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The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
1st April Easter Sunday	6.30am Sunrise Service at the Vedette 11.00 am Easter Communion	9.30 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion	9.30 am Easter Communion
8th April Easter 2	11.00 am United Service with Trinity in the Community Hall	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service with Trinity in the Community Hall	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	5 pm Evensong (BCP) and APCM
15th April Easter 3	11.00 am Parish Communion and APCM	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship (Family Friendly)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
22nd April Easter 4	9.00 am Breakfast Church at the Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion (CWTL)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
29th April Easter 5		9.30 am Parish Communion and APCM		4.00 pm Evensong and Afternoon Tea and APCM	
5th May	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together 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: Stanley Long (818330) Pauline Jenkinson (813775)
 St Peter's, Little Cheverell: Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

VILLAGE LINK

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell
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APRIL REFLECTION FROM THE RECTOR

The story of the resurrection begins by telling us how early it was – when Mary went to the tomb. It was so early that it wasn't even yet light – it was still dark. Even the birds had not started singing. And it wasn't only that it was early in the day, it was early in the week, the very first day. It was in every sense a beginning time. And as Easter Sunday falls on the 1st April, that is of course precisely how it should feel today, a beginning time. A Spring time. 'Early' is a word that carries meaning here way beyond its workaday sense. It speaks of renewal, of beginning and hope.

There is something about life which demands the word 'early'. To be alive is to be early, ahead of time, eager, fresh, ready for something new. It is to be like the people John Sentamu refers to who rise each day not saying 'Good God it's morning' – but 'Good morning God'. Rowan Williams was once talking about the habit among Christians of referring to the Early Church. We take it to mean the Church of the first few centuries, the Church as it expanded and developed and began to write down its thoughts – as it wrote the creeds and established monasteries and devised theology. The Early Church is the desert fathers and the Councils of Nicea. The debates about the Trinity and whether Jesus had two natures or one. Rowan Williams suggested that this way of speaking has led us astray. Because, the truth is that WE are the Early Church. We are the early church just as much as the apostles were, and just as much as Gregory the great, or Augustine of Hippo. In God's eternity, we may still be in the early stages of Christian history. Future generations may well look back and see us as part of the early church.

There are some voices around at the moment that speak as though Christianity is on the wane, as though we are living in the twilight of the Christian faith, as though the church is dying. In a book called Threshold of the Future, the New Zealand theologian Michael Riddell begins his introduction with the phrase, 'The Christian Church is dying in the West.' His phrase summons in me an image of the setting sun, of late evening, the twilight of the day. At the level of statistics, church membership figures and of the power of an institution – he has something to say. But at a much more profound level, such a phrase can mislead us. Rowan Williams' said "We are not part of the dying church, the fading church, the late church. We are part of the early church – a church which rests its faith in what a woman found in the earliest hours of the first day of the week – in the life of the risen Christ." Our life in Christ is like waking early, full of excitement, the world fresh with dew, and everything about to unfold. We are the early church and as such, people of the Dawn.

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WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE

July 14th 2018 2-4 pm

As announced in the autumn last year, the date of this year's West Lavington Village Fete is **Saturday July 14th**. Some of you will have seen an article in the March News & Views about the Vintage Meet in Market Lavington, the first day of which coincides with the Fete. We considered whether to change our date, but the two events will be very different, with the Vintage Meet also running through Saturday evening and Sunday. We hope that Lavington residents from both villages will support both events and have a Lavington weekend to remember!

As ever, the West Lavington Fete will be holding its annual Fun Family Dog Show, and all the usual stalls and events, with lots to see, do and buy, with many bargains to be had! One third of the profits of the Fete will be divided between Village charities and organisations nominated by Fete volunteers.

If you would like a stall at the Fete, or to join the ranks of our wonderful volunteers, please do contact Tony Morton or Bob Giles. Watch out for more details on the Fete, and how to enter the Dog Show, in future issues of News and Views.

Tony Morton 812107
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West Lavington Village Hall

Would you like to see more events in our Village Hall? Perhaps you belong to a local organisation that needs to boost its funds. If that is the case, please consider holding your next function in your local hall. We would love to ensure that you have a successful and enjoyable event.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the hall. All residents are invited to come along. We are also looking for dynamic people to serve on the Committee. This could be your opportunity to contribute and perhaps ensure that the Village Hall provides suitable facilities in the future to meet the growing demands of the local community.

Lynne Rayner
WLVH Secretary Tel 812881

MUM & CHUMS

Come along to Mums and Chums at The Old School, Market Lavington.

Over the next half term (19th April – 24th May) our topic is "It's all about me!" where we will be exploring our senses.

The Sessions include free play, crafts, sensory play, snack and song time. The first session is free so come along, bring a friend or relative and join the fun. Have a cup of coffee and meet other mums – there are plenty of activities for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Thursdays 9.30-11.30 (term time) Find us on Facebook or contact Gill Morris (07813 579663), Ellen Nuttall (07746 909967) or Kathryn Cooke (07531 919062).

THE THURSDAY ART GROUP

Do you like painting or drawing?

A small but keen and very friendly group of would-be artists meet in the village hall each Thursday morning from 9.30 to 12.30.

Our range of interests and abilities is varied to say the least. We are not tutored but all have sufficient interest and knowledge to help each other with "constructive criticism".

The cost is very little. With our current membership it costs £3.00 per week. The object is to keep drawing/painting at least once a week and to enjoy each others company.

If this is of interest or you have questions, please contact:

Bob Giles, tel. 01380 813256, or email bobgiles750@gmail.com .

WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th April 10.00 - 12.00 in Great Cheverell Village Hall.

The Woman's World Day of Prayer Service was cancelled owing to the snow. The Coffee Morning is to raise funds to replace the donations which would have been given at the service. Come along and enjoy coffee and cake. There will be a buy stall and a raffle.

Wendy Wilshin

SLOEJAM
 in St. Peter's Church, Great Cheverell
 Friday 11th May 7.30 p.m.

SLOEJAM is a non-profit band of musicians in Wiltshire supporting local charities. You are in for a fun evening of finger clicking, hand clapping, foot tapping, feel good music and song with plenty of opportunities to join in the choruses. Our music can be described as 'American old timey' based on the American tradition from the southern states and Appalachian Mts. with elements of country, gospel, folk and bluegrass. We play a wide range of stringed instruments from banjo to mandolin from guitar to dobro as well as concertina, harmonica and percussion. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Tickets £10 to include welcome drink and canapes during interval, available from Pauline 01380813775 or email Jenkinson.pauline@gmail.com or from Village Shop

Wessex Carriage Driving

The sight of a horse drawn carriage around the villages was something to behold in this day and age of rushing about with stressful lives, the ever increasing traffic congestion and associated pollution of our environment.

Sadly however, the business that was set up and run by Kathy Hepper of Great Cheverell in 2009 has now closed due to health issues, making it impossible to carry on. We are sure all those who have experienced the tranquillity and joy of riding with Kathy would express their thanks and appreciation for the exceptional service she and her various grooms have provided.

This months cover photo was taken last year outside the Bell Inn in Great Cheverell with Kathy and her two majestic horses Blush and Gwillim, who have now moved to a new driving home in Somerset.



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**BACH, BEETHOVEN AND
 SCHUBERT ON APRIL 14th.**

Julia Pusker and Renata Konyicska will be performing a lovely programme of violin and piano solos and sonatas in Edington Priory Church on Saturday 14th April starting at 7.30pm, the first Edington Arts concert of 2018.

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My name is George and my parents and I are holding an indoor mouse race to raise funds for my forthcoming trip to Tanzania with Camps International.

In July 2018 a group of us from our school will be embarking upon a once in a lifetime trip to Tanzania helping local communities. We will be supporting

local children with their English lessons in school, taking on a building project such as new toilets or a school room and we will also be learning about local conservation work. We will finish the trip with a Trek up Mount Meru. To be able to do this I need to raise £4,000.

Your help would be greatly appreciated, and the evening will also be lots of fun! We also hope it will create a good opportunity to bring our own community together.



Please join us for a
Mouse Race

in aid of fund-raising for George's trip to Tanzania to work with charity, Camps International
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LIFE IN WEST LAVINGTON IN THE 20th CENTURY

I am currently exploring the 20th century history of West Lavington for another book. I have covered the first world war in several books, and am now turning my attention to the second world war. There may still be some of you who were around then, and some of you will remember your parents' tales of life at that time. You may have old photographs taken in the village. The 1950s and 1960s are also worth recording, because life was very different then, compared with the lives of young people today.

I have started by looking through newspaper records from the early 20th century. The most interesting accounts I have found about the war in and around our village relate to illegal rabbiting on MOD land in Imber and a deadly disease of bees. This wasn't quite what I was looking for!

I am looking for more social history; perhaps as a child where you used to wander to, and what you did; as a teenager what activities and clubs were there? And what was working life like? What did you do, and what did your parents do? What was travel like before everyone had a car? What was home life like before every house had a TV? I have covered a bit about school days but I can take some more if you have any interesting tales about your schooldays in West Lavington. The important aspect is that it is based about our village. So, I am wondering whether any of you would like to contribute your memories of West Lavington in the 20th century for recording in the book. If so, please contact me.

(As with all my local history books, all profits go to village charities, in this case the youth club.)

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100 YEARS AGO

April 1918

Private Albert John (Bertie) Stow 7929 Killed in action 10th April 1918

Bertie was born about 1889 in West Lavington, the son of James Stow, a general labourer and the village sexton, and his wife, Ann Shuttle. Bertie was the eldest son, and grew up with five brothers and sisters.

In 1891 the family was living in Church Street, in Glebe House, next to the vicarage, but by 1901 they had moved to Paper Row, or Pepper Row, to what is now 15 Church Street. This is where Bertie spent most of his childhood.

Bertie joined the army at an early age. He was serving in South Africa with the 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment in 1911. During the Great War, the battalion was sent to France, arriving there on 14th August 1914. That year they were engaged in various actions on the Western front, including the battle of Mons, and the subsequent retreat, The battle of Le Cateau, the battles of Marne and Aisne, the battles of La Bassée and Messines and the first battle of Ypres.

That winter of 1914-1915, Bertie would have been involved in the First Attack on Bellewaarde, the actions of Hooge, and the Second Attack on Bellewaarde.

In 1916 the Regiment was involved in the German attack on Vimy Ridge, the Battle of Albert, the Battles of Bazentin, and Pozieres, and the Battle of the Ancre Heights. In 1917 there were the battles of Messines, and of Pilckem. Bertie was killed in action on 10th April 1918, near Rijselseweg, Belgium. The 1st Battalion were in trenches near Ploegsteert Wood, and on the night of 10th April thirteen men were killed, 90 were wounded and 75 recorded as missing when the enemy managed to penetrate the line being held by the battalion. Bertie was buried in Strand Military Cemetery.

Private James Brown 201905 Killed in Action 10th April 1918

James was born in West Lavington in 1897, the only son of shepherd George Brown and his wife, Elizabeth. The family lived in Lavington Lane, where James grew up with four sisters. Some time before 1911 the family moved to Manor Farm cottage, Steeple Ashton. At the age of 14, James was working on the farm as a carter's boy.

He enlisted in the 1/4th Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment. That regiment served in India until late 1917 when they began active service in Egypt and Palestine.

On 10th April 1918 the battalion came under machine gun fire and heavy shelling as they tried to advance to take a ridge held by the Turks. This was unsuccessful and they had to take cover, suffering casualties as they fell back.

Under cover of darkness, parties went out to bring in the wounded, but they were shelled as they did so.

It was during this operation that James lost his life. He is remembered at Ramleh.

Private James Harold Shore 35343 Killed in Action 14th April 1918

James was born in Spitalfields, London on 4th November 1898, the son of James Shore and his wife Amelia Rees. James Shore was a brewer's storekeeper, who was born in West Lavington. Amelia came from the Spitalfields area, they were married in London, and their four children were born there. James was their eldest child.

He was educated at St Olave's School in South East London, where he was remembered as a quiet steady boy, always reliable and always ready to take his share, whether in the class-room or on the playing field.

When he left school, James went to work in the Topical Press, a photo agency founded in 1903, and selling photographs, mainly of London. Later, he joined a firm of accountants. He then passed a Civil Service examination and went to work in Coventry as a clerk to the Surveyor of Taxes. His employer in Coventry spoke highly of James, especially recalling his loyalty, cheerful outlook on life, and his devotion to the office.

James joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He went with them as a part of the Italian Expeditionary Force, and from there he went to France on April 9th 1918. Four days later he was reported missing in a part of the line which was almost obliterated by German gun-fire. He was killed in action on 14th April 1918 in Belgium. He is recorded on the Ploegsteert memorial, but has no known grave, and no known local memorial. The family were told that when James was wounded on the battlefield, he was found by friends who went for help; but when they returned they could not find him.

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ERLESTOKE & COULSTON CRICKET CLUB

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The 2018 Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket season has got off to a very positive start. The club is currently engaged in developing a new build club pavilion at the walled Garden site and we have just heard that our submitted plans for the new traditional wooden pavilion have been approved for full planning permission from Wiltshire Council.

The plan is to dismantle the current old pavilion and replace it with a new build wooden pavilion that will offer larger changing rooms, a kitchen area and large social atrium and, luxury of luxuries, indoor toilets, including disabled access.

This is obviously great news for the club and for the local community as the new pavilion will not only operate as the cricket club's pavilion but will also be a valuable local community asset that can be hired and used by local groups and societies for meetings and events.

Of course, we need to build it first and also to raise the money needed to pay for construction. The cricket club will be undertaking a number of fundraising initiatives and bid applications over the coming months and if we can raise sufficient funds we hope to dismantle the old pavilion and begin to build the new one at the end of the 2018 season and in readiness for the 2019 cricket season.

If you would like to make a contribution to the New Pavilion funds we would love to hear from you!

Contact: Jasper Dorgan jasperdorgan@hotmail.com 01380 830013

A copy of the new pavilion design is available for view up at the old pavilion. In the meantime, the preparations for the cricket playing season are well underway with the heady scent of Ralgex spray and linseed oil heavy in the late winter airs. A full season of Sunday and mid-week cricket stretches before us and the Saturday League team will be embarking on the new heights of Division 5 of the Wiltshire Cricket League after promotion from Division 6 in their first season last year.

The first home game will be a League fixture against Wootton Bassett 3 on Saturday 28th April at 1.00pm. Please come along and support your local cricket side and enjoy a cricket afternoon. There's probably a cuppa in it and maybe even a slice of cake!

The club welcomes new members, young and old, novice, enthusiast or talented and you can be assured of a warm welcome, some joyous cricket with good cricket teas and quite a lot of beer and conviviality.

If you are interested in playing then contact the club captain, Mike Barton, mikebarton38@googlemail.com or call him 07792011503

CHURCHILL ARMS DINERS' CLUB

We do have a few places available in the Diners' Club. We meet from 7pm on the first Saturday of each month, and enjoy a three course meal with coffee and mints for £25 a head.

There is no membership fee, and no requirement or expectation that members attend each month. However, as places are limited (a maximum of 25) it is necessary to book in advance and to pre-order from a specially arranged menu. As well as good food this is a super social occasion with a dinner party atmosphere. We all sit together and eat together, and enjoy some stimulating and amusing conversation. Everyone is welcome, whether single, or with a partner.

As an example, our menu for the next dinner starts with smoked mackerel paté, shredded spring onions and griddled flat bread; or peanut chicken satay, with Asian slaw and dipping sauce; or twice baked goats cheese soufflé with an apple and walnut dressed salad. The main course will be: Butternut squash, coconut & spinach curry with wholemeal chapati, basmati rice & raita; or steak and ale pie with horseradish mash & wilted greens; or cod, cauliflower & chorizo mornay, crushed buttered new potatoes & slow roasted tomatoes. For dessert there is a choice of champagne and raspberry posset served with homemade shortbread; or creamy coconut rice pudding served with caramelized pineapple; or squidgy chocolate pear pudding served with clotted cream.

Our next dinner is on 7th April and the one after that will be on 5th May. If you would like to join us, and you are not already on the circulation list, please contact Lyn Dyson on 01380 813943 or by e-mail at lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk.

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

“Oh, to be in England, now that April's there...” So wrote Robert Browning in 1845 in his lyrical poem Home Thoughts from Abroad. He was travelling in Northern Italy at the time and, although you may think that could not have been too awful, he pined for the new leaves on the trees, the blossoms and the bird song of his native land. The romantic image of England that Browning conjured up was typical of the era but it reflects a nostalgic mood we may all have felt from time to time.

In my eyes too, England seems ever more desirable. But the cold weather that we experienced at the beginning of March has not been the only Beast from the East that has troubled our land. As I write, poisons purportedly from Russia have polluted the fine city of Salisbury and have brought memories of the Cold War to our shores. There are nuclear threats from Korea. A communist ruler in China plans to be in power for ever and the Middle East remains in turmoil. Guns are again in use in the USA. Such echoes of the past are not welcome.

At home in Wiltshire, on the other hand, domestic crime rates are low, employment is high, school results are good, food is available and relatively cheap, buses are still running. I know there is still plenty to grumble about including traffic, council tax, parking charges and the tedium of Brexit negotiations. Most of us would like more money, more leisure and, perhaps, more romance. Some have the burdens of personal problems and grief. But that would probably be true wherever we may be.

Here, at least, for the poets among us, the birds are still singing, the blossom is out and the leaves are budding all around in this green and pleasant land. We are fortunate indeed to be in England, now that April's here.

I hope you have 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

Sandfield Parking: Parking is a problem in Sandfield and Newby Close at the very busy school delivery and pick-up times. The Parish Council has over many years spoken on the issue with residents and schools. Recently, the council agreed that DAPS could extend the village hall car park on council property so that more parents of pupils could find parking there - reducing the need to park on residential roads. The council has also asked Highways if residents-only parking could be provided.

Highways have written in response: "Parking on the highway is tolerated in locations where it does not cause an obstruction, however this doesn't give any individual a right over any specific space and it is very much a first come, first served basis. The only exception to this is where a particular bay has been marked for a particular road user (i.e. Doctor / Taxi / Disabled), and again it's not for a particular individual, only a type of road user". Regarding school parking, Highways wrote: "preventing parental parking can only be achieved through a combination of both legislative restrictions (such as Waiting restrictions), in combination with effective enforcement to ensure compliance. The knock-on consequence of this is that it also directly affects those that live in the area". They suggest that the school takes a lead by, for example, devising a school travel plan and trying to educate parents of the need to park in a manner which minimises local incidence and danger to vulnerable users – something the council understands is already DAPS' policy.

The Parish Council has no status legally to intervene and can only continue to encourage dialogue and good will on all sides. However, we do advise that using parking cones to reserve a private parking space is a breach of the law.

BMX Track: Work will soon start to refurbish the track. A grand re-opening by Claire Perry MP is being planned for 14 July at the Village Fete.

Annual Parish Meeting: will take place in the Village Hall on May 30th. Councillors have invited a representative from the Air Ambulance as this year's guest speaker. As usual, village organisations will be invited to report on their past year's activities. All members of the community are invited to attend to catch up on what the Parish Council has been doing.

Other activities: The council has had its hands full recently:

- the Neighbourhood Plan continues
- the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires implementation by the end of May
- the Robbers' Stone repositioning project is underway
- the WWI tree planting project to commemorate those from the parish who fell in WWI is also underway
- the website is being redesigned to modernise the format, identify new areas in need of creation and delete those no longer required, incorporate the GDPR requirements and build in a management structure.

Councillors want to seek views amongst the community on all these matters.

Sandra Gamble, Chairman

If you have ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kaye Elston, on 07782 251464 or at clerk@westlavington.org.uk. The Parish Council website is at www.westlavington.org.uk.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 12 March, and will meet again on 9 April – 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. All interested parties are always welcome to attend. The Approved Minutes of the last meeting (in February) are available to see on the website, the Notice Board outside the shop, and Victoria Park.

Concerns continue to be expressed about the future of the Great Cheverell Stores, and the owners came to the March meeting to explain their situation. The Council, and the large number of people who turned up, were clearly sympathetic and supportive. The Council, however, has no powers to intervene in the affairs of a private business, and does not wish to do anything that will harm the situation. But the clear message, as it is with all the businesses within our village, is to "use it or lose it".

Unfortunately, Amyas Godfrey has had to resign from the Council due to work pressures. We are very grateful to him for the work he undertook during his relatively short time as a Councillor. It does, of course, leave us with a vacancy. So, if you want to help to maintain and develop the village which you live in, please contact either myself or any Councillor. We'd be glad to welcome you !

The recent bad weather was a trial for us all. The Council is putting together an Emergency Plan, which it is hoped will provide support to all residents, but especially those who are vulnerable, in the event of a range of issues ranging from flooding to a train wreck! This will, of course, require the help of everyone if it is to be effective. A presentation on this subject will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 May – more details will be provided nearer the time.

Apart from those specific issues, the Council continues to work hard for the village, in areas of traffic management, potholes, overgrown hedges, Government requirements life is never dull! Oh and, of course, the ongoing problem with dog mess down Green Lane, which is now a serious risk to all the schoolchildren who use it every day. Just do the Right Thing and clear up after your dog, will you?

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

Phone: 01380 816983 Email: parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

This is a summary of the meeting held on 14th March 2018. The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village or on the Parish Council website- <http://www.kennetcommunityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/>

1. The Parish steward's next visit is scheduled for March 19. The priorities are keeping drains clear and repairing small potholes.
Please contact suevey3@aol.com with any tasks you think the steward may be able to tackle. A resident had reported that the grit bin contained rubbish and very little salt, it was also in a poor condition. This has now been reported to Wiltshire Council.
2. The Low Road 20 mph speed limit has been approved so now we await its installation, this is expected to be April/May.
3. Michael Brain worked with Openreach officials to select the most suitable siting for the poles needed for broadband upgrade.
4. The request to move some lorry signs at the railway bridge end of Low Road had been rejected by county councillors at the recent CATG (Community Area Transport Groups) meeting. However Sue Ivey presented a selection of photographs to the Parish Council which clearly showed that the signage at the B3098 end of Low Road showed the lorry route much more clearly than at the C40 end of the lane. The request will be made again supported by this evidence
5. Would any young families like an informal get together with refreshments to speak to councillors about issues that affect them? Please contact Sue Ivey suevey3@aol.com
6. The next meeting, which will include the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Snow Day

It was wonderful to watch our children (and staff!) having a completely amazing time in the snow on our school field on Thursday 1st March. We have a really good sledging hill in school, so the children brought in their sledges and enjoyed speeding down onto the playground. (We try not to be too risk averse in this school so that children can take reasonable risks under strict supervision). We had a specially long playtime so that everyone could enjoy modelling snow, running in it and enjoying it. It was made particularly funny because the children had all come into school dressed up for World Book day – so we had all sorts of magical creatures and characters playing in the magical snow. It was a truly memorable day – the sort of day that will stay in our memories forever.

Wheat Growing

We have now dug the ground and planted the wheat seeds for our whole-school wheat growing project. We hope to have healthy, strong wheat ready to harvest when we return to school in September. Children will learn how to thresh the wheat and Mrs Read has organised for Devizes Museum to lend us a quern stone so that we can grind the wheat by hand. Our hope (and expectation) is that we shall have enough wheat to bake several loaves of bread to enjoy at Harvest time. Our very sincere thanks go to the Pepler family who farm at Ballard's Farm - they have supported us so strongly and given us great advice on getting started with this project.

Charity Afternoon

Eighty of our children have decided to form teams (of about four to six children in each team) to raise funds for their favourite charity. Each team had to "Pitch" for a table in our hall and in the pitch had to explain why they had chosen their particular charity, what activity they were going to offer to raise funds and how they were going to manage the stall efficiently. On the 20th March, they will set up their stalls and sell their wares to their peers. Each year, this event proves very popular and helps children to develop all sorts of entrepreneurial skills, as well as making them more sensitive to the needs of those who need more support. Amongst the charities supported are the RSPCA, WWF, Air Ambulance, Muscular Dystrophy, Guide Dogs, Heart Foundation, Diabetes, Water Aid, Nestling Trust, Crohns and Colitis and Cancer research – showing a remarkably sensitive awareness of the issues faced by so many people and animals.

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)



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

DAPS Science Fair. Thursday 8th March 2018

As part of Science Week, thirty children from Key Stage Two (years 3-6) entered the event and turned out to showcase their science investigations. There were a diverse range of displays including optical illusions; a balloon rocket car; Newton's Cradle; The Big Bang; air pressure; electricity from potatoes; sound waves and mechanised flight.

The Science Fair was well supported by parents and staff alongside POD (Parents of Daps) who provided refreshments with donations going to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Mrs Evans and Mr Ford (governors at DAPS) helped to judge the entrants. Also having the extremely difficult task of judging were Mrs Layden and Mrs Quinlan (science teachers from Dauntsey's School), Mr Kearley (parent and science teacher) and Mrs Chilton (Year 6 teacher).

The children were judged on their scientific knowledge and understanding; their communication and presentation skills; the creativity and originality of their project and also for their level of independence.

It was a fabulous evening, with a real buzz for science, culminating in a short firework display given by Mr Devaney and with Mr Kearley inviting people to try out a 'Bed of Nails'

Judging was hard but eventually the judges made their choice. Runner up prizes were given to projects on 'How to become a strong sports player' and 'The best temperature for growing cress'. The winning projects were 'How plants grow' and 'Kinetic energy'.

Other science week activities included a virtual reality workshop; visits to the labs at Dauntsey's School and Year 9 Science Leaders from Lavington School spending an afternoon with the children.

Mrs Selena Davey, Science Leader at DAPS, would like to extend her thanks on behalf of the children at DAPS to all who supported the event and for enthusing our next generation of young scientists.

Young Voices 2

Our Key Stage 2 children joined children from Bishops Cannings School to perform songs from our recent trip to Young Voices. St. Mary's Church, in Bishops Cannings, was packed to the rafters and everyone sung their hearts out. We managed to raise £250 for Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

A Night at the Musicals

Our wonderful Musicals club entertained us with some fabulous songs from the 'shows'. With special guests: Paige, a former pupil, our School choirs and our staff choir. It really was an amazing evening. We raised almost £100 towards a new sound system.

Youth Speaks

Two teams of campaigners from DAPS took part in a Rotary Club speaking competition. Our year 5 team spoke about Snow Leopards and how they are endangered and our year 6 team spoke about plastics in the ocean.

They all spoke very clearly in front of a full hall and a judging panel the judges complemented the children on how their voices filled the room and how well they supported each other.

Mrs Philippa Winbolt
Headteacher

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We were delighted to welcome Rev'd Marion Harrison to our meeting on 12th March, who led us in a period of reflection and prayer on the events in Holy Week.

Our Branch Leader, Janet Hodges, reported that there had been a small surplus of money left over from the purchase of plants for distribution on Mothering Sunday around the Benefice and it had been agreed that this be used as a donation towards the "Make a Mother's Day" project which is organised by the Mothers' Union organisation. Each donation goes towards helping mothers around the world move from life on the margins right to the heart of their families and communities. This can be through enabling a mother to learn to read, become a budding entrepreneur or learn new skills that help her improve her home. For further information about the work of the worldwide Mothers' Union organisation visit their web page on www.themothersunion.org

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 9th April at 2.15pm at 54 High Street, West Lavington when Jeannie Gye will be speaking about "Art and Prayer".

Val Noviss

Lavington & District Gardening Club

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is made from hops, wine and sherry are made
with grapes and tequila is made from agave
cactus plants.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th April

Subject: British Trust for
Ornithological Garden Bird Watch

Guest Speaker: Simon Tucker

Monthly Competition:
Vase of Spring Flowers

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

For our February meeting we read *The Amber Shadows* by Lucy Ribchester and *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal.



The Amber Shadows opens with two men meeting on a train. It is 1942 and neither man is in uniform so to pass the time they talk. The story then moves to Bletchley Park where Honey Deschamps spends her days at a type x machine transcribing decrypted signals from the German army. Walking home in the blackout she meets a stranger, Felix, who gives her a parcel which appears to have come from Russia and which contains a small piece of amber. Honey comes to believe they are from her father and as the parcels continue to arrive she tries to fathom the mystery of where they come from and what the message is that they contain. The atmosphere of secrecy which surrounds all who work at Bletchley Park matches the mystery surrounding Honey and Felix. We agreed that this is an interesting book for the picture it gives of Bletchley and we enjoyed the story although we felt that at times it was a little repetitive.

The Innocents is about a young Jewish couple Adam and Rachel who have been sweethearts for years and who are now engaged and preparing for their marriage. The union is approved by both families whose lives have been intertwined for many years. The wedding is to be the highlight of the year in their closeknit community. Then Rachel's cousin Ellie returns from America. Ellie is the blacksheep of the family, beautiful, reckless and with a troubled background. The picture given in the novel is of a closeknit group of people who socialise within quite a small circle. The impact of someone who has not lived by their rules proves very interesting. Adam becomes torn between Rachel and his duty to her and her family and his growing desire for Ellie. He has to decide between duty and temptation, security and freedom and the effect the choice will have on family and friends. It is an easy read and gives an insight into a Jewish community, their customs and their festivals. We all agreed that we would recommend this book

Wendy Wilshin

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Stephanie Hafferty is an organic gardener, teacher and author. She is an advocate of no dig vegetable growing. No dig gardening involves putting a layer of mulch and compost directly onto the ground each year and planting into that layer.

In her talk to the garden club Stephanie made it clear that growing and cooking food is a big part of her life. At her home in Somerset in a polytunnel, and on her allotment, she grows a wide variety of vegetables, fruit, herbs, salad leaves, edible flowers, some specifically medicinal plants and others which she uses to make potions for the garden and her home. As well as using her own fresh grown and foraged produce in daily meals, she preserves as much as possible by freezing, drying, dehydrating, making jams and chutneys, wines and spirits, bottling sugar-free juices and canning. This saves money, extends the season and means she can have convenience food such as tomato sauce ready on the shelf, knowing that only fresh, healthy ingredients were used to make it.

Stephanie is the co-author of *No Dig Organic Home and Garden* with Charles Dowding. This book won the Peter Seabrook Practical Book of the Year award in 2017. When Charles Dowding runs Weekend Courses Stephanie provides a seasonal lunch made with fresh vegetables, herbs and fruit from her garden, her allotment and Charles's garden. She showed mouth-watering pictures of the colourful spread that she serves. Stephanie illustrated her talk with beautiful photos of produce growing in her polytunnel and on her allotment. Indoor pictures of her house showed shelves laden with dried, bottled and pickled produce and homemade cordials and infused alcohol drinks. Necessity led her into growing her own produce. The economy of effort involved in no dig gardening led her to switching to this system in her own garden. She has also introduced the system into the kitchen gardens that she sets up and maintains for clients. It was a very informative and interesting evening.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 April. Maurice Avent will be talking about butterflies and moths and their role in the environment and in our gardens. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. New members are always welcome. There is a charge of £2 per meeting for non members.

For our May meeting, Tuesday 8 May, we have a celebrity speaker and therefore we are expecting a lot of interest. It will be a ticket only event and we have hired a larger hall, at Holy Trinity School in Great Cheverell, for the occasion. The speaker will be Jules Hudson the TV producer and presenter, and architectural historian. Jules has recently published a book about walled gardens and his subject for the evening is 'The English Walled Garden'. Tickets are now on sale from members of the committee and from Great Cheverell Stores. The cost is £3 for members and £5 for non-members.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

Diary dates:

The Badger Bash returns on 28th April and is an opportunity for parents to have a night out and also fund-raise for the club. Contact any of the managers below for tickets. WCFC will also be supporting the Devizes Lions Swimathon when it is rearranged so there is still time to sponsor a badger.



Presentation day will be 30th June at Easterton Village Hall. We will have a football freestyler coming along to demonstrate his skills.

Under 6's are back from their Winter break and are at Northbrook, keen to play in a few festivals in the coming spring/summer time.

Under 8's and 9's have continued to train outside and have played a few matches each. A couple of new players have joined the teams and are having fun!

Under 10's had been training on the AstroTurf at Devizes but are now back at Northbrook and looking forward to getting back into matches.

Under 11's have played a few matches and both teams are through to their respective cup quarter finals.

Under 12's have had two 5-1 victories and a draw this month and are doing well in their league.

Under 14's sit top of their league with a few games left to go. They've seen 9 wins and only 2 defeats so far.

Under 15's cup run came to an end after defeat away to Amesbury and are now back in League action, sitting 4th in their league.

All our teams are starting to draw up plans for summer tournaments so hopefully we can report some good success in them.

We are recruiting players of most ages and are keen to especially hear from girls who wish to take up football as we wish to support the FA drive to increase their participation.

We are also looking for people to join our organisation who are keen to help the club and develop their Coaching skills. If you are interested in taking up football or getting involved in football coaching, please talk to one of the relevant managers whose information is below:

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| U5/6/10 – Mark Goddard – 07974 723008 | U12 – Neil Black – 07769 261750 |
| U8/9 – Sharon Black – 07885 232536 | U14 – Stewart Swan – 07756 540 864 |
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Snow has well and truly stopped play lately!

The ladies were due to play their cup match against Marlborough on Sunday 4th March with press coverage. It was to be their first time of wearing their new kit sponsored by Louise Whorlow-McCabe from Colour Flow Professional Painters and Decorators (www.colour-flow.co.uk). However, the beast from the east hit had other ideas and it was postponed until Sunday 18th March. Then the beast from the east two hit and the pitch was blanketed in snow again. Hopefully third time lucky and this match will get played!

We are holding a fundraising JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 14th April, starting at 10am until 12 noon in the Market Lavington Community Hall. Good quality clothes, bric-a-brac, toys and more will be sold.

Club teams are below. Please contact Emma Cheetham 07733 294440 or email simplysign@aol.com for more details;

U14-U15 boys – Training Elisha Field Wednesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm

Ladies (16 years and over) - Training Elisha Field Wednesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our next event, "Desert Island Disc" is on Friday April 13th and tickets cost £12.50 each.

Our events are open to members and non-members of The Twinning Association and tickets can be obtained from Michael Page on 818510.

Membership of The Twinning Association is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages. Simply call 818510 and ask for a membership form.

Michael Page, Secretary

MARCH AT TRINITY CHURCH
in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

Sunday 1st April, Easter Sunday, at 10.30. Communion. Rev. Gary Gotham
 Sunday 8th April at 11am. Joint Service with our Anglican friends (Community Hall).
 Rev. Gary Gotham
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 Sunday 22nd April at 10.30am. Mr Douglas Colborne
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- 4) We were able to make a large donation to the Tuesday Club this year. Money given by customers this year will help people around the world through toiletwinning.org. 1 in 3 people worldwide don't have a loo. By supporting Toilet Twinning we are helping to flush away poverty. The toilet in St.Arbucks has been twinned with a latrine in Nepal.

Beth Warren.



FUNERALS

Yvonne Rosemary ASHLEY of Market Lavington, died on 23rd January 2018, at Market Lavington Care Home. Her funeral and burial in the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was held on Tuesday 6th Feb 2018

Our sincere apologies for not picking up an error in the copy printed last month.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The March draw was done after the Benefice Service in Great Cheverell by a younger visitor. She drew the first ticket for Liz Thom of Market Lavington who wins first prize and the second ticket for Liz Allen, Mike and Sue Allen's daughter. Please note my telephone number has changed to 722024. Good luck for April's draw.

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Easter: The Biggest April Fool, Ever?

This year Easter Sunday coincides with April Fool's Day. Over the years there have been some famous April Fool hoaxes. My favourite is probably the BBC's spaghetti tree broadcast. Some people were taken in and believed that pasta grew on trees. A close second is the Beeb's feature on a colony of flying penguins. You'd think that having Terry Jones of Monty Python fame, rather than Sir David Attenborough fronting the programme was a bit of a giveaway, but it does look pretty convincing. Look it up on YouTube.

But was the biggest April Fool hoax ever the Christian belief that Jesus rose from the dead, leaving his tomb empty? The resurrection story is one of the most contested facts in history. Fake news, or what? As with any historical claim, one thing to consider is the reliability of the eyewitnesses. By ancient standards the first eyewitnesses to the empty tomb weren't reliable at all. Their testimony in a court of law was worthless. Why? Because they were women. Chauvinistic, I know, but that's how things were back then. If the Gospel writers wanted to fabricate the claim that Jesus rose from the dead, why make women key eyewitnesses? It is testimony to their honesty that all the Gospel accounts record that women were the first to see that Jesus' tomb was empty.

It took the empty tomb and personal encounters with the risen Jesus to convince the apostles that he was alive from the dead. His original followers thought all was lost when Jesus was crucified and then laid to rest. The last thing they expected was to see him again. And what they saw was no dream, or vision. Jesus said to his followers, "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." The disciples had forsaken Jesus when he was arrested and crucified. In the wake of his death they hid themselves away in case the authorities come for them too. But soon after we find them boldly telling everyone who would listen that Jesus had risen from the dead. Many of the apostles laid down their lives for that claim. Which at least suggests that they genuinely believed it. The word for witness in Greek is 'martyr'. The apostles were martyrs who testified that Jesus was alive. Who would knowingly die for a lie?

The Gospel accounts invite our careful scrutiny. Look up Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20 on www.biblegateway.com. The credibility of the eyewitnesses is a strong argument that Easter was no April Fool's hoax. It happened. Jesus laid down his life for the sins of the world and then rose from the dead. This is not 'fake news', but Gospel truth. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Happy Easter!

Pastor: Guy Davies

www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk

Events:

1st April, 4.30pm Easter Sunday Service: 'Jesus is Risen!'

22nd April, 4.30pm 'Time for Tea Plus'. Sunday Tea, followed by a short Service

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