harvest Box' to donate to the food bank at the end of the term. If you would like to donate something to our Harvest Box we would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable (tinned, dried) food, please bring them in to the Pre-school before the end of term (18th October). Thank you.

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

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

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

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



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Outstanding Results

Once again, we have been delighted with the outstanding academic achievement of our children. We have a statutory duty to report to the government on various aspects of children's academic attainment and progress in the Early Years Foundation Stage, in Year 1, in Year

2 and in Year 6. The Year 6 exams are set and marked by a government department and are a rigorous test of how effective our school is. Once again, our children's results show that we have achieved outstandingly well compared with national levels in all subjects. This is a real testament to our extraordinary children, our outstandingly talented and creative teachers and the committed governors and families who support us. Year after year, our school is shown to be at or near the top of the national league tables in academic achievement.

However, we are always very clear that this tremendous academic achievement is only one part of the education we provide. It is just as important for us to ensure the children have broad and balanced curriculum – which is why we take the children out on trips so often, have lots of sport, art, music, cooking and drama in school and make sure that our children make outstanding progress spiritually, morally, socially and emotionally. Our ambition is to support our children to become adults who are happy, responsible and fulfilled in all areas of their lives, whatever their gifts or talents.

Sharing Assembly

All parents and carers are invited to come to school every Friday afternoon at 2.15pm when a few children from each class will share something of the work that has taken place in that class over the course of the week. We usually have 50 - 70 parents attend and it is a wonderful opportunity to see progression through the school, to see the topics unfold through the term and to see how confidently our children will stand up in front of an audience to discuss their work. We are coming up to our Harvest Assembly where we will gather non-perishable food for the Devizes Food Bank as part of the children's commitment to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Ancient Romans, Apples, Celebrations and Roald Dahl

These are some of the themes our children are using as learning vehicles for the first part of the new year. There will be field trips to Bath, to an archaeological dig on Cotswolds, and to local sites. We have already had a fascinating Roald Dahl day with dressing up, explosions and disgusting food to share with parents. From these exciting themes, children learn science (they are watching an apple slowly decompose in one classroom!), writing, reading, maths, history, geography and art – and much more. Learning is fun when placed in context.

Every day is an open day

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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)



Christian care for families Anji Scofield. Her topic was entitled "Christian Faith At War". Anji began her talk

by giving us a brief history of the Christian view of war. The early Church was strongly pacifist. However, there was a rapid change in the time of Constantine and the doctrine of the Just War began to be formulated by Christian philosophers. It is generally believed that St Augustine (354-430AD) was the first person to produce a theory on war and justice. The principles of The Just War Theory, a set of rules for military combat, are: Last Resort; Legitimate Authority; Just Cause; Probability of Success; Right Intention; Proportionality; Non Combatant Immunity. Anji travelled to Bahrain in December 1990 as part of the small advanced party, to serve as Matron at the RAF War Hospital, Muharrag, just before the allied coalition's military offensive began against Irag on 16th January 1991. She shared some of the experiences of her time there and in particular two very memorable services of Thanksgiving, one in a hangar at the airfield on 6th March 1991 and the other at St Christopher's Cathedral in Manama on 10th March 1991. Whilst she was there Anji and her staff were able to help the local community by distributing boxes of gifts to the Bahrain Children and Mother's Society in Manama. Next Meeting: 9th October at 2.15 pm in the home of Ann Janes, 54 High Street, West Lavington. Anna Spear, a dementia nurse, will be talking about how her faith is used in her work.

Val Noviss



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

The new season is now underway and teams are starting their league campaigns. We shall report on matches on our website and in updates to newsletters during the season.

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:

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U12 - Neil Black - 01380 818193

U15 - Jake Davis - 07741 306303

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



Once again our annual 'Fun' Show proved popular. Somehow, despite the unpredictable seasons, our club members and their families managed to enter a wide variety of produce. The display of the produce was very impressive. As you came into the Village Hall you could

smell the herbs and flowers and then you noticed the vibrant colours in the flower arranging sections. People were chatting and admiring each other's exhibits. There were overexcited children discovering that their entries were prize winners and proud parents taking photos for the family album. Conversations continued over a cup of tea or coffee and, as usual, there was excellent cake on offer.

For our September meeting we had a visit to Poulshot Nurseries, a 'trade only' wholesale nursery, run by a Dutchman, Hans, and his family. In 1986 the nursery was built on a greenfield site. It was landscaped with a particular gradient to ensure that all the water could be recycled through a series of ditches. No propagation is carried out on the site. Instead the plants are bought in as liners, that is, small plants ready for potting up and growing on. The plants are all grown in containers and the outdoor beds on which the containers sit, are deep gravel and have an automated irrigation system. Many plants spend winter in the outdoor beds but some of the slightly more tender varieties start life in the fully computerised glasshouse. Here both the roof and sides remain open most of the time but close automatically when it becomes too wet or too frosty. This means that the plants are kept in 'almost outside' conditions and therefore are tough and hardy. To ensure that the plants arrive at garden centres in excellent condition the nursery uses its own transport. For economy this means that they supply within a 60 mile radius of the nursery.

We remarked on how healthy and vigorous the plants looked compared to those on sale at many garden centres. It was explained that mass production, mass distribution and budget constraints might be to blame for the poor condition of some of the plants on sale at supermarkets or large chain garden centres. We were advised to use small independent garden centres with knowledgeable staff if we wanted to find good

plants. You might have to travel further or pay a bit more but in the end the old adage of 'you get what you pay for' holds true. Marcus Dancer will be talking about 'Scented plants throughout the year' for our October meeting. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start on Tuesday 10 October. The charge for nonmembers is £2. New members are always welcome.

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WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our next event is a Greek evening at 7 p.m. on Sat 14th October in WL Village Hall. Open to non-members, tickets are £12.50 from Mike Page 818510.

The evening includes dinner, raffle and wine bar.

Looking further ahead our American night at 7 p.m. on 24th November

also in the WL Hall. This also is open to non-members and is $\mathfrak{L}12.50$ per head.

In January we plan a repeat of our very successful Burn's Night.

You can join us by calling me on 818510, or emailing our chairman on blocker38@ hotmail.com and simply asking for a membership form.

Membership is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages.

Michael Page, Secretary

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

At our August meeting we discussed *The Muse* by Jessie Burton and *The Gustar Sonata*' by Rose Tremain.

The Muse tells the story of a painting which is a lost masterpiece with a secret history. Odelle is offered a post as a typist at the Skelton Gallery and comes under the tutelage of



Marjorie Quick, who is both glamorous and enigmatic. The truth about the painting lies in 1936 in rural Spain involving Olivie daughter of a renowned art dealer and Isaac an artist and revolutionary and his half-sister Theresa. We found the story absorbing and with the background of the Spanish Civil War suspenseful. It was enjoyed by all of us and worth re reading.

The Gustar Sonata is the story of two boys Gustar and Anton growing up in Switzerland just before the Second World War, where the horrors of the war seem far away. But Gustar's father has died and his mother Emilie is strangely cold and indifferent to him. Gustar has a lonely childhood while Anton has adoring parents and is a talented pianist. The friendship

between the boys is the only source of warmth in Gustar's life. Rose Tremaine has written a novel which explores the question of neutrality, self-mastery and how deeply two lives can be intertwined. We found it an interesting read.

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Gardening Tip

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th October

Subject: Seasonal Arrangement **Guest Speaker:** Kathy Cooper **Competition:** Vase of mixed flowers

OCTOBER AT TRINITY CHURCH

in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

October:

10.30 am Locally arranged. 1st October

11.00 am United Service - Mrs Sue Smith 8th October

10.30 am Mr Bob Farrimond 15th October

22nd October 0.30 am Rev Gary Gotham Café Church 29th October 10.30 am Rev Gary Gotham Holy Communion

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BAPTISMS

Oscar Bronson Gray RICHARDS was baptised by Rev Marion Harrison at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 29th August 2017.

WEDDINGS

Debbie PARKER and Peter KNIGHT were married at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington by Rev Pat Strowger on 9th September 2017.

FUNERALS

St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was filled on 23rd August 2017, with a congregation of family and friends, to celebrate the life of Mervyn Walter **SMITH** who died on 6th August aged 67 years.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Wendy Brewer drew the winning tickets for September. First prize goes to Derek Bailey from Great Cheverell and second prize was won by Jeannette Giles from West Lavington. **Bonnie Matters 816133**



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On October 31st 1517 an obscure scholar-monk started a revolution that would send shock waves throughout Europe. No shots were fired. No rousing speeches were made. But something happened that changed the direction of world history. What was it?

Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Castle Church in Germany. That's what people used to do to provoke debate before social media was invented. In Latin, of course. Luther was protesting against the sale of Indulgences. They were documents issued in the name of the Pope that guaranteed the buyer, or their departed loved ones, time off purgatory in the afterlife. The top Indulgence hawker was a man named Johann Tezel, with his winning sales patter,

As soon as a coin in the coffer rings the soul from purgatory springs.

Forgiveness on the cheap. This outraged Martin Luther. His 95 Theses were heavily critical of Indulgences and by implication the Roman Catholic Church which authorised their sale. Forgiveness could not be bought. Jesus died on the cross that we might be forgiven. God offers forgiveness for free to all who turn from their sin and believe in Jesus.

Luther's protest upset the powers that be in church and state. In 1521 he was put on trial at the Diet of Worms. Luther was pressurised to repudiate his beliefs, or be condemned as a heretic and face execution. He responded with the immortal words,

"Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Here I stand, I can do no other. Amen."

After his trial Luther was kidnapped by friends and hidden away in Wartburg Castle for his own safety. After things had calmed down a bit and was safe for him to emerge, Luther became a leading figure in the Reformation movement. In his preaching and writings he called the church back to the Bible. He taught that Bible's key message is not salvation by human effort, but by the grace of God, received by faith in Jesus. He summoned Christians to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

The beginning Reformation 500 years ago is an anniversary worth remembering. The Reformers rediscovered and proclaimed the good news of Jesus in all its life transforming power. That's a message we also need to hear today. Salvation is by faith alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone.

Pastor: Guy Davies www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk

Events

Harvest Service
Sunday 1st October , 4.30pm
Produce donations for Boaters' Food Bank
First Friday of the month: Pop-up Coffee Shop, 10-11.30am. Join us for a cuppa and chat
Fourth Sunday of the month: Time for Tea Plus, 4.30pm – a traditional Sunday Tea, followed
by a short service

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