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**Calendar of Services - April 2017**  
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>2nd April Lent 5</b>	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together All Saints' Church, West Lavington				
<b>9th April Palm Sunday</b>	11.00 am United Service and Communion at Community Hall	9/9.30 am Breakfast Church (Food and Fun for Families)	11.00 am United Service and Communion at Community Hall	4.30 pm Cluster Evening Service followed by refreshments	
<b>13th April Maundy Thursday</b>			7.00 pm Agape Meal		
<b>14th April Good Friday</b>		2.00 pm Choral Service for Good Friday			
<b>23rd April Easter 2</b>	6.30 am Sunrise Service at Market Lavington Vedete				
	9.30 am Easter Communion	9.30 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Family Service and Egg Hunt	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion (BCP)
<b>23rd April Easter 2</b>	9/9.30 am Breakfast Church Old School, ML (Food and Fun for Families)	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	5.00 pm Evensong (BCP) and Annual Parish Church Meeting
<b>30th April Easter 3</b>		9.30 am Parish Communion and APCM		5.00 pm Evensong and APCM	

**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**

In obedience to their laws, Jews have spilled into the city from all over Israel and still more, entering by every gate. People packed into the narrow streets. Walking under rows of washing hanging high across the streets to dry in the heat of the day and breathing in the smells wafting out from the open doorways as they pass. Women trying to keep hold of excited children. The elderly looking to see if old friends or family have arrived yet. Men at all the city gates, conducting business. Herdsmen bring in the lambs for slaughter. The temple full of the comings and goings of priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, temple guards and men, conducting business. Traders everywhere selling their wares, eager to cash in on so vast a crowd. And the roman soldiers looking on. Watching, waiting, ready to stop trouble before it can escalate into something more. And in to this heady mix of excitement and tension underlined with the fear of an occupied country, come the cries of children's voices calling Hosanna. The voices become louder and men and women join in, "Hosanna to the son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" and "Hosanna in the highest." Now you can see the crowd, some running ahead, some waving branches, some spreading their cloaks on the ground before... before what? Then you see him, the rabbi, the one everyone has been talking about for the last year or so. This gentle and humble man, RIDING INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. A week when Christians everywhere re-enact, read about and reflect on the events of the last week in the life of Jesus. It starts with a celebration and ends with another celebration on Easter Day. But in between is a roller coaster of emotions waiting to carry us all the way to the foot of the Cross and the heart wrenching death of Jesus. BUT on Easter Day, that very first Easter Day, the whole world was given the hope of a new life.

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**CHURCHWARDENS**

All Saints, West Lavington: Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)  
St Peter's, Great Cheverell: Ian Christie (813940)  
St Peter's, Little Cheverell: Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

## HOSTS FOR GOURMET MEALS

The All Saints Social and Fund raising committee are planning to hold a Progressive Dinner on Saturday 13th May. This is a gourmet fun evening where you have drinks and starters at one house; move to another house for your main course; another for your dessert and finally end up for coffee and mints at a final house! You will have each course with a different group of people so it's a terrific way to make new friends in the village. We are currently looking for hosts who can fit between 6-8 (or even more!) people around their dining room/kitchen table and who would be happy to prepared, cook and serve a main or dessert course. Your expenses will be refunded to you. If you are able to help please could you contact Caroline on 07921763058. Once we have enough hosts we will publish details of the event so that you can buy a ticket to attend! Any funds raised will go to the Church.

## FRIENDS OF THE COURTYARD SURGERY

The Annual General Meeting of the **FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY** will take place on Monday, 24th April, at 6.30 p.m. in the Waiting Room at the Courtyard Surgery. The "Friends" are a group who seek to enhance and augment the facilities offered by our local surgery through fund raising and social events. Please come along to the AGM, hear (and see) what we have achieved during the past 12 months and let us know if you would be willing to help or have any ideas. Everyone is very welcome. For further information contact The Courtyard Surgery Tel 01380 813300.

## TABLE SALE

Make 'loot from your loft' at Easterton's Table Sale on Saturday 27th May 2017 in the Village Hall  
Sellers set up 8 – 9.30 a.m.  
Buyers from 09.30 – 1 p.m.  
Breakfast refreshments all morning  
Book a table (£5) to sell your pre-loved treasures and toys by ringing Sue Somerville on 01380 – 812538  
Fund raising for St Barnabas' Church

## EARLY FETE WARNING!

The 2017 West Lavington Church Fete will be on Saturday 22nd July from 2pm on the Village Playing Field - put the date in your diary!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Why not give a little time and join the fantastic Fete team to help us organise and run the day? Many hands make light work! If you can help, or if you would like to run a stall or attraction at the Fete, please contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256.

## EASTERTON COUNTRY FETE

The Easterton Country Fête will return in 2017 and be held on the 28th of August at the Village Hall and Fete field, with many of the same great attractions, stalls, traders and dog show that come together each year.

## GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

Our second sale of paperback books again proved popular. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those which came and also to those who donated books. The coffee and home made cake was enjoyed by all who came and together the book sale and raffle made £150 for the Village Hall.

Wendy Wilshin

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## OUR VILLAGE PUB

In the 19th century there were nine public houses and beer houses in West Lavington and Littleton Panell. We had the Railway Inn, later the Chocolate Poodle in Littleton Panell; there was an inn on the corner of Pagnell Lane called The Fox; which was closed down after some dangerous backword games. The Cross Keys was on the site of Dauntsey's School. By the end of the 19th century it had become a teetotal coffee house. Opposite that was the Wheatsheaf, later renamed the Stagepost which was a centre of village activity until recently. Then there was the Horse and Jockey which closed within living memory, as did the Lamb Inn which was down by Dial House. And very recently we have lost the Bridge Inn.

There were also illicit beer houses to add to these. Now we have only the Churchill Arms.

The lesson we can learn from this is that the future of public houses is somewhat fragile. They are an important part of our history, but also of our communal life to this day. If we want to keep our one and only village pub we have to use it rather more than we have been doing.

Recently we celebrated a significant birthday with dinner at the Churchill Arms for 25 people. The dining room, which John and Lesley have refurbished beautifully was set out with long tables and looked really welcoming. We chose a menu and wines with John and Lesley, and they prepared a super three course meal for us. John may not have trained with any of the top chefs, but he can certainly cook. We all had a great time and the food was highly complimented.

So what I am suggesting is that we try out a dining club. Once every month or every two months, John and Lesley will put on a special three course meal on the first Saturday of the month. The club members will choose a menu in consultation with John and Lesley, and order in advance; with a choice of perhaps two starters and two mains and two desserts. The cost will be £25 a head. We will all sit together and eat together. making it a very social evening as well as a gastronomic one. Lesley will also get in some interesting wines (which are not included in the price of the meal).

John's pub grub is very good, but it would be lovely to be able to enjoy a special meal close to home, wouldn't it?

By the time you read this we will have had an introductory dinner on the 1st April. The next dinner will be on Saturday 6th May.

So I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you would be interested in joining this club. Each event will be limited to the first 26 people who book a place. Please let me know what you think.

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 or e-mail: [lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk)

## EDITOR'S NOTES

My thanks to Marlis Rawlins for her photograph of Willow Weaving, which took place at the Cheverell Garden Club last month when a demonstration of the art by Rupert Wade was followed by attempts from members to master the craft, with various degrees of success (See Page 24).

Jim Hodges



## LAVINGTON CHOIR

We are delighted to announce that Northern Harmony, the group of young American music students who entertained us last year with a workshop and concert will return on 26 September. More details to follow of how to book for the workshop during the afternoon and/or the concert in the evening, but please keep the date free you won't be disappointed!! And more diary dates!!

Our concerts for this year are on 14th July and 8th December.

We are already busy learning new music for July, which includes a West Side Story medley and a selection from Gilbert and Sullivan.

Our musical director, Paula, is also researching some suitable Opera Choruses to add to this varied programme.

There is always a space for new members in our community choir, so if you would like to add your voice on Thursdays at 8 for 8.15.

Please contact [paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com](mailto:paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com) or [jimmdonovan70@gmail.com](mailto:jimmdonovan70@gmail.com) for more information. Everyone is welcome; there are no auditions. We look forward to welcoming you.



## THE LADIES' ROOM 2017

'The Ladies' Room, on Saturday 18 March, held in aid of Dauntsey Academy Primary School, was a great success with over £800 being made to support the wonderful work at this local primary. The organisers thank local businesses and therapists for their generosity with donations to the raffle and taster therapies during the evening.'



### EDINGTON ARTS' CONCERT

The next Edington Arts concert is on Saturday May 6th in Edington Priory Church starting at 7.30 p.m. – the Welsh Sinfonia Wind Quintet

this is quite an unusual ensemble of horn, clarinet, bassoon, flute and oboe, played by the wind Principals of the innovative and talented Welsh Sinfonia chamber orchestra, who gave a magnificent concert at the Wiltshire Music Centre in February.

They will play dances, shanties, divertimenti, sonatas and suites by Haydn, Ibert, Arnold and Britten and others; a lovely, lively, tuneful collection of pieces which will make for a wonderful concert.

Tickets are £20/£15/10, 18 and under come free; Edington Angels have a 10% discount, and you need to add £2 per ticket if you buy on the door. They can be bought by phoning 01380 831256 or emailing [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org).

### WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

There's lots going on come on down and join in the fun.

Monday	7pm - 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Thursday	7pm - 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7pm - 9pm	Seniors at Market Lavington

**Come to the Youth Club for more information on what is happening.**  
**Eric Freeman - Chairman of The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club**



### Street Scene

**StreetScene** - the group aimed at making Littleton Panell and West Lavington High Streets look just that bit nicer by planting up half barrels and pots with flowering plants throughout the villages - is already making plans for 2017. The various containers will be planted up for the Summer by StreetScene members, who will also take on the responsibility of watering and maintaining them. Many thanks to all our anonymous supporters who have contributed to our costs via StreetScene collection tins.

#### Why not enter our Summer Competition?

We also plan an open Summer Competition this year, awarding a £50 garden token prize for the best hanging basket, pot, house or business frontage/floral display in Littleton Panell and West Lavington. You do not have to be a member of the StreetScene group to take part. Details on how to enter will be available in due course, so remember to plant up your front garden, baskets or pots with a winning formula this year! StreetScene will also have a stall at the Village Fete on July 22nd, and judging for the Competition will take place during the following week. There will also be a public vote. Watch out for more information in News and Views!

### BUS TRIPS AND OUTINGS

The West Lavington Parish Council supports a number of activities for older people in the village, and two trips have so far been arranged by Eileen Hinton. The Parish is subsidising the cost. This is not just for the Friendship Club, which Eileen herself organises, but for anyone in the village. On both trips, the PHAB bus will be available as well as a normal coach, so this will help people who find steps etc difficult. The first trip is to the Blue Pool near Swanage (all day) on May 24th, and the second trip is to Poole itself on June 28th. As last year, anyone who would like to go on these outings or would like more info should contact Eileen on 813264.

### HIRE OF GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

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The main assault began on 9th April, and progress was slow but steady as the Canadians fought to take the ridge. The weather was cold and later changed to sleet and snow. Although this was physically uncomfortable for everyone, the German troops suffered the disadvantage of having the snow blowing in their faces. Light Canadian and British artillery bombardments continued throughout the prior night but stopped in the few minutes before the attack, as the artillery recalibrated their guns in preparation for the synchronized barrage. At exactly 5.30 am, every artillery piece at the disposal of the Canadian Corps began firing. Thirty seconds later, engineers detonated mine charges laid under no man's land, destroying a number of German strong points and creating secure communication trenches directly across no man's land. The battle continued until 12th April, by which evening the Canadians were in full control of the Ridge. The Canadians lost over 3500 men in the action.

### **It was at this battle on 12th April 1917 that Private Edward Lye was killed.**

Edwin was born in 1886 in Market Lavington, the son of Henry Self Lye, a labourer, and his wife Mary. He was one of eight children. The family was living at Manor Lodge in Market Lavington in 1891, but they had moved to Littleton Panell by 1901. Edwin was at that time working as a labourer in a dairy.

In 1908 Edwin married Jean Smith and they had one son, George Henry Lye, born 16th September 1908. In 1911 the family was still living in Littleton Panell, and Edwin was working as a domestic gardener.

Edwin served in the The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment, otherwise known as the Royal Canadians. At the time of the Great War this infantry regiment was based in Ireland, and it is likely that Edwin was sent to that Regiment to make up a shortfall of numbers. Some details of his war service are unknown but it is certain that he was killed at the battle of Vimy Ridge when a concerted attack, largely by Canadian soldiers which resulted in victory, despite the loss of 3,500 men. Among the casualties was Edward Lye. He has no grave recorded but his name appears on the Arras Memorial

## A JUST CAUSE

### **ANNE WILSON IS WALKING FROM WEST LAVINGTON TO WESTMINSTER ON 15TH-19TH JUNE to raise funds for the MNDA and Dorothy House Hospice and to raise awareness of the changing places campaign.**

My husband Dave was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) 10 years ago. MND leads to weakness and wasting of muscles, causing increasing loss of mobility in the limbs, and difficulties with speech, swallowing and breathing. I am hoping to raise £5000 to support The Motor Neuron Disease Association (MNDA) and Dorothy House Hospice, two of the organisations which have supported Dave. I also want to raise awareness of the lack of adequate toilet facilities for people like Dave who have significant physical disabilities.

AS Dave's MND has progressed he has become more limited in the things he is able to do but we still try to go out and about as much as possible. The main factor which limits what we are able to do is the lack of suitable toilet facilities. Dave has very limited mobility and requires a hoist and the help of carers to get in and out of his wheelchair and on to a toilet. A standard disabled toilet is not suitable for Dave. He needs the cubicle to be big enough to fit Dave, his wheelchair and two carers, along with the kit we have to carry with us. It also needs to have a hoist so that he can transfer in and out of his wheelchair.

There are very few places with fully adapted toilets like this – only about 928 across the UK. Changing Places campaigns for better adapted toilet facilities. There is currently a campaign to try and get enough signatures to generate a parliamentary debate on the need for public buildings to have Changing places toilets in addition to standard disabled toilets. The petition needs 100,000 signatures before it will be debated in parliament. You can sign the petition at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177423>. You can read more about Changing Places at <http://www.changing-places.org/>.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

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## LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 15th March 2017 in Little Cheverell Village Hall.

**Proposed installation of a defibrillator** - The meeting began with a presentation for village residents by Julia Doel, Assistant Community Responder Officer of South Western Ambulance Service. At the end of the presentation a show of hands confirmed that those attending the meeting supported the initiative.

The following were the main items discussed.

- 1. The Parish Steward Scheme** – The Parish Steward concentrated on potholes and brambles on March 9th. The PC Chair reported that the chevron near the Village Hall had not been repaired. Sue Ivey is attempting to arrange for the council to bring more robust equipment to deal with silt in School Lane and brambles along Low Road. Please contact Sue on 813439 or sueivey3@aol.com to report any issues that you notice. The Parish Steward comes to Little Cheverell for one day every month.
- 2. Low Road 20 mph** – a successful outcome following recent metro-count. At the next Community Area Transport Group meeting it will be proposed that the institution of the 20 mph limit will go ahead, but this could take up to a year to actually happen.
- 3. Low Broadband speed** – The Wiltshire Cabinet member for Broadband has notified us that Little Cheverell is to be excluded from the Phase 3 Gainshare rollout. However our Devizes MP is holding an advice surgery in May, for affected communities in order to investigate how connection problems could be overcome.
- 4. Parish Council Elections** – Nominations close by 4 p.m. on April 4th and polling day is May 4th. Nomination packs are available on the council website.
- 5. Next Meeting:** Wednesday 7 pm 10th May 2017.



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## Together we did it AGAIN!

Community spirit was much in evidence on Saturday March 4th in the gentle rays of a sunny spring morning when residents of West Lavington parish came out to clear our streets and playing field, wash our signs, sweep our bus shelters and polish our red telephone kiosk.

The Great British Spring Clean exemplified the pride Littleton Panell and West Lavington feel in our neighbourhood. Wiltshire Council provided equipment and later collected the large pile of stuffed sacks of rubbish, the Youth Club unlocked its doors to allow Spring Cleaners to gather at 9.30 am and West Lavington Twinning Association ran a brilliant 'Cafe Continental' in the Village Hall.



Most of the 64 bags of rubbish collected consisted of leaves and roadside debris but, although early in the year before the weather permits people to be enjoying the out-of-doors, there were still, sadly, signs of litter: cans smashed wantonly into drainage grates; bottles discarded or crushed; and torn up remnants of sweet wrappers. On a positive and welcome note, however, only one pile of dog poo was found on the playing fields and reports, since the day, indicate a reduction in the amount of dog faeces on several footpaths. Our anti-dog fouling campaign will be continuing, but we are grateful for this improvement and, as always, to all responsible dog walkers.

Finally, a very big thank you from the Parish Council to everyone who turned out for the West Lavington parish's Great British Spring Clean, to those who cleaned before the event, to those who helped to organise the day – and to Cllr. Steve Coxhead who managed it all.

**A HUGE WELL DONE!**

**Sandra Gamble, Chairman**

If you have ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kaye Elston, on 07782 251464 or at [clerk@westlavington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@westlavington.org.uk). The Parish Council website is at [www.westlavington.org.uk](http://www.westlavington.org.uk).

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

At its March meeting, the Council agreed lots of updated policies and procedures that will put it in good stead for the year-end procedures, both democratic and financial. Remember that the Council is accountable to you, the Electors. With that in mind, you should think about the following:

### Parish and Wiltshire Council Elections, 4 May

Your local Councillors are again up for election. This is your opportunity, through the Ballot Box, to say whether you think they're doing a good job. Great Cheverell has 7 Councillors, and Wiltshire Council's Lavingtons and Erlestoke Division has 1 Councillor. You will receive the usual voting card from Wiltshire Council in due course. But why not think of becoming a Councillor yourself? It's not an onerous task, but it does allow you to steer the village in the best interests of its residents. "Ask not what your village can do for you ...." as somebody once almost said. If you want to stand, you need to submit your application by 4 pm on 4 April, so timing is tight. More information, and an application form, can be found at:

<http://elections.wiltshire.gov.uk/Home/Division/2472> (for Cheverell Magna), and <http://elections.wiltshire.gov.uk/Home/Division/2377> (for The Lavingtons and Erlestoke).

Even after the Election there may be a chance to be a Parish Councillor by co-option if all the seats aren't filled – I'll write further on that, if necessary, in the next edition.

### Annual Parish Meeting

This is a special meeting, outside of the normal run, where Parishioners can find out what the Council has done over the last year and ask any questions they want. There will also be reports from many of the organisations and clubs operating in the village. The Pavilion Trust will also be presenting its Annual Report. So come along and learn about all the things that happen in Great Cheverell! It's from 7 p.m. on Thursday 20 April at the New Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. And there'll even be a few nibbles at the end .....

**One last thing.** The Council has decided that the Village Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, 22 April, starting at 10 am at the New Pavilion. We will try and obtain some equipment, but it would be very helpful if you could bring strong gloves and perhaps a litter picker. And this would be a good moment to mention the 'dog poo' issue, especially down Green Lane and around the Pavilion. It's unpleasant, anti-social and illegal not to clear it up. So please 'bag it and bin it' – there are lots of bins around. Your village will thank you!

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

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## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

The children at Lavington Pre-school this term have really enjoyed their investigations into "Plants and Growing". We have been very busy growing cress, runner beans and flowers from bulbs in our little green house. We have decorated flower pots and we have talked about the different things that we all need in order to grow such as food and water. This topic has proved a useful way to cover all aspects of the Early Years Curriculum from Mathematics, when we count seeds, to understanding the world, as

we watch it grow in the sunshine. If you feel you have something relevant that you would like to share with the children please let us know. It is always lovely for the children to have local visitors!

Recently we have been busy practising for our annual sponsored Easter Trike Ride. All our children will be looking for sponsorship so please give generously if you can. This year we will be giving a prize to the child raising the most sponsorship money.

**TOP TIP:** As part of our monthly entry we have decided to incorporate a top tip to help extend your child's learning and development. Our Top Tip for this month Our Top Tip for this week is from Mathematics: Shape, space and measure 30-50 months 'Encourage children to talk about the shapes they see and use and how they are arranged in constructions.'

**CO-OP FUNDING:** Every time Co-op members use their Co-op Membership card 1% of what they spend will go to their chosen local cause. If you have a Co-op membership card we would be very grateful if you would please select us as one of your local causes, thank you.

**2 YEAR OLD FUNDING:** You may be eligible, if you have a child between 24 - 36 months old, for up to 15 hours funded childcare per week. 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](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact our Manager

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## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

**School Council:** Because we want to make sure that our school is as good a possible for our children, we always encourage them to make their views about improvements to the school known to us. One of the forums for finding out what the children would like is the School Council. The Councillors are elected by each class and we have council meetings in which various aspects of school life are discussed. The Councillors are very good about canvassing opinion on matters of the moment and reporting back very sensibly. They have asked us for some new playground equipment and the Councillors are working with our design team to come up with a "Space Ship" which will provide a new role play area on the school field. We hope that this will be completed before the end of the summer term.

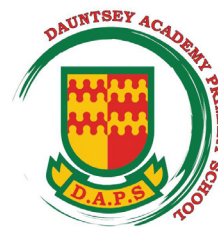
**Pancake Races:** As a church school, we like to mark the important liturgical events wherever possible. We always mark the beginning of the Lent and Easter season with a morning of pancake races. This is taken very seriously and the points are added to the total won by each team over the year for various events, with the winning team being awarded the trophy on Sports Day in July. This year, Red team won the coveted Frying Pan trophy for winning the pancake races.

**PE at Holy Trinity:** We use the government funding for PE to employ professional sports coaches for our children, to improve our equipment and to provide opportunities for children to try out a variety of different sports. Sport has always had a high profile at our school and children enjoy PE lessons. It is good to see them integrating their maths, science and literacy with PE – for instance, by checking their pulse before a PE activity and then afterwards, seeing what the impact is of exercise on the outcomes of an arithmetic test (counter intuitively, children do worse in these tests after they have run around the field!) and writing up reports on their PE activities.

**Science at Holy Trinity:** Some of our children are using the topic of "Bread" for their studies this term, and they carried out an investigation on bread and yeast, using different temperatures of water to start the bread mixing. The water of 70C killed the yeast and the bread was heavy and leaden. The temperature of 40C worked the best. Temps of 20C and 4C were more successful than might have been predicted. This topic has also offered great learning opportunities for history, geography, maths and literacy.

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

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)



## NEWS FROM DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

To see the sun shining more is a joy and we are certainly enjoying the warmer weather. Our clan of badgers have been busy digging up our playing field and making all sorts of mess!

### Book Week

Last week, we enjoyed a busy 'Book Week' with a visit from well-known author Jo Empson who came and inspired everyone with her amazing story books. Over the day, she worked with all our pupils talking to them about how she creates her stories, where she gets her ideas from and the importance of writing for pleasure. Our younger pupils had based their week's learning on a particular Jo Empson story so were excited to meet the lady who had created them. Staff joined pupils in an 'Extreme Reading' photo competition and the week's excitement ended with a dressing up day and a fabulous assembly where all the learning was shared and celebrated.

### Swimming.

Each year we are lucky enough for all our pupils to enjoy the opportunity to swim for a term at Dauntsey's. It means that all our pupils learn to swim, develop their strokes and style and are able to stay safe in water. Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have been swimming since January and in line with our ASA swimming charter have all made excellent progress. A big thank you to Dauntseys for helping us give this opportunity to all 193 pupils at DAPS.

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.

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## WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Twinning Association will be holding a Spanish Evening on Saturday April 29th in WL Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.. This is open to all (not just members) and £12.50 entrance will include a 4 course meal with a Spanish theme. There will also be a wine bar and raffle. Our visit to France this year is the weekend of 14th July and plans

are now well advanced.

Annual membership of the Twinning Association is £15 per household or £10 for individuals over 18. This is reduced to £10 and £8 for seniors.

Please call 01380 818510 for a membership form.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

**MU Lunch:** On Monday, 13th March we were delighted to welcome our new vicar, Revd Marion Harrison to a welcome lunch held in her honour. We are very grateful to Ann Janes for

hosting the lunch and for all who provided the delicious food.

**"Make a Mother's Day Donation":** This had been collected at the previous meeting and amounted to £65 which had been gift aided to the Mothers' Union Head of Fundraising and Communications. The sum of £64 (with the extra £1 going as a general donation) will be allocated towards helping mothers around the world in the following three projects, wherever the need is greatest, as follows:

**Learn a Livelihood:** £10 for helping a mother learn a skill to start a business and earn a living for her family.

**Literacy:** £30 for helping a mother learn to read and write, opening up a world of opportunities. **Powerful Voice:** £24 for giving mothers the confidence and skills to speak out against inequality and gender-based violence.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 10th April at 54, High Street, West Lavington and will be an Easter Communion led by Revd Pat Strowger.

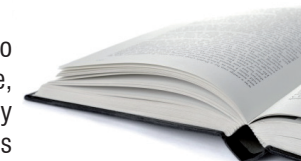
Val Noviss

## BOOKMARK GREAT CHEVERELL

Our meetings are now held in the afternoon, with tea and cake to add to our enjoyment. We discussed *Expose* by Helen Dunmore, novel set in London in 1960 at the height of the Cold War. Spy fever fills the newspapers and the political establishment knows how and where to bury its secrets. The story is of forbidden love, intimate betrayal and the devastating power of exposure. The story revolves around a missing file and by the impact on a family when the husband is arrested on a charge of espionage. A great read, very descriptive of the 1960's. Highly recommended.

Our second book was *The Ballroom* by Anna Hope. A contrast to our other book. The story starts in an asylum on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors in early 1900's. Inside the asylum men and woman are kept apart by high walls and barred windows. For one evening a week they meet to dance in the ballroom. The inmates are there for many trivial reasons. Set over the heat wave summer of 1911 the novel tells the story of unlikely love and dangerous obsession, of madness and sanity and of who gets to decide which is which. A sensitively written and thought provoking book. Much enjoyed by all who had read it.

Wendy Wilshin



## Lavington & District Gardening Club

Meetings held **3rd Wednesday of each month** at West Lavington village hall at **7.15 pm.**

Why not come and see how our club can help you make the most of your garden.

### Gardening Tip

Sunflowers to the rescue

Sunflowers can be used to clean up radioactive waste (they are able to extract pollutants, including radioactive metal contaminants, through their roots and store them in the stems and leaves). Making them the international symbol of Nuclear Disarmament.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday April 19th

**Subject:** Chrysanthemums & Dahlias

**Guest Speaker:** Mike Burgess

**Monthly Competition:** Vase of Spring Flowers



When we arrived at the Village Hall for our March meeting we found large bundles of willow, cornus and hazel prunings from Rupert Wade's garden. For his talk about and demonstration of willow weaving Rupert had also brought various structures that he had made earlier. There was a vine that he had woven into a circle. This when placed on legs would be a useful support for a peony he explained. There was some hazel wound into a circle with some pieces bisecting the circle so that it looked like a rose or circular window frame. When placed on canes this could be used to support a clump of lupins or delphiniums. And there was some green willow woven into a heart shaped, carpet beater style object which Rupert said would look good in multiples used as edging for paths or flower beds. Dominating the display was a tall obelisk with a large woven ring part way up and another higher up. This structure was destined to support a clematis plant in Rupert's garden and there was a spiral of willow ascending the structure to encourage the plant to wind around the obelisk. Rupert then proceeded to demonstrate how to make an obelisk. Firstly he selected seven sturdy canes for the uprights. It needs to be an uneven number of canes as became clear later when he started to weave in and out of the canes. He held the canes tight in a bundle with an extra stubby cane on the outside. He then bound the bundle together at the apex with cornus or hazel or other flexible material. As he approached the end of the binding he removed the stubby stick and used the gap created for threading through and securing the ends. It was at this point that we discovered why we needed a 2ft square piece of cardboard for our 'have a go' session. By threading the uprights through it and moving it up from the base it became a support for the structure so that you could commence the weaving of the rings. If you were working outdoors you could of course plant the poles in your lawn instead.

We had come equipped with gloves and secateurs for our 'have a go' session. Manipulating long whippy prunings in a confined space was a challenge. Happily no injuries were sustained. Luckily Rupert had cautioned us not to create anything too large to carry home! Even so it was entertaining to watch the audience trying to exit the hall with their creations at the end of the evening.

It was an interesting and fun evening. During the hands on session Rupert offered help and advice and answered our questions. He showed us how to manipulate the sticks to make them more flexible and he encouraged us to use different colours to make more interesting structures. Most of us went home confident that we could make structures that would look good even when the plants had not yet grown over them. Suitable material is available in most gardens or can be begged from neighbours. And it is very satisfying to create something both beautiful and useful.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th April. Carl Gill will be talking about planting up containers. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. New members are always welcome. There is a charge of £2 per meeting for non members.



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

Badgers planning for end of season fun day on 17th June (and for the start of next season) is well under way and we are looking forward to attracting more players and potential coaches to our setup to help drive forward participation in sport across the area. Of course, if you may be interested in joining our Charter Standard Club then please get in contact. We can help secure your FA coaching qualifications as well.



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

Badgers recent highlight has been the selection of our U10 Wizards team as one of 12 teams nationally to play in a 5 a side tournament at England's training facilities at St. George's Park in August. This will be a great experience for them which we are looking forward to very much. For those unaware, we are unable to publish scores for teams below U13 to comply with league regulations, so the descriptions we give need to comply with that ruling.

### Team updates:

- U14 – After a few weeks off due to postponements the U14 had a very hard fought 3-2 win away to Westbury. Currently sitting 3rd in the top division with 2 games remaining.
- U13 – At time of writing, U13 sit 4th in the league. Hoping for a strong league finish to secure high finishing position.
- U11 – Good progress through the last month and have now reached semi-final of the Sir Bobby Robson Cup. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays from 1730-1830.
- U10 - All going well with both teams' getting better and having some good performances and good results. Numbers growing all the time with training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays 7-8pm.
- U9's Both teams are doing well Badgers got to the quarter-finals of the cup but were knocked out by Devizes but played well and the Wizards are still in the cup they have Westbury in the semi-finals, all kids are enjoying the cup runs. We have 4 tournaments during the summer break. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays from 1800-1900.
- U7 and U8 – The u7's and u8's have had a couple of games cancelled due to the weather but also managing to play some games. Getting in some good passes lately and gelling as a team. Always on the lookout for more players in both age groups, or people to help out with either team. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays 1730-1830.
- U5/6 – Training will re-started 17 March at St Barnabas Primary from 1730. Please contact Mark Goddard on number below for information.

We have spaces in the following teams and would welcome any new joiners (boys and girls) who are interested in learning, developing and playing football. Please contact managers.

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U7 and U8 – Sharon Black 01380 818193

U11 – Neil Black – 01380 818193

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2nd April 10.30 am Mrs Margaret White  
 9th April Palm Sunday 11.00 am United Service.  
 Starting at the Remembrance Stone by the Church gate and processing to the Community Hall. The service will include readings of the story of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week and will finish with the celebration of Communion with our Anglican friends.  
 16th April Easter Sunday 10.30 am Café Soul & Easter Communion Rev Gary Gotham leading  
 23rd April 10.30 am Eric Clifford  
 30th April 10.30 am Izzy Smears

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BAPTISMS	FUNERALS
<b>Lucas Derrick CHIVERS</b> was baptised by Rev Marion Harrison on 5th March 2017 at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington.	<b>Norma Elizabeth PETERS</b> died at BUPA Market Lavington on 27th January aged 95 years. A service was held at the crematorium on 14th February 2017.

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At first glance the Christian message of Easter seems like bad news. Jesus, a man renowned for loving words and deeds was condemned as a criminal and crucified. Jesus' followers thought that was the end of him. Disillusioned, it seemed to them that the kingdom of grace and justice he proclaimed was just another false dawn.

What they failed to see was that the death of Jesus was no accident. It was God's appointed way of bringing in his kingdom. Jesus had said as much, telling his followers that he had come to 'give his life a ransom for many'. In other words, Jesus paid the price of sin by dying for us on the cross. Now we can be forgiven and put right with God through faith in Jesus.

And his death wasn't the end. Jesus rose from the grave on the first Easter Sunday morning and appeared to his followers, showing them that he was alive from the dead. It was the last thing they expected. They could barely believe it, but it was true. The same Jesus who was crucified, was alive. First the bad news: the world crucified the King of Love. Then the good news: the King of Love was crucified for world and rose again from the dead. That is the glorious message of Easter. To find out more, why not come along to one of our Easter Services?

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