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Calendar of Services - March 2017 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
5th March 1st Sunday of Lent	10.30 am at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington Benefice Worship Together Family Communion and Baptism				
12th March Lent 2	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's	9/9.30 am Breakfast Church (Food and Fun for Families)	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's, ML	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	
19th March Lent 3	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship (Family Friendly)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
26th March Mothering Sunday	9/9.30 am Breakfast Church Old School, ML (Food and Fun for Families)	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Communion	11.00 am Mothering Sunday Family Service	11.00 am Mothering Sunday Communion	
2nd April	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together All Saints' Church, West Lavington				

MARCH REFLECTION

Hello everyone.

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received not only from within the Church community but also from the wider community that makes up our Benefice. Now that I am licensed I look forward to meeting and getting to know more of you in the months ahead.

Looking ahead, March sees the start of Lent. That time in the Church when we examine our faith on a personal level. A time to reflect upon the redeeming work of Jesus through the lens of His Crucifixion and Resurrection. How this relates to our wellbeing, our relationships with family and friends and the ordering of our day to day lives, and what that may have to say to each of us about how we live out our faith in a rapidly changing world.

But if like most of us that all seems a little too deep, well how about looking at the booklet "Praying Together" the Diocese has produced for the coming season. The booklet contains a short Bible reading, a reflection, a prayer and an action for every day throughout Lent starting with Ash Wednesday on the 1st March. "Praying Together" lent 2017, can be found in your local church or obtained from either the churchwardens or the benefice office.

Of course there is one celebration that happens each year before Lent starts, Shrove Tuesday, better known as PANCAKE DAY.

The Ministry Team wish you all many pancakes and a thoughtful Lent.

Revd. Marion Harrison (01389 816963)

The Rectory, 25 White Street,
West Lavington, SN10 4LW

Email: Benefice Office churchlavington@gmail.com

Regular worship in our sister churches:

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

4:30pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

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CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington:

St Peter's, Great Cheverell:

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Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)

Ian Christie (813940)

Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

BINGO

Monday March 20th at 7.30 p.m.
Lots of Prizes with Easter theme and a Raffle. Come along for an evening of amusement

BOOK SALE

Sale of Books on Saturday 11th February proved again to be popular and raised £145 on the day. With thanks to all who supporte this fund raising event for the hall.

HIRE OF GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

The Hall can be hired for small events . Cost £6.50 for one hourand £1 extra for each subsequent hour. Also available for parties for children 10 years and under: Cost £10.

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Lynne Rayner
Secretary West Lavington Village Hall.

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Friday, March 3rd

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At 2 p.m.

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Refreshments

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LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION GROUP

Lavington and District World War One Battlefield Trip September 2017



Soldiers of the Wiltshire Regiment moving up the line. The Somme 28 August 1916

Some while back when my son attended Lavington School he was very lucky to go on a History trip to visit the WWI Battlefields. Although keen on History, the events of 1914 to 1918 meant little to him but with his classmates, he spent several days and nights learning about what the soldiers faced. That experience made a big impression on him, which will last both him and his friends a lifetime.

I was grateful to the school for giving him the opportunity and on reflection the idea of visiting the area with a group of similarly minded people, being able to spend time together both day and night thinking, discussing and generally mulling over what our forebears went through was something I would have loved to have done. Like many people of my generation my Grandparents were caught up in the horrors of World War One. My Grandfather, Paget Adams, was a teenage soldier when he was called up. Wounded in the conflict and invalided home, he was one of the fortunate ones. I would like to honour his memory by visiting the area where he fought. Now I, and others, can.

In September this year a group of people from the Lavington district will have the wonderful opportunity to visit the World War 1 battlefields. The group will be staying in the Belgian town of Ypres, where much of the fighting the British Army was involved in took place. Expert battlefield guide Steve Williams will lead us (some of you will remember him from his involvement in the WWI events we have had in the village). This is a one-off opportunity to mark the one-hundred years since many soldiers from the Lavington area and of course the Commonwealth who passed through our villages, went to fight in France and Belgium.

This trip is open to everyone who would like to attend.

Date: Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th September 2017. Provisional all-inclusive cost: £375 per person

Our aim is to take anyone from the area who wants to go on the trip. A lot of interest has already been sparked, so, if you would like to go please contact Emma, the Lavington and District World War One Commemoration Group secretary at simplysign@aol.com or me, Frank Jones, on francisajones@hotmail.com. I hope to see you on the trip. Kind regards,

Frank Jones

Chairman, Lavington and District World War One Commemoration Group.

HOSTS FOR GOURMET MEALS

The All Saints Social and Fundraising committee are planning to hold a Progressive Dinner on Saturday 13th May. This is a gourmet fun evening where you have drinks and starters at one house; move to another house for your main course; another for your dessert and finally end up for coffee and mints at a final house! You will have each course with a different group of people so it's a terrific way to make new friends in the village.

We are currently looking for hosts who can fit between 6-8 (or even more!) people around their dining room/kitchen table and who would be happy to prepare, cook and serve a main or dessert course. Your expenses will be refunded to you. If you are able to help please could you contact Caroline on 07921763058. Once we have enough hosts we will publish details of the event so that you can buy a ticket to attend! Any funds raised will go to the Church.



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

And more diary dates!!

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

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

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

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

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



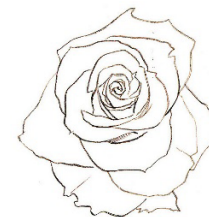
EDINGTON ARTS' FIRST 2017 CONCERT

Saturday 25th March sees Edington Arts welcoming their first string sextet to the Priory Church, launching the 2017 season.

The Chamber Players of St John are all Principals of the well-reviewed Orchestra of St John, based in Oxfordshire and in Smith Square, London. Two violins, two violas and two cellos produce a rich chamber music sound, and the ensemble, who have toured throughout the UK, have chosen a lovely programme of music written for this more unusual grouping.

Richard Strauss' opening sextet to his final opera, Capriccio, Borodin's wonderfully lush Sextet in D Minor, and Brahms' Sextet No 2 in G major, lesser known than his first but if anything more interesting, combine to offer a really exciting evening's music. Be prepared to be both shaken and stirred!

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



THE LADIES' ROOM
West Lavington Village Hall,
Saturday 18 March, 7pm – 10pm.

You are invited to come along to our 'Ladies' Room 2017' evening, a PoD (People of Dauntsey Academy Primary) event, to raise funds for our local school.

The Ladies' Room is a fun opportunity for Mums, Daughters, Friends and Girls of all ages (from 14 years), to come together for pampering and a little retail therapy ahead of Mothers' Day.

Come and browse Stella & Dot jewellery, Jamberry designs, Wiltshire Liqueurs, Echolane glass, Cositas Bonitas and Tiny Toes Mementoes; learn more about House of Colour. In addition there will be 'talking tables' where you can just chat on subjects as varied as sports therapy, hypnotherapy, mindfulness and meditation; and of course our therapists will be doing what they do best from ear candling to reiki; henna tattoos to makeovers; mini manicures to brow tidies! Fully licenced so do visit our Gin Bar!

Tickets £7.50 (to include a glass of fizz and nibbles) and to pre-book treatments contact Gaile Bishop on 01249 816665. Tickets also available on the door on the evening. Book your session early to avoid disappointment!

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Hall - Daytime	£7.00	£8.00	£8.00	£10.00
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WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The beginning of February saw a 'gig' put on by the Manhattan Nights who were formed 50 years ago and, I understand, started up at their local youth club in the Lavingtons. They thought it appropriate to celebrate the fact by putting on a 'gig' in Market Lavington. We are very grateful that they intend donating some of the money raised to our West Lavington Youth Club, thank you.

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

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

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

Charity takes time out to launch £25k appeal

The Carer Support Wiltshire, Time For Carers Appeal is raising £25,000 to give the thousands of unpaid carers they support a break, and they are calling on the people of Wiltshire to help them reach their target.

3 in 5 of us will become a carer at some point in our lives. Often as a result of illness or accident suffered by a loved one, many take on the role without question, but are often unprepared for the impact on their own life and health.

“One thing all carers say – whatever their age – is that they need a little time for themselves. Yet our research shows one in three carers never have a weekend or evening break from their caring role, and one in three feel guilty if they do. Many don't have time to enjoy some of the things we all take for granted, like a trip to the cinema, taking part in a sporting activity or spending time with friends. This can affect their physical and mental wellbeing and lead to feelings of isolation, “says Catharine Hurford, CSW Chief Executive.

“All the money we raise through this appeal will go directly to enabling carers to have a bit of time to themselves.”

We are calling on people to get involved with fundraisers or sponsored events, and businesses to make CSW their charity of the year.

You can find out more about the appeal here: <http://carersinwiltshire.co.uk>

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Every two years, Wiltshire Council conducts a survey of its staff. The results for November/December 2016 have just been published. In these times when budgets for local authorities are ever tighter, when staff numbers are still falling and when no end is in sight, you might expect that staff morale would be low.

Far from it! Not only did a record majority of staff respond to the survey but I can report that Wiltshire Council staff are, in the main, remarkably cheerful and positively engaged. Very high scores were recorded for “Culture, wellbeing & safety” and for “Teamwork”. Empowerment, Innovation and Collaboration were strongly positive. A record number of staff said they were proud to work for the council and would recommend Wiltshire Council as a great place to work.

It is appropriate, therefore, that I should pay credit to the staff and the leadership team for coping so well in challenging times. Some individuals have to be out in all weathers. Some have to deal with very distressing and difficult situations. Some have to face aggressive members of the public. Many are working long hours or travelling long distances. Some, poor souls, even have to engage with councillors.

There are several things you could do to help:

- Use the My Wiltshire app to report potholes or fly-tipping or broken street lights, etc. A link to the app can be found on the Wiltshire Council homepage: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/>
- Volunteer. There are many areas where your contribution could be invaluable. Come to the Devizes Volunteering Forum on Tuesday 7 March from 5.30pm – 7pm at Devizes School. The event will bring together organisations that benefit from the work of volunteers with members of the public who are interested in volunteering. More than 20 organisations are already signed up.
- Be a good citizen. Don't drop litter or leave your dog poo lying around. Don't park your car where it can obstruct other traffic or do anything to annoy your neighbour.
- Be nice to Wiltshire Council staff.

There are local elections on 4th May and I am not allowed to write in the pre-election “purdah” period so this is my last Message for a while (and possibly forever). Therefore, this is my only chance to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

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

The Great British Spring Clean - pride in our neighbourhood Saturday, March 4th

Just days away! Calling all Littleton Panell and West Lavington residents who want to see our villages ready for spring. Gather at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, March 4th at the Youth Club by the Village Hall for the start of The Great British Spring Clean. Like the fantastic Clean for the Queen success last year, the Parish Council aims to get our local streets, signs, bus shelters and playing fields looking good. Your help is needed and very welcome.

Safety advice will be given and allocation of locations to be covered will take place. While some equipment will be provided, volunteers are asked, if they can, to bring heavy duty gloves, shovels, brooms, and wear warm waterproof clothing and stout footwear. Volunteers taking part are covered under the parish council public liability insurance.

Tea and coffee will be provided and West Lavington Twinning Association's Café Continental will be selling soup and that old French staple 'Croque Monsieur' in the Village Hall, available for all, whether cleaning or not, from 10.30am to 2pm.

Let's make our villages sparkle!

Anti-Dog Fouling campaign

The anti dog-fouling campaign is under way with posters around the villages, on footpaths and surrounding farmland. Yet reports have been received of cars arriving at the Village Hall and of dogs let loose to roam and defecate on the playing fields. We know that the majority of dog owners are highly responsible for their dogs and we thank them. But some are not, as evidenced by faeces and dog poo bags which continue to be left abandoned. There are six dog waste bins, red in colour for easy recognition, around the playing field parameter. Kindly have regard for our neighbours. Always scoop the poop and bin it!

Footpath Survey and Legal Duties

As you will be aware, keeping pavements and footpaths clear of debris and overgrowth is a constant battle. That's why the Parish Council surveys the villages and their surrounding paths (the Spring survey has just been completed) and actively encourages and co-ordinates groups of volunteers to help clear some of the footpaths around the parish. However, some of the overgrowth in the parish is from residents' gardens adjacent to public pavements and rights of way. For the general well-being and enjoyment of inhabitants of Littleton Panell and West Lavington, could I remind householders and land owners of their legal duty and encourage you to cut back any garden overgrowth (avoiding, of course, nesting birds). Thank you.

Handyman and Contractors

The Parish Council encounters occasions when small tasks arise suitable for a (paid) handyman. These tasks mainly entail outside works associated with the playing fields, playground, bus shelters, etc. If anyone is interested in undertaking such work, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

At the same time we also have occasions when larger tasks require particular building skills. Any local companies or individuals who would like to go on a parish list of approved contractors for this type of work, again please contact the Clerk.

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.



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CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met in early February. Considerable discussion was had around traffic issues, as follows:

- The Council received a presentation from a Devizes resident about the dangerous crossroads at Pear Tree Lane, which is widely used for residential and recreational purposes given its direct access to Salisbury Plain. Given the speed of traffic along the B3098, especially heading west from The Lavingtons, exiting the lane is a perilous undertaking. The Council fully supports the concern, and is pursuing suitable signage changes and speed enforcement with Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police;
- Another traffic issue, concerning crossing from Holy Trinity School to Witchcombe Close at peak traffic times when children are arriving, was also considered but further information is awaited from the School;
- The Council remains concerned about the continuing use of Great Cheverell as an approved HGV diversion route. This is contrary to the village's Conservation Area status, and also breaches a number of Wiltshire Council Core Strategies. Damage has recently been caused to Listed Buildings. This long-running issue will, again, be taken up with Wiltshire Council.

The Council is arranging First Aid training for parishioners. Some volunteers have come forward since the last report, but there's still room for more ! Please contact me if you're interested.

The next meeting of the Council will be on 13 March. As well as all the usual Standing Issues, work is starting on getting the paperwork and policies in good shape for the forthcoming end-of-year audits. Unexciting, but essential, and it's important to provide a good level of assurance to Parishioners on the correct use of your money. More details will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting, which is scheduled for 20 April. More on that in the next issue.

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

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LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term the children's investigations have been centred on "Plants and Growing". As part of this we have been getting very green fingered in our garden; we have been creating new life from seeds and also talking a lot about growing, how we grow, how all living things grow and what we need to grow! The children are really enjoying the topic and it has proved a useful way to cover all aspects of the Early Years Curriculum from mathematics, when we count seeds, to understanding the world, as we watch it

grow. If you feel you have something relevant that you would like to share with the children please let us know, it is always lovely for the children to have local visitors! Last term we talked about the celebration of the Chinese New Year, the year of the Rooster, and the children tried, and really enjoyed, Chinese noodles and Prawn Crackers. We are now busy practising for our annual sponsored Easter Trike Ride. All our children will be looking for sponsorship so please give generously if you can. This year we will be giving a prize to the child raising the most sponsorship money.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Managing feelings and behaviour 22-36 months "Help children to recognise when their actions hurt others. Be wary of expecting children to say sorry before they have a real understanding of what this means".

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

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING: You may be eligible, if you have a child between 24 - 36 months old, for up to 15 hours funded childcare per week. If you think you might be eligible, you will need to complete a funding form: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/early-years-better-together-funding.pdf>

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

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



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Lions and other wonderful things

Most classes in our school have used the theme of "Lions" for this term. It has proven to be a tremendously exciting project, with a trip to Longleat to see some live lions in the safari park and to research images of lions in art and on furniture in the big house.

I have received some really persuasive letters, suggesting that we set up a lion reserve on our beautiful field and keep some lions there! The children assure me that they will clean them out each day and will learn a lot about responsibility, courage and caring through having the lions. We have enjoyed a musical performance of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" from our youngest children. Music from the Lion King is being orchestrated by the children themselves and will be performed in a huge ensemble of three classes on Friday 10th March.

Meanwhile, the oldest children in the school have been finding out about the anatomy of the heart, through dissections of real hearts! They have written excellent diaries about this, and can talk confidently about aortas, ventricles and other structures in the heart, having seen them, and even, if they wished to, having touched them in real life.

Clubs

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a wide variety of special interest clubs at our school. We have winter and summer sports clubs, a cricket club, handbells, chess, judo, art and crafts, gardening, ukulele and other short courses in things like archery, dance and engineering.

Bluebell wood

We have a little area of woodland on our grounds, which the children call Bluebell Wood. The children have planted lots of new trees around the perimeter of this area so that we can increase the size of the woodland over the coming years and generations. At this time of year, we enjoy watching the earliest spring flowers starting to bloom and the children find out how important it is to protect and nurture these special habitats for the plants and animals that live there.

Every day is an open day

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

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)



NEWS FROM DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a wonderful year it has been so far! Everyone is excited about the snow drops and daffodils that are beginning to grow because it means that Spring is on its way! Our pupils are so proud of their school environment and grounds and spring means warmer, dryer weather (hopefully) which means more time outside. Our gardening club will begin making plans for their beds and Forest School begins to come alive before our eyes.

Our Curriculum

Here at Dauntsey Academy we enjoy learning through the International Primary Curriculum alongside the National Curriculum and feedback from pupils and parents is very positive in terms of levels of engagement and enjoyment which results in high quality learning. At the start of each topic, there is an Entry Point which hooks the children into the topic and wets their appetite for more information! Our Year 3 and 4 pupils have enjoyed visits from a BA pilot and RAF engineer as well as a fabulous trip to @Bristol to launch their topic "Gateways to the World". Year 5 have just begun a topic called "Fairgrounds" and also enjoyed a trip to @Bristol which included an 'Innoventions' workshop based on Forces. Early Years became detectives as they discovered a crime scene in their class with clues such as a broken chair and table alongside half-finished porridge and a lock of blond hair! At the end of the topic all the children have an Exit Point where they get to celebrate and share their learning, usually with parents, and highlight the progress they have made.

Grandparents Tea

At the beginning of January, when it's especially cold and grey, we gave over 100 of our grandparents a reason to smile. They were invited to join us for the afternoon to share in their grandchildren's learning. On arrival, they were greeted and escorted to their grandchildren's class by our prefects. This is where they spent time working alongside their grandchildren before being taken into a decorated school hall where tea and cakes were on offer as they listened to our school choir. It was a fabulous afternoon and lovely opportunity for the children to be able to show off their school.

Choir

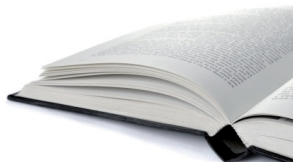
We LOVE to sing at DAPS and our choirs are renowned for their performances for the school and in the community. The staff choir, although don't get much time for practice, love to sing together and the Young Male Voice choir also love to perform. I am often left spellbound by the bravery of even our youngest members who offer and enjoy singing solos in front of a large audience. We recently took our choir up the NEC to perform with Young Voices which had over 6000 primary aged children singing together. The opportunity for our children to perform in a live concert was not to be missed. Having taken part at the O2 for the last few years it was good to try a different venue. Our choir launched into the performance and sang their hearts out while dancing like professionals! I won't mention the adult members rocking to the 'Summer of 69.'

We welcome you to visit our school and see for yourselves

If you feel your child would enjoy being a part of our school community, please come and visit us, have a look around and chat to the Headteacher. DAPS is a supportive, friendly and happy school where children learn to love learning and aspire to be the best they can be.

BOOKMARK GREAT CHEVERELL

At our first meeting in 2017 we discussed two very different novels. *The Sunrise* by Victoria Hislop is set in 1972 in Famagusta in Cyprus. The city is popular with tourist and business thrives. An ambitious couple open the most spectacular hotel where Greek and Turkish Cypriots work in harmony. Then follows chaos as Turkey invades. The story of two families coping together against the odds is riveting. We all enjoyed both the descriptive writing and the tension build up towards a final ending. It was we agreed worth 9/10. The other book was *This Must Be The Place* by Maggie O'Farrell. The story revolves around Daniel Sullivan a man with a complicated life. A New Yorker living in the wilds of Ireland, with children he never sees in California and a wife who is a recluse ex film star given to shooting at anyone who ventures up the drive. The story of what happens to Daniel proves absorbing and we agreed it was an enjoyable absorbing read, again we voted 9/10. A good start to our list of books for this year.



Wendy Wilshin



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Looking further ahead, The Twinning Association will be holding a Spanish Evening on Saturday April 29th in WL Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is open to all and £12.50 entrance will included 4 course meal with a Spanish theme. There will also be a wine bar and raffle.

Our visit to France this year is the weekend of 14th July and plans are now well advanced.

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

Please call 01380 818510 for a membership form.

Michael Page, Secretary (818510)

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The Great British Spring Clean

West Lavington Twinning Association will be selling tea, coffee, soup and that old French staple 'Croque Monsieur' – the best this side of Paris! -in the Village Hall WL, on March 4th, available for all, whether cleaning or not, from 10.30am to 2pm.

Let's make our villages sparkle!

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At our meeting on 13th February we were delighted to welcome Sue Hamblin as our Guest Speaker who talked about her work (with the aid of a slide show) with the

Nestling Trust in Nepal. Sue, who has worked as a Community Nurse in Wiltshire for the past 23 years, decided to go to Nepal as a volunteer nurse in 2011 to work in a small health clinic in Banepa.. Here in one of the poorest countries of the world forty-five percent of families live below the poverty line; two-thirds of the children suffer deprivation and forty-nine per cent of the children under five years of age suffer from malnutrition. It was here that the idea was formed to bring about change to this cycle of despair that existed. Initial health care and picnic days were started with the help of other volunteer medical staff as well as the staff from the Nepalese clinic. The Nestling Trust was formed as a UK Charity in November 2013 by Sue and fund raising began. Land was obtained for building a Children's Home at Sarangkot for destitute, trafficked and abused children in 2013 and there was an opportunity to buy extra adjoining land for a play area and skill-teaching area in 2014. In April 2014 a Health Centre was established at Marbu. This was a remote village which previously had no health care. Following this in April 2015 the Nestling Trust ran a Dental Camp there for 500 children. In April 2015 there was a devastating earthquake in Nepal and so the plans to start building the Children's Home were delayed by eighteen months in order to concentrate on providing humanitarian relief to the villagers who had lost their homes. The building work actually commenced in September 2016. The home is due to be completed by the end of the year. Other projects are planned and details of the work of Nestling Trust can be found on their web page: www.nestlingtrust.co.uk or by emailing info@nestlingtrust.co.uk We were very grateful to Sue for her very interesting and thought-provoking talk.

Our next meeting will be a special lunch to welcome our new vicar, Revd Marion Harrison. This will be at 12 noon on Monday, 13th March.

Val Noviss



It was November 2013 when Millie Carmichael last gave a talk to our club. It was an informative and hilarious account of how with the help of friends and on a shoestring budget she managed to transform a garden from a scrap and weed filled jungle to a venue fit for her own wedding. This year

she returned and gave us a talk on philosophy. She has not lost her energy or her sense of humour but she has developed a certain air of evangelism about permaculture.

Bill Mollinson, an Australian noticed that modern farming methods in Tasmania were leading to a huge loss of topsoil from previously fertile land. He studied natural ecosystems to see why they were sustainable. He then came up with the design principles for the philosophy of permaculture. He defined permaculture as 'a philosophy of working with, rather than against nature, of protracted and thoughtful observation rather than protracted and thoughtless labour, and of looking at plants and animals in all their functions, rather than treating any area as a single product system.' Many more people have studied the philosophy and added their own ideas to the discussion. Organic farming, agroforestry and forest gardening all use permaculture principles. The principles can also be used in other areas such as for running a business or designing housing projects.

In her talk Millie covered the three ethics of permaculture, earth care, people care and fair share, and the 12 principles you can use as thinking tools to help you develop strategies. She explained that while some strategies would appear to be obvious they were not always easy follow through. We all know that we should recycle more but it does take effort. When we have gluts of produce from our gardens we can freeze, pickle or give away the surplus or we can simply let it rot. In our gardens we can collect rainwater in water butts but often we go for the easy but less sustainable practice of using tap water. We can control pests and diseases in our gardens by companion planting, encouraging frogs and toads, and other sustainable methods but the easy thing to do is spray pesticide.

The audience remained engaged throughout the talk and there were many nods of assent and murmurs of approval. Some people made a note of the titles of books on the subject so that they could study it further. The talk had been advertised as being about learning from nature how to have maximum abundance with minimum effort. Most gardeners love to be at one with nature. They work with the seasons and aim for maximum yield whether it be of flowers or colour or fruit and vegetables or just the joy of being outdoors.

At our March meeting Rupert Wade will be giving a demonstration of willow weaving. There will also be the opportunity for the audience to try their hand at making structures such as obelisks or other plant supports using cornus or willow or hazel. You will need secateurs and gloves. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall on Tuesday 14 March at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a charge of £2 for non members.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

Winter is traditionally a slow month in football terms. The cold weather affects number of fixtures and the freezing conditions have led to a few fixtures being postponed. The condition of grass pitches across the county along with lack of proper all weather facilities can lead to weeks of inactivity.

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

Badgers highlight for the month has been the selection of our U10 Wizards team as one of 12 teams nationally to play in a 5 a side tournament at England's training facilities at St. George's Park in August. This will be a great experience for them which we are looking forward to very much.

For those unaware, we are unable to publish scores for teams below U13 to comply with league regulations, so the descriptions we give need to comply with that ruling.

Team updates:

- U14 – Maintaining their grip on 3rd position in top league, most recent score being resolute 5-2 victory over Melksham Town.
- U13 – At time of writing, U13 sit proudly at the top of the league with points captured, although have played more matches than others below them. Hoping for a strong league finish to secure high finishing position.
- U11 – Good progress through the last month with some excellent performances against league opposition. Making cup debut vs Melksham at end of February. Individual player progress clearly visible as well as understanding value of team play and the results it brings. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays from 1730-1830.
- U10 - All going well with both teams getting better and having some good performances and good results. Numbers growing all the time with training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays 7-8pm
- U9's are playing well and three new players have been welcomed to the teams. Holding their own in matches.
- U7 and U8 – As they continue to play games coaches can see the teamwork grow amongst the players, understanding that they can work with each other to produce better outcomes. The enjoyment levels continue to rise!! New players in each age group welcome. Training at Northbrook, Market Lavington on Fridays 1730-1830.
- U5/6 – Training will restart in March when it warms up. Please contact Mark Goddard on number below for information.

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

U5/6 – Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U7 and U8 – Sharon Black 01380 818193

U11 – Neil Black – 01380 818193

U13 – Stewart Swann - 01380 812329

Steve Dagnall (Everton Supporter) 01380-72796

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Eileen WOFFINDALE
 Little Cheverell, January
Shirley MASLEN
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Norma PETERS
 Market Lavington January

BENEFICE 200 CLUB


Marion Harrison, our new vicar, drew the tickets for February.
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Bonnie Matters 816133



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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

All Change at Ebenezer Baptist Church

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Our 'Time for Tea Plus' services at 4.30 on the fourth Sunday of the month have been popular, attracting a good number of regular visitors. We plan to continue with that format on the fourth Sunday, with a 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. On Friday 3rd of March we are opening up the Chapel for a 'Pop-up Coffee Bar' from 10.00 to 11.30am. We hope to make this a regular fixture on the first Friday morning of each month. Come along for a friendly chat over a nice cuppa.

The idea with all these changes is to make our meetings as accessible and welcoming as possible for people in the village. But one thing does not change. The Bible tells us that 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8). Our unchanging desire is to share the good news that Jesus came into the world, died and rose again to give us a fresh start with God.

One more thing. On Sunday 19 March we will be joining friends at Providence Baptist Church, Dilton Marsh for a joint service at 6.00pm, as they have a speaker from the Grace Baptist Mission that evening. As a result there will be no afternoon meeting at Ebenezer on the 19th. Lifts from West Lavington to Dilton Marsh can be arranged on request using contact details on the church website. Normal service will be resumed on 26 March with 'Time for Tea Plus' at 4.30pm.

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

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