

Books available about the history of West Lavington.

(All are sold with proceeds to the West Lavington Youth Club, except where otherwise indicated)

1. A Photographic history of West Lavington Volume One by Ros Hooper- this covers Littleton Panell £10
2. A Photographic history of West Lavington Volume Two by Ros Hooper- this covers the High Street and surrounding area, including Duck St, Stibb Hill, Rickbarton and White Street. £10
3. A Photographic history of West Lavington Volume Three by Ros Hooper- this covers the south end of the village from Rutts Lane to the outlying farms, and a bit of Tilshead.£10
4. The Robbers' Stone by Lyn Dyson and Quentin Goggs- the story of the robbery, what happened to the robbers and their victim and his rescuers. £7.50
5. The Lavington Imposter by Lyn Dyson- an incredible tale about a Victorian con-man who carried out his most famous con in Market Lavington and West Lavington. £7.50
6. A brief history of the houses in the High Street by Lyn Dyson- a trawl through census records, maps and estate records to discover who was living where in the 19th century. £8.50
7. A brief history of the houses in and around Church Street by Lyn Dyson- the second of three volumes, this covers the south end of West Lavington from Duck Street and White Street, and including the outlying farms. £10
8. Snippets from the Past in West Lavington by Lyn Dyson- a series of newspaper clippings from the 19th century, relating to West Lavington. Includes a poisoning, an abduction, floods and agricultural revolt. £7.50
9. Estate Management 1913 by Lyn Dyson and Ruth Doman- a collection of correspondence sent to the West Lavington Estate in 1913. Gives an insight into the many every-day problems faced by the landlord, and his agent. £10
10. Crime and Punishment in West Lavington by Lyn Dyson- details from the notebook of William Hunt in the mid-18th century, and from the press reports of the 19th century, showing the sort of crimes being committed in the village in those days, and the punishments received. £7.50
11. The Wire War of 1909 by Lyn Dyson- the story of the working man's fight and victory over the Chief Constable of Wiltshire when a right of way was blocked with barbed wire. £7.50
12. Gertrude Hildebrand's photograph album- Photos taken in the early 20th century by a young girl growing up in West Lavington Manor House. £10
13. Shopkeepers and Traders in West Lavington by Lyn Dyson- details of the businesses operating in the village during the 19th century. Compiled from directories and census records. £10

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14. The Shore Brothers' Notebooks- extracts from the notebooks of Reuben Shore and his father, James Shore in the late 19th century, and early 20th century. They were carpenters and wheelwrights with their yard next door to the Churchill Arms, in what is now the car park. £7.50
15. Lest We Forget: Lives remembered on the West Lavington War Memorial.
By Lyn Dyson and Richard Matters. Brief biographies of casualties from WW1 and WW2. (Profits from this book are split between The West Lavington Branch of the Royal British Legion, All Saints Church, and the West Lavington Youth Club.) £10
16. The Dauntsey Legacy by Lyn Dyson- a brief but colourful history of the Dauntsey and Danvers families, the lords of West Lavington Manor. £10
17. The British Airmen at St Pierre d'Autils by Lyn Dyson - the story of three British airmen shot down over our twinned village of St Pierre d'Autils during WW2. (Proceeds from this book go to the Twinning Associations of West Lavington and St Pierre d'Autils). £8.75
18. The Hangman Comes to Devizes by Lyn Dyson- details of the crimes, criminals, hangmen and judges involved in executions at Devizes Gaol. £10
19. Pictures of a Bygone Era by Ben Hartley- a collection of old photographs of Market Lavington and surrounding villages £6.00
20. The Lavington Bigamist by Lyn Dyson- the story of James Porteous Bell who married a Market Lavington girl bigamously, and had to forfeit his World War One medals. £4.00
21. The Men Who Came Home- the men from West Lavington who fought in WW1 and survived, having sacrificed their youth for their country, and in some cases their health too.. (Proceeds will go to British Legion and Youth Club) £10
22. School Days Remembered in West Lavington- based upon an album acquired by Ben Hartley with school photographs collected by Miss Ross, from the early 20th century to the 1950s. £8.50
23. West Lavington in WW1 – a collection of photographs from the village taken during WW1 £6
24. The Wiltshire Regiment in WW1- Extracts from the war diaries of the Regiment showing the social aspects of military life £10
25. A Brief History of West Lavington Manor Volume 1 by Ruth Tait and Lyn Dyson £12.00
This volume concentrates on the Lords of the Manor, and the history of West Lavington Manor House and garden and the people who lived there. There is also a colour version available at £25
26. The Holloway Brothers, Master Builders: West Lavington to London £12.50
The story of the Holloway family in West Lavington before their departure to London where they made their fortune, founding the prestigious construction firm. There is also a colour version available at £29.50
27. A Brief History of West Lavington Manor volume 2 This explores the histories of the people who lived in the village from the time of William the Conqueror to the beginning

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of the 19th century. It includes details of how the village was affected by the Civil War and the Great Rebellion and the great fire of 1689, It also records the effects of the Poor Laws and how they were administered in the village; and there are various surveys listing tenants. A third volume covering the 19th century is planned for later in the year. £12

28. Tales of a Pioneer by Alfred Saunders, edited by Lyn Dyson. This is the story of Alfred, a son of Amram Saunders who is best known for the burning of the toll gates around the Lavingtons. He was the miller at Russell Mill and Alfred gives an account of his early life there, but then interestingly, at the age of twenty he emigrated to New Zealand in 1840 and his life as a pioneer is beautifully recorded. (The profits from this book will be shared between the West Lavington Youth Club and Market Lavington Museum) £11.50
29. A History of All Saints Church, West Lavington by Sheila M Judge, edited by Lyn Dyson. This book was written in the 1980s and hand produced on a typewriter and photocopied. It is an interesting account and with modern printing methods Lyn has turned it into a more durable printed edition, with some additions. (The profits from this book will go to All Saints Parish Church)

£10

30. A History of Easterton by Sheila M Judge, edited by Lyn Dyson and Philip Ford. This was again written and hand produced in the 1980s. Lyn and Philip have updated it with lots of photographs but keeping to Sheila's words. There is also some additional information. (The profits from this book will go to St Barnabas Parish Church, Easterton)

£12

Not Lavington based books.....just books that Lyn wanted to write!

31. Forever Eros- the story of the Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain £7.50
32. Picture Postcards from France and Belgium in WW1 £11
33. The Norwich Mystery - the true story of a man who got away with murder until he confessed to his crime some eighteen years later. £12.50

In progress:

34. A History of the houses in Littleton Panell by Lyn Dyson.
35. The Men Who Marched Away- brief biographies of the casualties of WW1 from West Lavington, Market Lavington, Easterton, Great Cheverell and Little Cheverell. (Proceeds will go to the West Lavington Branch of the British Legion and the Youth Club.)
36. The Holloway Years in West Lavington: Through two world wars, society changed dramatically during the 20th century and this book records life for the Holloway family and for their tenants and employees as the remnants of the feudal system were cast aside and the move was made into the modern era. This is an account of the village through three generations of Holloways who were lords of the manor, and looks to the future with the fourth generation who still farm here.

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37. A Brief History of West Lavington Manor Volume 3 will cover the history of the village during the 19th century.

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