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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd July	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Parish Communion St Barnabas Church, Easterton				
9th July	11.00 am United Service at Trinity Church in the Community Hall	9.00 am Breakfast Church (Food and Fun for All Ages)	11.00 am United Service at Trinity Church in the Community Hall	11.00 Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
16th July	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
23rd July	9.00 am Breakfast Church Old School, ML (Food and Fun for all Ages)	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
30th July		9.30 am Parish Communion (All Welcome)		4.00 pm Evensong with Afternoon Tea (All Welcome)	
6th August	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together At St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00 am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell

4:30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

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

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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th August	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together At St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				
13th August	11.00 am United Service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton	9.00 am Breakfast Church (Food and Fun for all ages)	11.00 am United Service	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
20th August	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
27th August	9.00 am Breakfast Church Old School, ML	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
3rd September	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Holy Communion At All Saints' Church, West Lavington				

Maybe some slight variation due to holidays and services not confirmed at time of printing

Rev. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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

Retired Priests: Rev Ann Cocking 812763

Rev Pat Strowger 812840

Benefice Office as above - churchlavington@gmail.com

CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington:

St Peter's, Great Cheverell:

St Peter's, Little Cheverell:

Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)

Stanley Long (818330) Pauline Jenkinson (813775)

Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

ALPHA IS COMING!

An Alpha Course is starting in September. It will be held in Easterton Church on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is welcome.

Each alpha evening starts with a delicious meal, followed by a video and then discussion about the Christian faith. It will appeal to anyone who would like to know more or who would like a better understanding of what Christianity is all about.

There is a taster day on Wednesday 19th July at St Barnabas Church, Easterton at 7pm. You can find out for yourself how it all works and whether you think the course is for you. There's no pressure - if you don't enjoy it don't sign up! No questions asked.

Contact Marion Harrison if you thinking of joining us - that helps with catering - or just turn up on the night.

Her telephone number is 01380 816963 or email on lavingtonrector@gmail.com The Alpha course will run on Wednesdays starting 20th September to 6th December - 7pm start. We look forward to seeing you there.

GREAT CHEVERELL Harvest Supper

7 pm Saturday 7 October

At The Pavilion

Welcome drink

3-course Seasonal Supper

Coffee

£17.50 per head



Tickets on sale from August 1st from:

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St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell

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TUESDAY CLUB SUMMER SALE July 29th 10 a.m.-12 Old School Market Lavington

Donations for Bric a Brac, Books, Toys,
Games, Craft Cakes and
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Contact Diane on 07815 148559

SAVE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES

FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Open Surgery morning on Saturday 17th June .It was a real success with both informative and retail stalls and of course cakes ! All home made and delicious . Thank you to everyone who made and donated the cakes and also some very good home grown plants . We hope to have raised in excess of £300 , including the raffle, so a good step towards our annual target of £2000. We really appreciated your support.

EDITOR'S REMINDER

As usual there will be no News and Views in August, we wish you all a happy holiday (not only readers, but contributors, distributors and Printers). Material for September should se sent by Aug 20th.

Cover Picture. Wild Orchid, spotted and photographed (but not picked!) in Erlesroke Woods in early June.

DAUNTSEY'S SUMMER FESTIVAL July 3-6

Two years ago, the school held a Festival in the final week of the Summer term to celebrate all aspects of school life and to bring the curtain down on a busy and successful year. A wide variety of performing activities were arranged – music, art, drama, sport etc., with opportunities for as wide a number of students as possible.

This Festival is to be repeated this year during the first week of July.

Events will take place on Monday -Thursday 3rd -6th July, and the final musical event of each day will end at 10.15 p.m. and we apologise for this brief intrusion of noise to people living near.

Likewise, there will be some celebration on the final night of the term, Saturday, July 8th when the pupils, many of whom have been at the school for 7 years will hold a firework display as part of the Summer Ball and we hope that this will not cause too much inconvenience.

Details of the Festival week can be found on www.dauntseys.org and the local community is warmly invited to attend and book tickets, which are free of charge.

Street Scene **Why not enter our Summer Competition?**

Thanks to a very generous donation, we now have three prize garden tokens to win in our first ever open Summer Competition! A £50 first prize, plus two £25 runners up for the best hanging basket, pot, house or business frontage or floral display in Littleton Panell and West Lavington. You do not have to be a member of the StreetScene group to take part. Just plant up your front garden, baskets or pots with a winning formula!

So don't delay - enter today!

Entry forms can be found at Costcutters, Courtyard Surgery and on the village website at www.westlavington.org.uk, plus on the StreetScene stall at the Village Fete on Saturday July 22nd. Why not visit our stall and find out more about StreetScene and our aim to enhance the look of our villages with plants, trees and flowers.

Judging will take place the week of July 24th to July 30th. Good luck!

DON'T FORGET!
WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE
ON SATURDAY 22ND JULY

Lots to do, see, buy and enjoy for all the Family!

from 2pm on the Village Playing Field

The Fete will be opened by our new vicar, the Reverend Marion Harrison.



The Market Lavington Concert Band

Our Community Band completes the atmosphere on the day!

Fun Family Dog Show

Once again, the dogs will have their day!
 You can enter your faithful friend on the day for just £2 per class.

Grand Prize Draw

Photographic Competition

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Bric a Brac & Toys and Games: Jean Morton on 812107

Mothers' Union Produce, Preserves and Cake Stall:

Janet Hodges on 812467

Plants: Liz Taylor. Please bring your plants on the day - labelled if possible!

Teas: Cakes needed on the day! Contact Liz Evans on 813929

Bottle Stall: Bridget and Steve Herniman on 813099

Bottle collectors will also be calling in the two weeks before the Fete!

We need all bottles by Thursday July 20th - not on the day, please.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE FUN FAMILY DOG SHOW

Why not enter your dog in the Fete Dog Show on Saturday July 22nd?
 Entries cost just £2 per class and there are eight classes:

Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; Best Puppy (under 1 year); Most Obedient and Best Tricks; Waggiest Tail; Best 6 Legs; and Prettiest Eyes.

Entries for the Dog Show will be taken on the day of the Fete from 2pm and the first class starts at 2.30pm.

Prizes generously donated by Rangebourne Pets, Devizes.



**ALL SAINTS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
 AT THE VILLAGE FETE**

Time for all our local photographers to get creative!



Why not enter the Village Fete photo competition and take a photograph of our beautiful parish church of All Saints. Photos can be either of the whole church, or close-ups of specific parts, outside or inside, or within the churchyard. Test your artistic talents!

Photos should be printed, and at least 6 in x 4 in, and no larger than A4 - bigger won't be assumed to be better! There are two prize categories: a) 16 and under; and b) the rest of you. There is no entry fee! Bring your photograph to the Village Hall between 2pm and 3pm on the day of the Fete - Saturday July 22nd. Please write your name and phone number on the back - plus your age if you are 16 or under.

The winners will be announced at the end of the Fete and the winning photos will be published in the following News and Views and on the village and church websites.

ADVANCED NOTICE

SUNDAY, 15TH October

HARVEST FESTIVAL, 6 p.m. and SUPPER

St. PETER'S

LITTLE CHEVERELL

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.

THE CURIOUS EYE

Exhibition by local artist

Andy and Jane Wormell moved to Wiltshire 9 years ago to pursue their dream of setting up a smallholding and producing food in an environmentally friendly way. Part of the plan had been to free up Andy to continue his career as an artist. Andy had already undertaken commissions to do murals, carvings and paintings whilst living in London. In Wiltshire getting Andy back into the studio took longer than expected. But at last the couple have found a way to work with the cycle of the seasons, and Andy has dared to steal time to start making pictures, and to put together a body of work.

The Curious Eye is Andy Wormell's first solo exhibition since he moved to Wiltshire. Appropriately the show will be held in a polytunnel on the smallholding. Ultimately Andy would like to focus on the landscape but being a realist he decided to start with subjects that were close to hand namely the fruits and vegetables that he and Jane cultivate, the flowers they grow, and the wildflowers and grasses they leave to encourage the bees and butterflies.

His watercolours are delicate, carefully composed and closely observed still lifes of fruits, vegetables and flowers, He often runs a watercolour border round the image, and then allows the image to break through or under the painted frame, introducing a subtle tension into an otherwise 'still' life.

The oils in this exhibition are bold and bright and a joyous celebration of Nature's bounty. The objects are seen in close-up, sometimes cropped, and often in a square format which emphasises the decorative qualities of the vegetables, flowers and fruits depicted. These oils find the extraordinary in humble objects. They will brighten any home, and bring cheer, and memories of spring and summer on the darkest winter evening.

Andy is also a brilliant animal portraitist, and examples of his work, done to commission can be seen at the show.

The Curious Eye, a pop-up art exhibition, will be at Willow Farm, Blackdog Crossroads on Sat 29 and Sun 30 July, 10am-5pm. It is your opportunity to admire and hopefully acquire work by a local artist. There will also be information about art courses. Entry and parking will be free. Green Man Woodcrafts will have a display and items for sale. There will be some vegetables on sale too.

Dorelle Cope



MUSICAL SUPPER

This year's Edington Festival Musical Evening and Supper will be on Wednesday 23rd August at 6.30 for 7pm on the Parish Field, by kind permission of the Parish Council. The evening is a wonderfully light-hearted and enjoyable occasion which helps the community fund the Parish facilities – the Parish Hall and the minibus for instance. Festival singers give a stunning demonstration of close harmony music-making between courses, for our edification and delight. Our home-made puddings have also become something of a feature of the evening.

You can book your tickets after June 1st from Hugh Hancock, either by post to Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 6AX, or by email at pcc-t@hancock-office.org, or by phone on 01225 754626.

They are £25 each, and cheques should be made payable to Edington Priory Church Music Evening. Please let Hugh know if you would like to sit with friends, and he'll do his level best to accommodate you!



LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR is delighted to be performing

A Gala Evening of Opera, Gilbert & Sullivan and West Side Story
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on Friday July 14th, starting at 7.30 p.m.
at Market Lavington Community Hall
Tickets are £7

available from Devizes Books and Market Lavington Post Office.
There will be a bar available.

This year profits from the concert and from a raffle will be donated
to the choir's chosen charity, the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

GUITAR CONCERT AT GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

Local classical guitarist Keith Hyett, is giving a recital at Great Cheverell, on Saturday 8th July 2017. The concert starts at 7.30pm (tickets £7.00 will be available on the door or from www.ents24.com).

If you would like to hear a set of his tunes go to www.reverbnation.com/keithhyett, also go to his website:

www.keithhyettguitarist.co.uk



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

'TO BE A PILGRIM...'

Mark and Nancy Reilly have just completed the Pilgrim Journey walking the full 482 miles from St Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.



They will be telling us all about it in West Lavington Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm on Friday 28th July.

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A WALK FROM WEST LAVINGTON TO WESTMINSTER

11-19 June

Anne Wilson has successfully completed her 135 mile walk to London and delivered her letter to the Prime Minister to raise awareness of the need for more fully accessible toilets. Anne's route took her from West Lavington, up around the edge of Salisbury Plain training area then down to Pewsey Wharf. From Pewsey Wharf, she walked along the Avon and Kennet Canal to Reading and then followed the Thames Pathway to Westminster. Anne had different walking partners each day who helped to keep up a good pace, despite the blistering heat. Anne's husband Dave joined her for the last part of the walk over Westminster Bridge and onto Downing Street.



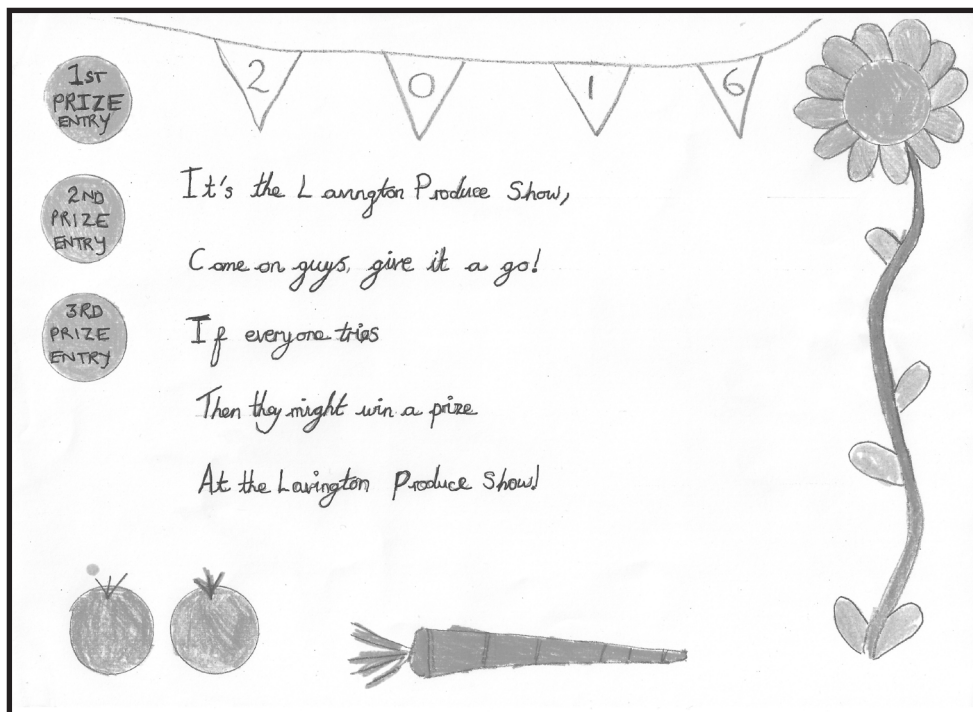
Anne has raised over £5,000 for Dorothy House Hospice and the Motor Neuron Disease Association (MNDA). She would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship, their prayers and messages of support. If you would like to make a donation, the link is still open: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AnneWilson7>

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100 YEARS AGO

Private George William MacKinnon 25782 Killed in Action 31st July 1917

George was born in 1888 at Alton Barnes, a son of farm labourer William MacKinnin and his wife Ellen. They had a large family. In 1891 the family lived at Conock Down in Chirton; and in 1901 they lived at Great Cheverell where William was working as a farm carter.

George married Ethel Sainsbury in 1910. I have been unable to find George or Ethel on the 1911 census.

George served with the 2nd Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment. At the end of July they were stationed near Zillebeke in Belgium, preparing to attack the German trenches that day.

By 3.40 am they were in the assembly trenches. It was still quite dark when they went over and they encountered a barrage and considerable machine gun fire; however they achieved their objective and captures the trenches and cleaned them out by 6.15am, taking about 40 prisoners. Further waves followed, meeting with varying opposition. They maintained their position in the trenches all day, subject to heavy shelling. Sometime during this action George MacKinnon was killed. He is remembered on the Ypres Menin Gate.

In early 1918 George's daughter, Freda was born. Ethel didn't remarry; she died in 1977 at the age of 90.

Lyn Dyson

DOES ANYONE REMEMBER SHEILA M JUDGE?

I have recently borrowed a hand produced book about the history of West Lavington Church written by Sheila M Judge. Sheila wrote the book in 1988 and in her foreword she indicated her wish for it to give pleasure to the parish.

It is a very interesting and readable book and I should like to publish it in my series of local histories with the profits going to the church. Before I can do this, I need to find the author or her next of kin to obtain permission.

So far as I can tell, Sheila M Judge came from the Isle of Sheppey and wrote several local history books for her native place. I think she also wrote a history of Easterton. I don't know what her connection with the village would have been.

If I have the right lady, she was born in 1920 and died in 2002 in Canterbury. I am pursuing that avenue of research, but in the meantime, if anyone can remember her or knows anything about her, I'd be grateful if you would contact me.

I think Sheila would be happy to have her work re-issued and I'm sure many of you would enjoy her book. It deserves a new audience.

If anyone has a copy of the Easterton book, I'd love to borrow that one too!! I could do the same with that one, with the profits to Easterton church.

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Part Time Farm Shop Manager

Erlestoke House Community Interest Company is a farm shop selling vegetables, plants and garden furniture produced in Erlestoke Prison. It is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12 to 3 p.m. during the Summer months only.

It is staffed by local volunteers and there is an urgent need for a Shop Manager owing to the relocation of the current manager. It is a voluntary post and serves a very worthwhile cause. All money raised is used to provide facilities not otherwise available to help the rehabilitation of prisoners, and helps to reduce the chance of re-offending.

If you are interested there is a website and the details are on Facebook www.Erlestokehousefarmshop.org.uk or ring Janine on 07917691034

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

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

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

Eric Freeman - Chairman of West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Hire Rates from 1st October 2016

Rates per hour Day – 8 am-6 pm Evening 6pm - midnight	Weekday (Mon-Fri)		Weekend (Sat & Sun)	
	Local & Charity	Other	Local & Charity	Other
Hall - Daytime	£7.00	£8.00	£8.00	£10.00
Hall - Evening	£9.00	£10.00	£10.00	£12.00
Giles Meeting Room - Day	£5.00	£5.50	£6.00	£6.50
Giles Meeting Room - Eve	£6.00	£7.50	£7.00	£8.50
Changing Rooms Are charged at Hall rate				

Use of cooker in the kitchen - £5.00 Use of Stage Lights - £10.00

- Telephone bookings to Lynne Rayner on 01380 812881.
- Email bookings to Lynne@movement4you.com.
- **Bookings must include event preparation and clear-up time**
- Local rates are for village clubs and societies, registered charities and local private hire only.
- Minimum charge is for 2 hours and 3 hours weekend. A non-refundable deposit or booking fee of £10 is required to secure a booking.
- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to rebook that date.
- **Heating is now included in the above rates.**
- The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even if the Changing Rooms are not used.

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

You may think that being a councillor is fun enough in itself to keep me happy. When I'm not in front of the computer I have all those meetings in County Hall to look forward to (no free coffee these days), 7 parish councils, the Devizes Area Board and the Eastern Area Planning Committee. Bliss!

But there is more. I am now Portfolio Holder for Arts, Heritage & Tourism. It is early days for me yet to know what that task will entail but, horror, I may have to visit some art galleries, some museums and some visitor attractions. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

I don't need to tell you that there is nowhere more wonderful than Wiltshire and it is the job of the VisitWiltshire team to make sure the world knows it. They are an independent organisation supported in part by Wiltshire Council and linked to VisitEngland. Their website <http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/> is regarded as one of the best in the country and I recommend a browse through. You may be surprised to find how much there is to enjoy on our doorstep.

Of course, our historical treasures and environment feature prominently but there are modern attractions too. As I write, VisitWiltshire is promoting the many wonderful golf courses in the county.

The effort seems to be working. We have about 18 million day visitors each year and nearly 2 million more who stay for at least one night. Tourism contributes about £1.5 billion to the local economy and supports nearly 30,000 jobs in the county, 10% of the total workforce.

You may think visiting our many attractions is nothing but pleasure but, for Wiltshire, it is serious business.

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

It has been a busy Spring for the Parish Council. The Great British Spring Clean was successfully undertaken with very welcome community help. Councillors also completed the annual footpaths' survey, commenced footpath strimming and identified priorities for the work of the Parish Steward. Decisions were made regarding the 2017/18 Budget and the Precept. The red telephone box at the crossroads was purchased by the parish and a decision was made to register The Churchill Arms as a community asset. Tree work was undertaken in the Closed Burial Ground.

In May, the council held its formal AGM and its Annual Parish Meeting (the yearly meeting of all the local government electors for the parish). Those attending Parish Meeting heard a fascinating talk from MoD guest speaker, Guy Salkeld, about the extensive archaeological remains under Salisbury Plain. In addition, councillors and parish groups reported on their activities in the preceding year.

During May also, Wiltshire Council elections took place but no parish council elections were necessary. Sadly, we said goodbye to two parish councillors, Liz Evans and Mair Rowles, both for personal reasons. They will be much missed. There are now two vacancies on the council. We very much hope you will help us fill them very soon! Just contact the Clerk to register interest.

Looking forward, as Spring turns to Summer, some important parish summer events will be taking place. Please support them if you can:

- The Village Fete on Saturday, July 22 on West Lavington playing fields is always something to look forward to.
- The following week, Streetscene's first Floral House Frontage Competition takes place - helping to cheer up our streets with displays of your own colourful potted plants, hanging baskets, beds etc. There are exciting prizes for the winner and runners-up.

Be sure to look for details of both events elsewhere in this edition of News & Views.

From all council members, we wish you and your families a very good summer.

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 met on 5th June, and will meet again on 3 July, after which it takes a well-earned summer break, meeting again on 4 September.

The Council's 2016/17 Accounts have been completed and submitted for external review. They are now open for inspection under the Exercise of Public Rights by any Elector of the Parish. This period lasts from 26th June to 4th August inclusive. If you wish to exercise this democratic right, please contact the Clerk.

Councillor Hazel Simons and the Clerk recently attended a meeting of Wiltshire Council's local Community Area Traffic Group (CATG), when the crossroads south of the village leading up to Salisbury Plain (Pear Tree Lane) was discussed. The problems of this junction were sympathetically discussed, and it is hoped that improved signage and cutting-back of overgrown verges will soon improve the sightlines, making it safer for all.

The Council notes that, now it's summer, hedges are getting very bushy and, in some cases, starting to obstruct the highway. There is a legal duty to cut hedges back under Section 154 of the Highways Act 1980. So you are politely requested to trim your hedges before Wiltshire Council is forced to do it for you, for which you will be charged.

The Council will monitor this situation and, if necessary, write to specific house owners. The Council is also very concerned about the amount of dog mess in the village, particularly along Green Lane where children walk to school. It's unhygienic, unpleasant, and totally anti-social. So responsible dog owners (are there any other kind ?) are again asked to 'bag it and bin it'. The Council takes littering in general, but particularly this issue, very seriously - if necessary, irresponsible owners will be named and shamed, and reported to Wiltshire Council which has the powers to levy a £1,000 fine. You have been warned.

The Council works hard to identify, and notify Wiltshire Council, of any potential highways hazards such as potholes. Recently, an elderly resident had a bad fall outside the Village Hall, where the pavement is uneven. This issue is being pursued with Wiltshire Highways, but villagers are asked to be aware of the risks and to tread carefully.

On a lighter note, the Council is considering improvements and additions to the playground near the Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. If you have any suggestions, please contact the Clerk or any Councillor.

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

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LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The New Defibrillator

This was recently installed in the telephone kiosk along Low Road. This work was completed by Cecil Withers of CS Electrical 8th June, a defibrillator Engineers & Consultants Ltd of Oare without charge, for which the Parish Council is most grateful. Pictured here with Cecil are chair Wesley Parfitt and councillor Linda Deane. The next stage is that there will be training session offered to local residents by the Ambulance Service.



BE PREPARED TO SAVE A LIFE
Defibrillator Training at
Little Cheverell Parish Hall -
26th July 7pm - 9pm

Although the defibrillator is ready for use at any time, in an emergency it can be used without training. But with training you will know in advance how to operate the defibrillator,

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Little Cheverell Parish Hall, 26 July, 7pm
For more information please call Anne Venus 812120 or Sue Ivey 813439

What next for Little Cheverell?

A reminder that the Parish Council has some money to spend on other local projects following the successful installation of a defibrillator for the village. We would like to hear ideas from village residents about their priorities!! So please contact a parish councillor:

Sue Ivey sueivey3@aol.com, Wes Parfitt wesleyparfitt@btinternet.com, Anne Venus venus@zen.co.uk, Linda Deane at 2 The Terrace, Bill Mowatt bill.mowatt@gmail.com, The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday July 12th at 7pm in the Village Hall. All suggestions will be discussed at that meeting and we hope that village residents will come along to join in the debate.

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY



Residential Trips

It is wonderful to hear the stories of the children when they return from their residential trips! Our Year 5 and Year 6 children went to the Forest of Dean at the end of last term and have given us tremendous reports of courage and resilience, of teamwork and friendship as they negotiated the caves, the canoeing, the Leap of Faith, Jacob's ladder and many other activities. We are very grateful to our staff who give up their own time to ensure the children have these opportunities and are safe.

End of Term

We are well into the last half term now, and the children are looking forward to our sports day, to which all parents are invited, with a picnic on the field afterwards. We also have performances of "Around the World in 8 Plays" by our Year 3 and Year 4 children at the start of July, and our very popular "Fun Evening", run by our amazing PFA which will take place on Friday 7th July. Everyone is invited to this. The School Eucharist led by the Archdeacon, a trip to the seaside, many Leavers' activities and lots of Forest Schools work will also take place this term.

Music

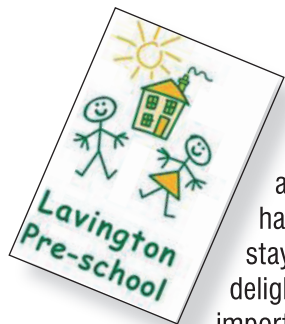
We are very grateful to our PFA for funding a workshop by some of the performers from the world-famous "STOMP" junk band. Every child in the school had the chance to make music using pipes, dustbins and other junk, as well as learning more about body percussion. We have also had our annual evening Music Concert, where young musicians from our school perform to a large audience. We had a feast of music, including performances on brass instruments, guitars, recorders, keyboards, handbells, ukuleles and the school choirs.

School Council

At the start of this academic year, the school council asked for some more playground equipment, specifically for something that could be used for imaginative play. They have worked hard with us to design a "Space Ship" and the company Different by Design have started installation of this project. There is much excitement about this and we are delighted to have been able to provide another opportunity for our children to play imaginatively in our beautiful grounds.

We wish all our children, their families and the whole community a lovely summer break.

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term at Lavington Pre-school we have been focusing our investigations on 'The seaside and keeping safe near water' and as part of this we have created a beach in our activity area, we have been looking at different types of sea shells. We have made jelly fish, floating boats and we have been talked about staying safe at the seaside on our holidays. The children were delighted to have a visit from the RNLI and to learn about all the important work they do keeping people safe by the sea.

While we have been doing all of this we have also been busy in our garden; we have grown runner beans, potatoes and sun flowers. The children have taken the responsibility of watering and nurturing their plants very seriously. We also have a Live Butterfly Garden in the Pre-school and we are waiting for the caterpillars to turn into butterflies, the children have been enjoying watching every stage.

All the children who are going to school in September have been getting ready for their move, having lots of visits to their new schools. We would like to wish them all well in their next adventure at Big School. Good luck to Freddie, Billy, Sam, Oli, Jude, Guy, Archie, Paige, Nola, Joe, Jacob, Bethan, Elsie and Poppy-Mae, we will miss them all very much.

We will end this term with our Sports Day and Leavers Ceremony on Friday 14th July and this year we will also be holding a Grand Summer Raffle with fantastic prizes like a 'Champagne Balloon Ride' and a 'Fabulous Summer Hamper'. Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated to this raffle. Raffle tickets are available now from the Pre-school office, if you would like to buy some please get in touch on (01380) 812551.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Communication and Language: Listening and attention, 30-50 months, For those children who find it difficult to 'listen and do', say their name before giving an instruction or asking a question.

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

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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At our special meeting in the Village Hall on 12th June we were delighted to welcome Charlotte Bell and her colleague Mel from Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

Charlotte gave a very interesting and informative talk about the Charity whose funding comes from thousands of individuals and churches that care about people in poverty. Their remaining income is made up of grants and corporate funding through their "Fair Share" scheme. It is authorized and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. As well as helping people to sort out their debts CAP also run Job Clubs to enable jobseekers to confidently step into employment and Release Groups to assist people to find freedom from life- controlling dependencies. All their services are completely free and are offered to everyone regardless of their religious beliefs, race, nationality, etc. They have won numerous awards for their outstanding work. Further information can be found on their website: www.capuk.org phoning free on 08003280006 or emailing on info@capuk.org

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 10th July at 2.15 p.m. and will again be held in the Village Hall in West Lavington. Sheila Mills will be our Guest Speaker and will be reporting on the Shonda Project, another "Faith in Action" story. This is a school in Kenya which has been set up by Christians.

Val Noviss

Lavington & District Gardening Club

Meetings held **3rd Wednesday of each month** at
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Why not come and see how our club can help you make the most of your garden.

Gardening Tip
What's Eating My Plant ?

- Chewed leaves, slime trail – Slugs and Snails
- Rolled leaves – Certain Mites or some Caterpillars
- White patterns on leaves – Beetle Fly or Moth Larvae
- Discoloured leaves – Thrips and Mites

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 19th
Subject: Trees for Small/
Medium Gardens
Guest Speaker: Chris Bird
Competition: Vase of Sweet Peas



For our June meeting we went to Beggars Knoll in Westbury, a delightful garden designed as a classical Chinese garden. This is a private garden which opens to the public a few times a year under the National Gardens Scheme. It is situated in a beech wood hanging on the

way up to the Westbury White Horse. It is the culmination of nineteen years of design and hard work. The owners Colin Little and Penny Stirling are still bursting with ideas for new projects to continue the theme of the Chinese garden.

Inspired by a visit to the Doctor San Yat-Sen classical Chinese garden in Vancouver, this Westbury couple set out to emulate the style and create their own Chinese garden on the chalk slopes of Wiltshire. The result is a tranquil collection of garden rooms filled with colourful plantings and set against a backdrop of Chinese pavilions with flared roofs, Chinese gateways and statues. Winding paths lead from one room to another and each space and object seems to have a story and a symbolism. Demons or malicious spirits are thought to travel in straight lines so the paths have tight curves so that the demons cannot catch you. Irregular shaped rocks with holes in were highly prized by the Chinese and so are given prominence in the garden. The mosaic paths were designed by Colin and he designed and built the pagodas. In a new bamboo garden area is a wonderful mosaic by Colin depicting a panda feeding on bamboo. Chinese calligraphy symbols abound in the garden and the couple have even studied mandarin to ensure they can correctly reproduce the symbols.

Victorian gardeners introduced Chinese plants into English gardens and many of the plants and shrubs that we saw on our visit were familiar to us, such as peonies, climbing roses, bamboos, several species of ginkgo, and mulberries. There was a low canopy of greenery providing a dappled shade. Occasionally there was a gap in the canopy affording a borrowed landscape toward the distant Longleat estate.

For our July meeting we will be visiting Seend Head House Garden.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

Badgers end of season bash was held at West Lavington where we presented medals to all younger players and trophies to well deserving players in each team. Trophy winners below:

Age Group	Coaches Player	Players Player	Fans Player	
U14	Issac Wain	Woody Moore	Josh Hobman	Top Goalscorer – Luke Wilcox
U13	Connor Ramsay	Josh Blake	James Hadlow	
U11	Theodore Spaliviero-Shaw	Connor Rawlinson	Charlie Amor	Fans Player – Reese Chalke
U10 Badgers	Luan Gashi	Jenson Greenstreet	Bailey Penny	Most Improved – Jack Spanswick
U10 Wizards	Lewis Kent	William Dudman	Daisy Mason	Most Improved – Owen Raymond
U9 Whites	Elliot Davis	Joe Beaven	Niall Henry	Fair Play – Walter Sheppard & Alexander Hoskins
U9 Blacks	Jason Nganken	Vanya Alberga	Henry Paxton	Fair Play – Joe Bodman & Kyle Lambert
U8	Henry Miller	Sammy Guest	Dylan Parsons	
U7	Ollie Charles	Oscar Fox	Logan Banfield	

Looking ahead to next season, if you wish to join us as a player or as a volunteer or would like to develop coaching skills then please get in touch with names below:

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 U8/9 – Sharon Black – 07885 232536
 U11 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781

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- 30th 10.30 am Rev Tom MacMeekin

August

- 6th 10.30 am at Homestead Farm, Drove Lane, Market Lavington
- 13th 11.00 am United Service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton
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Many thanks are expressed to Bob Gordon and Ash Galloway for their efforts in pioneering Bob and Ash Breakfast Baps on Saturday mornings once a month. The challenge goes out for a new team to run this successful venture. We are hoping to restart in September.

Funding for Food Cave is running out so this will possibly be the last month of sessions on Tuesday evenings for the time being.

New ideas for St. Arbucks activities always welcome.



BAPTISMS

Matthew ANDREWS was baptised by Rev Marion Harrison at St Peter’s Church, Little Cheverell on 4th June 2017.

WEDDINGS

Emma ARNOLD and Dale WHITTINGTON were married at St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on Saturday 27th May 2017.

Ann JOHNSON and Quentin GOGGS were married at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington by Rev John May, the bride’s brother, on Saturday 3rd June 2017.

FUNERALS

Ian Reginald HOWSE of West Lavington died on 10th May, aged 79 years. His funeral at West Wiltshire Crematorium on 30th May was taken by Rev Jennifer Haynes.

Rita Joy Baker of Market Lavington and formerly of West Lavington, died on 4th May 2017 aged 85 years. Her funeral and burial at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington was held on Friday 23rd May.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Sharon Woffindale who was last month’s 1st prize winner drew the winning tickets for June. This month’s winner for 1st prize goes to Joy Thomas of Littleton Panell and 2nd prize goes to Sarah Froud from Great Cheverell. Happy spending.

Bonnie Matters 816133

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DEMOCRACY, THE WORST FORM OF GOVERNMENT

For years to come pundits and political historians will discuss why the predicted Conservative landslide failed to materialise. Was it the unpopular Tory manifesto? The Brexit factor? The youth vote? Who knows? One thing's for sure, you can never be sure what the Great British Electorate is going to decide. Not these days anyway. Now we have a weakened government that faces the huge challenge of negotiating our exit from the EU on the best possible terms.

Democracy, eh? Winston Churchill once rather gloomily mused, "Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time..."

Benign dictatorships usually end up malignant, corrupt and oppressive. The same goes for rule by a small group that cannot be held to account by the people they govern. Tony Benn suggested that five questions should be put to those in power: 1. What power have you got? 2. Where did you get it from? 3. In whose interests do you exercise it? 4. To whom are you accountable? 5. How can we get rid of you? Every system of government needs checks and balances to stop rulers abusing their powers. That is why in our system the government is held to account by parliament and is subject to the rule of law.

These checks and balances are necessary because as has been said, 'Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely'. We might wonder why that is the case. Churchill gives us a clue in the words quoted earlier. We live in a 'world of sin and woe'. Human beings have a destructive tendency to mess things up spectacularly. We aren't give too much power to any individual because we are all sinners. That's why 'democracy is the worst form of government apart from all those other forms'.

Democracy can't solve the problem of sin, it can merely help stop it getting out of hand. But of one it is written, 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins'.

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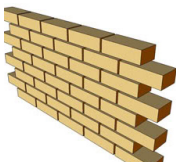
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