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	Calendar of Services - June 2017 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton				
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
4th June	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Simple Celebration at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell				
11th June	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's Church	9.00 am Breakfast Church (Food and Fun for all ages)	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
18th June	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
25th June	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)	
2nd July Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Holy Communion at St Barnabas Church, Easterton				

Regular worship in our sister churches:

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

CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington: Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)

St Peter's, Great Cheverell: Ian Christie (813940)

St Peter's, Little Cheverell: Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

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

From the Rector - June Reflection

June already! Where has the year gone? It seems that only yesterday the cold wind blew through bare trees and today they are clothed in green and our gardens are a riot of colour. This is the gardening season and many of our fellow villages in Wiltshire are opening their gardens and welcoming in the friend and stranger to walk, ponder, think colour and to find the odd surprise if not a cup of tea and some cake. This welcoming in, is very Biblical. We read that Abraham entertained Angels and at one point in his story, God himself. The ministry of hospitality was developed by St. Benedict who insisted his monks treat all visitors to the Monastery as honoured guests regardless of their status or need. And that is still very much part of the ministry of hospitality today. To welcome people in, to treat everyone with respect, care, absence of judgment, encouragement and friendliness, ministering to the needs of others in the spirit of Christ. But it's not just about the people who come to our doors; hospitality is also about being available and how we treat others in our day to day dealings, on the phone, over the internet, out in the streets.

Another aspect of this ministry is to get to know someone, to come alongside in times of stress and need as well as in good times, to befriend someone. This begins with learning someone's name. And with that in mind the congregations of our five Churches would like to welcome any newcomers to our little corner of this beautiful county. Please do join us and fellow villagers in the many events taking place this summer. If you are a Christian and wish to join us for services you will be made most welcome. All our service information can be found in the local magazines. If you wish to deepen your knowledge of the bible, please do ask about our Bible Study group that meets each Wednesday evening. Or if you would like to learn about the Christian Faith, then we will be holding an Alpha Course starting this September. Come along and join us so that we can learn your name and offer you our peace and hospitality.

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SINCERE THANKS

Sue Morrison would like to thank most sincerely the many people, both locally and comfort to her.

SMELL THE COFFEE AND BACON ON A SUNDAY!

An informal Breakfast Church at All Saints, Sunday of the month.

everyone is welcomed with fresh and coffee on sale in the Staff Room. coffee, bacon butties or croissants and We will open at 10 am and will be there until newspapers. The children, and any craft- early afternoon.....please call in and find minded adults, enjoy making something out a little more about our local surgery, connected to the theme of the worship that browse the stalls and meet the staff who week. In the last few weeks they've made keep this vital service running so smoothly wooden door plaques for their bedroom . We look forward to seeing you doors, Easter snow globes and decorated gift boxes amongst other things.

The half hour of worship starts at 9.30 On the morning of Saturday, May 6th a prayer and a family orientated talk.

Trinity Sunday.

villagers and give it a try!

FRIENDS OF COURTYARD SURGERY.

Open Day, Saturday, June 17th

On Saturday June 17th the Friends of far away, who have offered their sympathy Courtyard Surgery are hosting an Open and support on the recent death of Rob Surgery day. It's an opportunity for you Edwards. She has been overwhelmed to meet staff and explore the many and by the extent and the sincerity of all that varied services that the Surgery offers has been expressed, both by word andtogether with a selection of other local by written tributes. It has been a great services, products and interests. We hope to have stalls from local Keep Fit and Slimming Groups. Wiltshire Wild Life , information about access and tours of Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire Air Ambulance , the local Paramedic Service, Honey and West Lavington, takes place every 2nd Aloe Vera products, Face Painting and just in case that all sounds very healthy The church is open from 9 a.m. and there will be lots of home made cakes, tea

CANCER RESEARCH COFFEE MORNING

a.m. and includes hymns, worship songs, successful Coffee Morning was held in West Lavington Village Hall in support of Our next service is on Sunday 11th June - Cancer Research UK. From a variety of sources - Raffle and Raffle Prizes, Toys We'd love to welcome new people so and Nearly New, Books, Plants, BricaBrac, please come along, get to know other Plants, Cakes and Donations, the sum of £1328.85 was raised.

> Thanks are due to those who attended, to stallholders and toterers, but especially to Bo Miles-Hobbs who organised it all.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE!

This year's Village Fete is on SATURDAY 22nd JULY!
The WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE will be on Saturday 22nd July from 2pm on the Village Playing Field, and will be opened by our new vicar, the Reverend Marion Harrison. Entrance and parking are completely free and there will be all

the regular attractions and more, including the Market Lavington Concert Band, Fun Family Dog Show ("the best run in the area!"), Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Classic Cars, and the fantastic Prize Draw! Plus lots of interesting stalls, including the usual bargain buys of Bric a Brac, Bottles, Books, Produce, Cakes, and Garden Plants. To keep you refreshed through the afternoon there will be homemade teas, ice creams, and a beer tent.

FETE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION: Why not enter our photographic competition, to be judged at the Fete. See the ad in this News and Views for full details.

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 DRAW PRIZES: Our amazing Grand Draw is only amazing because of the generosity of our sponsors and donated prizes. If you can help by sponsoring or donating a prize, please contact Mike Page on 818510.

BAKE OFF FOR THE FETE! Our team providing teas in the Village Hall for the Fete needs your cakes! If you would like to practice your bake off skills and make cakes, large or small, for the day, please contact Liz Evans on 813929.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Why not give a little time and join the 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, contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256.

BOOK A STALL AT THE FETE! Why not book a stall in the Fete's Stalls Avenue to sell your wares? Contact Tony Morton on 812107 for more details.

As decided last year, one third of the profits of the Fete will be divided between Village charities/ organisations nominated by Fete volunteers.

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS FOR OUR VILLAGE FETE STALLS!

Contact our stallholders:

Book Stall: Bonnie and Richard Matters on 816133

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: Liz Evans on 813929

Bottle Stall: Contact 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.



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.

EASTERTON COUNTRY FETE

The Easterton Country Fête will return in There will be a Coffee Morning and Second 2017 and be held on the 28th of August at Hall Book Sale the Village Hall and Fete field, with many of the same great attractions, stalls, traders year.

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday, 3rd June from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

and dog show that come together each Come along and browse the books and enjoy some

Home made cake with coffee or tea



Why not enter our Summer Competition? **West Lavington and Litleton Panell**

We hope you are planning to enter StreetScene's open Summer Competition, 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. Just plant up your front garden, baskets or pots with a winning formula!

July's News & Views will have information on how to register to enter, as will the Parish Council's website, Noticeboard and our posters which will appear around the villages. Frontages and gardens competing will then be publicised. StreetScene will also have a stall at the Village Fete on July 22nd.

Judging will take place the week of July 24 to July 30. There will be a public vote. Watch out for more information in News and Views and elsewhere!

dington arts

SIGN UP FOR CHORAL **WORKSHOP IN EDINGTON!**

There's still time to sign up for this year's Edington Arts Choral Workshop on Saturday 10th June at Edington Priory Church. We've received over 60

applications so far from all over the south of England, so don't delay!

The workshop will be a fantastic day for anyone who loves Handel: the music to be rehearsed is his showpiece 'Dixit Dominus'. Not only that, but the workshop will be taken by Andrew Carwood, one of the country's leading choral directors, (he is Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral and has his own Consort, The Cardinall's Musick), whose expertise is matched only by his wit and humour. The five soloists are all previous or current members of the Edington Festival's choirs; Philippa Murray and Anna Ramell, sopranos, Ben Sawyer, alto, Andrew Hayman, tenor, and Michael Hickman, bass.

The day will run from registration at 9.30 through to 5.30, and friends and families are invited to join the singers for tea at 3.30 and to listen to the final session from 4.15 (no charge).

Places are £20 (£10 for full time students), plus £2 for music hire; application forms can be downloaded from the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org, or phone Anne on 01380 831454 or email her on anne@edingtonarts.org.





Lavington Community Choir News - Northern Harmony is returning to Market Lavington on September 26th

Northern Harmony is a group of talented young singers, based in Vermont USA, who have won worldwide acclaim for their remarkable command

of harmony singing styles. After last year's very successful event a return visit was arranged details of which are below.

On Tuesday September 26th there will be a Singing Workshop from 3.30 to 5.30 for which you do NOT need to be able to read music. Then in the evening, there will be a concert which begins at 7.30. Tickets are available from Market Lavington Post Office or from chrisnpat@gmail.com

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GUITAR CONCERT AT GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

giving a recital at Great Cheverell, on Saturday 8th July 2017. The concert starts days from 10.30-5.30pm for cream teas at 7.30pm (tickets £7.00 will be available and other refreshments 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.keithhyettquitarist.co.uk

MIDSUMMER MUSIC ON THE PLAIN All Saints & St Mary's Church, Chitterne Friday 23 June 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

will be on Wednesday 23rd 'Midsummer Music on the Plain' will be August at 6.30 for 7pm on a wonderful concert on Friday 23 June the Parish Field, by kind 2017 featuring Dauntsey's School Student permission of the Parish Ensembles and Choral Society in Chitterne. The evening is a wonderfully The diverse programme, designed to light-hearted and enjoyable occasion please all tastes, will include pieces by which helps the community fund the Parish Rachmaninov, Mozart, Tallis and others ... facilities - the Parish Hall and the minibus The evening will begin with a Garden Festival singers give a Reception at the Grange (next to church) at stunning demonstration of close harmony 6.30pm, followed by the concert at 7.30pm music-making between courses, for our in the flower-filled All Saints Church.

Murray Kent, Hunters Yard, Chitterne Farm, You can book your tickets after June 1st Warminster BA12 OLQ. Please include Church Fabric Fund. Please make cheques payable to "Chitterne Church Account".

They are £25 each, and cheques should be Over the same weekend - 24 and 25 June made payable to Edington Priory Church - Chitterne will also be hosting a Flower Music Evening. Please let Hugh know if Festival in All Saints & St Mary's Church. you would like to sit with friends, and he'll The theme is 'Pastimes & Pleasures'. There will be a Scarecrow Trail around the village, a number of private gardens will be open and the fantastic, modern play-park on the sports field opposite the church is Local classical guitarist Keith Hyett, is there for families with children to enjoy. Chitterne Village Hall will be open both

EDITOR'S PLEA

I am grateful for the variety of contributions for publication that I receive each month, most of which I reproduce as fully as I can, with little editorial interference. However, there is sometimes a problem when these contributions are simple reproductions of a poster advertising a forthcoming event. These may be effective in a large format poster, or even on an A4 sheet, but reduced to A5 size, the legibility suffers, and the imaginative use of colour is wasted. May I therefore ask that announcements of this kind are presented in black and white, making the details of the information the top priority. Not everyone will agree, but it is my conviction that magazines like this are intended primarily to be read rather than simply looked at.

Jim Hodges

THE DUCK RACE!

A very successful "duck race" (as shown in front cover) was held on Sunday, 7th May at a house in Little Cheverell. The garden was full of children and their relatives enjoying a beautiful, sunny English Sunday afternoon!

Chocolate medals, stickers and sweets were the prizes, and children and ducks \ competed in glorious May weather as the Cheverells and friends turned out to support the Nestling Trust. People came with cakes and raffle prizes and offers of help and gave generously. We watched the neighbourhood children and grandchildren running around in the green space, planting sunflower seeds, playing on the "beach" by the stream, chattering to their friends, choosing their ducks and throwing them in, and then crowding the best vantage points across the garden and waiting excitedly for the ducks to come under the bridge and into the final straight. Thinking about their carefree afternoon brings home the importance of the work of the Nestling Trust which gives destitute children in Nepal the chance of a secure childhood and a better future. They are surely our neighbours' children too.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. As a result more than £400 was raised for the Nestling Trust.

If you missed the duck races there are still plenty of chances to support the Nestling Trust - go to www.nestlingtrust.co.uk for the latest news.

HIRE OF GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

The Hall can be hired for small events . Cost £6.50 for one hour and £1 extra for each subsequent hour. Also available for parties for children 10 years and under: Cost £10. To book the hall, ring Wendy Wilshin 813735.

100 YEARS AGO Private Albert Edward Pearce 32312 Killed in Action 7th June 1917

Albert was born in Imber in 1882, the eldest son of Albert Pearce, a farm carter, and his wife Mary. In 1901 the family, which included six younger siblings, was living at New Copse Farm in West Lavington. Albert junior was working as an agricultural labourer. He then joined the 1st Bn Wiltshires and served for 12 years until his discharge in 1914. Presumably at the outbreak of war he then returned to his Regiment.

In June the 1st Wiltshires were in the area of Wulverghem. On 6th June they received notification that an attack was to be made on the Messines Ridge on 7th June, so they were busy preparing for that all day on the 6th.

By midnight on 6/7th June they were ready in the assembly trenches at Wulverghem. At 3.10am several mines were exploded and an intense barrage commenced. At 3.40 they moved forward in artillery formation, and in spite of the fact that it was dark and smoke and dust obliterated all landmarks, the men kept good direction.

At 4.50am the battalion charged the enemy trench. They met with some resistance from strong concrete dugouts, but they dealt with this successfully and all the garrison was either killed or taken prisoner.

Further garrisons were attacked successfully, but with a few casualties. The Wiltshires succeeded in all their objectives, but during the period between 7th June and 11th June they lost 2 officers, one of whom was Lt Noel Gilbert King from Easterton and 19 men, including Albert Pearce from West Lavington. They captured 148 prisoners and 7 machine guns. 96 men and 2 officers were wounded.

Albert was buried in the Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery.

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Chums

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HELP AT HAND FOR GUINEA PIGS

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WALKING TO WESTMINSTER

Anne Wilson is walking from West Lavington to Westminster On 11th-19th June (over more days than originally planned), 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.

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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. I'll be delivering a letter to our MP and to the Prime Minister to highlight the need for a change to the building regulations to make a Changing Places Toilet a requirement in all new public buildings".

You can read more about Changing Places at http://www.changing-places.org/.



The Nestling Trust

NEPAL OR BUST!

Mark & Nancy's Long Walk For The Children of Nepal Progress Report

By the time this magazine reaches you Nancy and Mark Reilly should be well within 100 miles of their destination, having started at at St. Jean Pied de Port, France. Their aim has been to walk to Santiago de Compostela, arriving on June 7th by which time they will have covered 466 miles — or so! Nancy has kept her friends and supporters in touch daily by email, with a brief account and a few pictures in support, They have crossed the Pyrenees, passed through places like Pamplona and Leon, walked along the plain in Spain (upon which the rain sometimes stays), with only one break when Nancy was affected by tendinitis (a recreational hazard). In the two previous issues they have made clear the purpose of their venture, supporting the Nestling Trust, It is not too late to make a contribution to support their dedication in this journey. For more information or to donate please go to our "Fundraising" page at:

https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nancychristmanreilly1

Every penny that you donate will be spent on the home and health care. Please consider helping these children. Nepal needs a break!

Love to all of you,

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

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

Monday7pm - 9pmSeniors at West LavingtonThursday7pm - 9pmSeniors at West LavingtonFriday7pm - 9pmSeniors 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

CAN YOU HELP US TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR YOUR AIR AMBULANCE?

Wiltshire Air Ambulance has been saving lives for over 27 years and work has begun on our new airbase at Semington, near Melksham.

The new airbase will bring together our helicopter, aircrew and charity team onto one site for the first time.

The central location of our new airbase will mean our helicopter will be able to reach all parts of Wiltshire within 11 minutes, as it currently does now from its base in Devizes. Our fundraising appeal for the new airbase has got off to a flying start, but we still need to raise just under £1 million to complete the building and equipping of it.

Can you help us raise the vital funds for our Airbase Appeal? There are lots of different ways you can get involved, such as holding a cake sale, organising a challenge event or uploading a photo for our helicopter mosaic.

We also have fun ways for schools and businesses to get onboard and support our appeal.

Find our more by visiting our special website www.wiltshireairbaseappeal.co.uk , call the Charity Team office on 01380 739453 or email hello@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL Hire Rates from 1st October 2016

Rates per hour	Weekday (Weekday (Mon-Fri)		Weekend (Sat & Sun)	
Day – 8 am-6 pm Evening 6pm - midnight	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

I hope you will forgive me for touching on a subject that may have bored you to distraction recently but has occupied me quite a lot. I am referring, of course, to elections.

Many of you made your mark in May regarding Wiltshire Council. Several parish councils also received attention via your postal vote or from the pencil in the booth. Now, as you read this, General Election day is (probably) not far away.

Regardless of the results, I applaud everyone who recently took part in the electoral process on 4th May and I hope as many of you as possible will participate on 8th June. It's not just because the issues are at stake. Whatever you think of the politics, it is democracy itself that matters.

Democracy means "government by the people". The concept is pretty woolly but the alternatives are far worse - "autocracy" where power is held by an individual (as in a dictatorship or an absolute monarchy), "oligarchy" where power is held by a small number of individuals (such as aristocrats or war lords) or "plutocracy" (union bosses or the wealthy).

Some generations ago, in the 17th century, your ancestors and mine fought to impose controls upon an autocratic monarchy in this country. The 1832 Reform Act reduced aristocratic privilege and, in 1918 while the country was still at war, parliament enfranchised all men, as well as women over the age of 30, who met minimum property qualifications. It was not until 1928 (within living memory) that the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act gave the vote to women on equal terms with men.

Electoral processes take many forms, as we have seen recently in the USA and France. You may judge for yourself if their outcomes are better or worse than our parliamentary first-past-the-post system.

I suspect no system is perfect, but they are all worthless unless the eligible voters take part. You may love or loathe elections but I urge you not to leave it to others on 8th June. Whatever your political views, democracy itself depends on you taking part.

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

Casual Vacancies: Two 'casual vacancies' have arisen on the Parish Council following the resignation of Cllrs Evans and Rowles. Please watch out for the public notice of the vacancies inviting 'expressions of interest' if you wish to put your name forward. The notice will appear on the Parish Council Notice Board and Website, or contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Volunteers sought: The Playgrounds Working Group of the Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help with management of the council's grassed areas and pitches, BMX track, youth shelter and two playgrounds. The Group meets twice a year and makes recommendations to the full council. Together with members of the council, representation from the community, other local bodies and stakeholders is welcome.

Tree Cutting: Following my appeal last month to ensure that planning permission from Wiltshire Council is sought in relation to tree felling in a Conservation Area, I would like to correct the information given regarding tree size: permission must be sought if the trunk is 7.5 cm (2.95 inches) in diameter, or more, at a height of 1.5m (4.92 feet).

Neighbourhood Plan: You will recall the Parish Council put out a call recently for new volunteers, with particular skills, to help complete our Neighbourhood Plan. Although there will still be work for the Steering Group and Parish Council going forward, it has been decided to engage professional help, subject always to obtaining a grant sufficient to allow us adequately to cover the fees that will be involved. A grant application is in progress.

Livestock Worrying: At the request of PC Dave McCalmont of Community Policing Team 4 Wilts East (Devizes) the Parish Council will be displaying in the parish posters produced by the police concerning livestock worrying by dogs. The NFU in particular has become involved in this issue after a recent attack near Chichester which left 116 sheep dead and caused £17,000 of damage. The NFU advises walkers to keep dogs under close control or on a lead when walking in the countryside where there may be livestock. It has also joined forces with The Kennel Club with the aim of helping dog owners enjoy the UK's landscapes while avoiding causing unintentional injury or distress to sheep and cattle.

Red Telephone Kiosk: West Lavington parish has been privileged to have two of the now very sought-after red telephone boxes designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935. The one at the corner of Rutts Lane was purchased by the council a few years back, for the sum of £1, to house one of the parish's three defibrillators. The box at the corner of Lavington Lane would have been removed by BT since use can no longer be justified. Happily this will not happen. Councillors have decided that the parish should not let this iconic landmark go, and so it too will become a permanent parish-owned fixture.

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 Parish Council met on 8 May, and will meet again on 5 June.

The May meeting is traditionally the Annual General Meeting, when the Chair and Vic Chair are elected for the following year. It was unanimously agreed that Steph Davies should remain as Chair, ably supported by Rob Hayward as Vice Chair. The Council welcomed Amyas Godfrey, who brings the number of Councillors back up to seven.

There are a number of Standing Issues which are allotted to specific Councillors. These are:

Bank Account Signatories	Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Hayward, Cllr. Simons
Emergency Planning	Cllr. A. Alexander, Cllr. T. Alexander
Financial Oversight (Financial Regulation 2.2)	Cllr. T. Alexander
Footpaths	Cllr. Godfrey
Grounds Maintenance team	Cllr. Hayward
Litter – signage, Clean-up campaigns	Cllr. Godfrey
Parish Steward liaison	Cllr. Pearce
Pavilion Trust (ex officio)	Cllr. Hayward, Cllr. Simons
Planning	Cllr. A. Alexander
Playground (Health & Safety)	Cllr. Simons
School liaison (Competition)	Cllr. Godfrey
Traffic	Cllr. T. Alexander
Community Area Traffic Group representation	Cllr. Simons
Tree inspections (Health & Safety)	Cllr. Godfrey

The key item on the agenda was considering the Financial Accounts and supporting Statements for 2016/17. These are now subject to Audit, but will soon be made available for Public Inspection by Parishioners.

The Council was disappointed to note the very poor turn-out by villagers for the Village Clean-up Day on 22 April. More involvement will be required if this exercise is to be repeated.

Local Buses

The Council was pleased to note that, following consultation, only minor changes have been made to the bus timetables. You are advised to check for changes to the routes you use but, as before, the message is "use it or lose it".

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

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

AGM and Meeting on 10th May 2017 in Little Cheverell Village Hall. This is a summary of the business at both meetings. The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village.

AGM

- 1. Wesley Parfitt was elected chair for 2017-2018 and Anne Venus was elected vice chair. Other councillors will fill the following posts: Anne Venus- Responsible Financial Officer, Wesley Parfitt- Clerk and Sue Ivey will provide liaison for the Parish Steward scheme.
- 2. The chair gave a formal vote of thanks to Val Bruce, who had resigned after 16 years as a parish councillor. He also welcomed Bill Mowatt to the council.
- 3. The chair gave his annual report for the year 2016-2017 as follows: Another year of good progress on a number of items. First some personnel matters: following the resignation of Sholto Hedderwick, after the full legal process, we were able to coopt Linda Deane onto the Council in July. As you will have seen, Val Bruce tendered her resignation from the council at the end of the council term and Bill Mowatt has joined in her place. In November, the long sought after 'Single Track Road No Passing Places' signs were emplaced in Low Road. By continuing Thomas Morrison's policy of dispensing with a professional clerk and doing all this work ourselves, the Council has managed to build up a reserve of funds which have allowed us to help finance improvements. After a campaign and survey conducted by Michael Maxwell, in July 2016 the Council began the process of getting a 20mph speed limit on Low Road by writing to Wiltshire Council and offering to donate £3000 toward the cost. This was successful and lead to the installation of metro-counters along Low Road. The speeding figures for these were 'favourable' and Wiltshire Council agreed in principle to introduce the 20mph limit. A decision as to when it will be installed, scheduled to be made on 14 June, has now been postponed as a result of the recent elections. Without our donation Wiltshire Council would not have considered our request for the 20 mph speed limit. Michael also put in considerable effort to get better broadband speed to several house at the bottom of Low Road, but with less success here so far. Gil Rooke did sterling work on behalf of the Council, compiling an application for a grant under the Pathways Improvement Grants Scheme, 'PIGS' for short. Subsequently he arranged improvements to some footpaths and the installation of several new kissing gates. In October Wiltshire Council reintroduced the Parish Warden scheme to do minor maintenance along roads. Sue Ivey kindly agreed to be the parish coordinator and, despite a lack of continuity of the wardens, has managed to get improvements done. The Council has recently taken delivery of a defibrillator at a hire cost of £1800 for 4 years from South West Parish Ambulance Trust. The Trust will be responsible for training villagers, maintenance and replacements. The defib will shortly be installed in the old phone kiosk and this will be publicised in the News and Views so that as many people as possible are made aware of it. As you can see, over the past year, the Council has been responsive to the wishes and needs of the village wherever possible and will continue to do so over its next 4 vear term.
- 4. The AGM closed at 7.23

Parish Council Meeting

- 1.It was confirmed that the Responsible Financial Officer has certified the annual accounts and ensured a full internal audit
- 2. Three invoices were approved the hire of the village hall for 3 x meetings / payment to the SW Ambulance Services for the Defibrillator / Subscription to the Wilts Assoc of Local Councils.
- 3. It was agreed to canvass the opinion of local residents for suggestions of ways that the Parish Council might spend money on village initiatives
- 4. The 20 mph speed limit should be discussed at the next CATG meeting which will be rescheduled as it had been postponed due to the General Election. Post meeting note- the date is now Wednesday 14 June 2017, 10.00am
- 5. The defibrillator has been delivered and will be installed soon.
- 6. During AOB councillors discussed a report from a resident about a footpath leading to Littleton Pannell becoming overgrown, some reported vandalism at Hillside Farm and the pros and cons of the possibility of Little Cheverell having its own website. Bill Mowatt agreed to make some enquiries.
- 7. The meeting closed at 8.20pm and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th July at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

LITTLE CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL – PROPOSED BBQ

The idea of holding a BBQ this year was supported by 7 responses out of the 74 families who were sent questionnaires a short while ago. Of the 7, one couple was prepared to commit to helping to organise the event. The remaining 6 limited assistance to salads etc. Unfortunately to set up a BBQ as we have done in the past requires more than that set out above. We need committed help with getting the food, BBQ itself and setting it up, putting up the tent, arranging the tables, cooking at the BBQ, serving from the tables, and afterwards clearing up, taking the tent down, washing up and general tiding up. There are other things which have been done without asking before and always led to a very enjoyable event. In addition the profit obtained helped towards the running costs of the village hall and greens.

This year we are heading for a deficit of at least £440 this year and this takes account of a grant from the Parish Council of £250 for grass cutting at the village hall. I am sorry to say that unless I get at least eight committed volunteers we shall not be able to organise the BBQ this year. The proposed date for the event is Sunday the 13th August and I need sufficient support by the 30th June. Names to me by post, email or phone before that date please. Those who volunteer will be kept updated.

Michael Brain, brainc@btinternet.com, 01380812212.

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C of e primary academy

Statutory Assessments

In May, all children who are in Year 6 (11 years old) have to write the socalled SATS tests in English and Maths. The tests are set by a Government

department, delivered securely in sealed bags, kept locked up until they day they are written and then are sent away for external marking. This is the main measure that the Government uses to hold schools to account for the quality of education that they provide.

We are proud of the fact that our children always do exceptionally well in the SATS – this year the Regional Schools' Commissioner wrote to us confirming that we are once again one of the highest performing schools in the South West – but we are even more delighted with all the other learning that our children do. They are people of great compassion, courage and joy. They are aspirational and resilient. These are the values and qualities that will ensure that they live happy and fulfilled lives. We also make sure that they engage in learning through a broad and balanced curriculum, with sport, music, art, the humanities, science, design technology, ICT and cooking all playing a large part in their curriculum.

Our children tackle the SATS cheerfully and confidently – they know that they have been well taught and they are in a good position to show what they can do. We do not do any holiday revisions clubs or after school revisions clubs – they should not be necessary. We always ask Lavington Secondary school to send some of their staff to our school to monitor our administration of these tests so that we can prove the probity and integrity with which we run our exams. The assistant Headteacher wrote to us afterwards saying, "Your systems were incredibly rigorous and robust." She also praised our children for their calm, focused attitude to the tests.

Residential Trips

All our children from Year 3 upwards are given the opportunity to go on a residential trip at some point in the year. At the end of this half term, the children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be going to the Forest of Dean for a residential trip. They will take part in caving, climbing, orienteering, the Leap of Faith and many other great outdoor activities. This is a chance for them to test themselves, to gain independence and to learn more about working as a team. The trips are great fun.

Donations

As the education budget cuts begin to bite very hard, we are extremely grateful for the significant and generous donations to our school from the James Townsend Charitable Trust (who gave us a substantial sum to improve the books in our library) and the Edington Station Yard Trust (who have committed to covering the cost of specialist music tuition for three years). These are the gifts which allow us to ensure that the education we provide is rich and inspiring. Our most sincere thanks go to these charities for their generosity.

Come and see our school

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

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Firstly, at Lavington Pre-school, we would like to say a warm welcome to Brody, Hanna and Charlie who have joined us this term, we hope you and your families have a fantastic time here with us. Last term was a short but busy term and we spent our time planting and tending to our garden in the sunshine. Our 'Plants and Growing' theme has been a great success and we have even created a bean stalk in our class room with the children each making their own leaf to go on it. This term, after discussions

with the children, we will be focusing our investigations on 'The Seaside', we will be creating our own seaside within Pre-school and talking about the animals who live in the sea. We will be covering all aspects of the Early Years Curriculum within this topic and we will also be focusing on phonics recognition in preparation for school for the older children.

At the end of the Spring Term all the children took part in our annual sponsored trike ride, it was a lovely sunny day and it was well attended. The children managed to raise an amazing £377 by asking friends and family to sponsor them, this will be used to purchase a climbing pirate ship for our garden. We would like to express a massive thank you to everyone who sponsored the children in this event. The child who raised the most sponsorship money was Elsie, well done Elsie!! We hope you enjoy your prize.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Literacy: Writing in the EYFS, 40-60 months "Talk to children about the letters that represent the sounds they hear at the beginning of their own names and other familiar words."

CO-OP: Thank you to everyone who chose us as your local cause, we are delighted to announce that we were given a donation of £873 from the Co-op. All these funds help to enhance the experiences of the children here.

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING: You may eligible, if you have a child between 24 - 36 months old, for up to 15 hours funded childcare per week you. 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,

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EXERCISE CLASSES

Market Lavington

Mon 6.45-7.45pm Green Dragon Weds 10-11am Green Dragon Friday 10-11am The Old School Devizes

Mon 10-11am Wyvern Club

Claire: 01380 812483 claire@clairelilley.com





Mothers' At our meeting on 8th May we discussed "Faith in Action" which is this year's theme

Christian care for families for Mothers' Union. We were delighted that Eileen Hinton could join us and she told us

about her friend Carrie, who does Bible translation work in the Far East and has been out there for about 20 years. She is supported in her work by various churches in the UK.

At future meetings a tabletop sale of small items will take place in order to cover MU expenses.

Our next meeting will be held on 12th June at 2.15 p.m. in the Giles Room at the Village Hall, West Lavington. Charlotte Bell will be coming along to talk to us about "Christians Against Poverty". Members from the Devizes Deanery will also be invited.

BOOKMARK GREAT CHEVERELL

At our last meeting we discussed two very different novels. The first was How to Measure a Cow by Margaret Foster. The story begins prison. She moves far from her old life and friends who she feels deserted her in her time of need. A



kind of friendship develops with a neighbour. Tara is a tough character self-entred and manipulating. The themes explored are perceptions of friendships, expectations and the force of the past, difficult beginings and questionsof identity. We all enjoyed the read and it led to much discussion. A good read.

The second book was At the edge of the Orchard by Tracey Chevalier. Set in Ohio and California in the 1830's it tells the story of the Goodenough family whobarely scratch a living growing apple trees in an inhospitable land. Robert and his sister marthe watch their parents marriage disintegrate in disputes over whether to grow sweet apples to eat or sour apples for cider. Robert leaves after a final fight between his parents and crosses America to find a life among the giant redwwod and sequoia forest in California. This proved to be a factually interesting book with details on early plant hunters sending specimens back to Europe. It was again a novel we enjoyed and would recommend.

Wendy Wilshin



For our May meeting we had a return visit from the ever popular Carl Gill. Carl taught horticulture for 30 years heverells but is now retired. In retirement he still finds time to do landscaping and design, and to act as a reviewer and examiner for several institutions and to give talks to

garden clubs. For our meeting Carl demonstrated how to plant up a hanging basket and how to plant up a container. He advised us on what compost to use, what materials were available as liners and gave advice on the feeding and watering of the plants throughout the season.

One useful piece of advice that he gave us was to read the instructions on the packaging of materials that we were purchasing. Much work has gone into tailor making products for specific purposes and making the correct purchase can improve the chances of success. For instance, some composts have been designed for hanging baskets and may already contain feed to cover the first six weeks of growth. Most NPK fertilizers will have the ratio of nitrogen, phosphate and potassium clearly shown. Put simply, the nitrogen promotes leaf growth, the phosphates promote root growth and the potassium promotes flower and fruit growth. You may need one component to predominate at different phases of the life of your plants in the container.

While Carl was doing the demonstrations he gave us some useful tips. He advised the use of a turntable, such as you use for icing cakes, so that you can stand in one place and rotate the container when planting. He demonstrated the use of a split cardboard tube from a kitchen roll as protection for a plant while you were trying to poke the plant through the side of a hanging basket. He advised to make certain that you did not accidently bury the hanging chains for the hanging basket in your enthusiasm to get started, as happened with a hapless student. And he cautioned against overfilling the basket or container. Choosing where to hang a basket or to position a container could influence the amount of energy you will need to expend on keeping it flourishing. Direct sunlight may not suit some plants. Up high in a windy position might mean you will have to water more frequently.

At the end of the meeting there was enthusiastic participation in an auction for the planted up hanging basket and the container.

The Garden Club plant sale that we held on 13 May was a great success. Members had generously donated lots of seedlings and plants. Everyone who attended seemed to find something to purchase. The refreshments proved popular too.

Our next meeting is the first of a series of summer outings. We will be visiting Beggars Knoll Chinese Gardens in Westbury on Tuesday 13 June. There will be an entrance charge for members of £3.50 and for non members £5.50. Meet at the earlier time of 6pm at Great Cheverell Village Hall where we will arrange to share transport as there is limited parking at the gardens.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

Badgers end of season presentations and fun day will be at West Lavington Village Hall on Saturday 17th June from 1000-1700. This event will see presentations of Players Player of the Year, CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

TheFA

Supporters Player of the Year and Managers Player of the Year awards for each team. For all teams, there will be 'bubble warz' with 'zorb football' and inflatable fun along with a BBQ and refreshments. There will be an

opportunity for existing and new players to sign on for next season as well as be sized for new training tops which club will provide to all players as part of their strips. All players and families welcome to come along and enjoy the day.

We are also looking to attract more players and potential coaches to our setup to help drive forward participation in football across the area. 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.

For those unaware, we are unable to publish scores for teams below U12 to comply with league regulations, so the descriptions we give need to comply with that ruling.

Team updates:

- U14 Team finished a very credible 4th in their first season in the top league. The team also enjoyed their tour to Belguim where the played against teams from Broechem during which they made many friends and left a Worton & Cheverell Pennant in the oppositions clubhouse! The team have entered a few tournaments to take them into summer break before restarting for next season.
- U13 Team finished a very credible 4th in the league. The team have entered a number of tournaments and have already been successful in winning the Westbury tournament under floodlights.
- U11 Team have come on leaps and bounds from start of season and have developed into an excellent team. Three tournaments entered for post-season. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays from 1730-1830 until 16 June and then restarts towards end of July.
- U10 League matches finished on 13th may and are continuing to play 9 a side matches in preparation for next season. Entering tournaments over Wiltshire in June with training continuing on Friday nights 7-8pm
- Committees • U9's finished the season well and will train at St Barnabus School on Fridays 1800-1900 until the end of June. The team are looking forward to 4 tournaments. New players welcome for next season.
- U8's have been playing well as a team and have one more league match to play. Looking to increase numbers of players for next season when we go to 7 a side. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays 1730-1830.
- U7's have taken part in their first tournament and had a great time. The team have one more league match to go and are working hard and improving all the time. Looking for players to increase squad size. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays 1730-1830.
- U5/6 –Fun training on Friday night 1730 to 1800 St Barnabus School until end of June. All welcome Please contact Mark Goddard on number below for information.

U5/6/9 - Mark Goddard - 01380 813160 U10 - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781 U13 - Stewart Swann - 01380 812329

U7 and U8 - Sharon Black 01380 818193 U11 - Neil Black - 01380 818193 U14 - Jake Davis - 07741 306303

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

Organisation

JUNE AT TRINITY CHURCH

in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

4th June 10.30 am Clive Illman Service for Pentecost at *aBeckett's Vineyard*, Littleton Panell, followed by picnic lunch 11th June 11.00 am United Service at St Mary's Church Market Lavington 18th June 10.30 am Tom Hill 24th June 10.30 am Janet Ruddick



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BAPTISMS

Joey FOX of Market Lavington was baptised by Rev Marion Harrison at St Mary's Church on 23rd April 2017.

Charles and Annabel STOVOLD of Easterton were baptised by Rev Ann Cocking at St Barnabas Church on 20th May 2017.

WEDDINGS

Angela DASH and Thomas STRAKER were married by Rev Richard Armitage at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 29th April 2017.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Bill Elliott from Great Cheverell drew the winning numbers for the month of May. The 1st prize of £40 goes to Sharon Woffindale of Market Lavington and the second prize goes to Jonathan Pye of Little Cheverell. Congratulations to both winners.

Bonnie Matters 816133



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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Voting Intentions

No, I'm not going to try and suggest whom you should vote for on 8th June. 'That's a relief,' you might respond, 'I wouldn't have taken any notice anyway.' Fair enough. It isn't really the job of church leaders to meddle in party politics. Elections, eh? Some people cast their votes tribally because theirs has always been a Tory/Labour/Lib Dem family. Couldn't think of voting any other way. Others take a more considered approach. They read the manifestos, watch the TV coverage, consider what the newspaper columnists have to say before making up their minds on who they would like to see running the country. Then there's the, 'don't vote, it only encourages them' brigade. I just can't be bothered with that kind of apathy. After all, governments have the power to make a difference in a whole range of areas that impact on our everyday lives, defence and security, law and order, the economy, education, health, etc. And through the ballot box we the people get to have a say on who wields that power. That said, we shouldn't pin all our hopes for a better world on politicians. They are only human after all. Their grand plans and promises are often overtaken by unforeseen events. Plans may need to be adjusted and sincerely made promises may prove impossible to keep. The Bible wisely warns us, "Do not put your trust in princes" (Psalm 146:3).

Only God is worthy of our total trust. He was willing to send his own Son, Jesus to die on the cross and be raised from the dead that we might be forgiven and enjoy new life. We can be sure that God's plans will never fail and his promises will always hold good. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord... to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11). That gets my vote.

'Pop-up Coffee Bar' from 10.00 to 11.30 am on Friday 7 April. Come along for a friendly chat over a nice cuppa.

'Time for Tea Plus' 4.30 pm on 23 April. Join us for Sunday tea followed by a short service. Expect an array of sandwiches, a variety of cakes and a plentiful supply of tea or coffee. Then comes the 'plus' bit, half an hour of hymn singing, prayer and a snappy message from the Bible.

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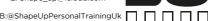
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