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| Date | Market Lavington | West Lavington | Easterton | Great Cheverell | Little Cheverell |
| 3rd June Trinity 1 | 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Mary's Church, Market Lavington | | | | |
| 10th June Trinity 2 | 11.00 am United Service at St Barnabas, Easterton | 9.00 am Breakfast Church | 11.00 am United Service | 11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 17th June Trinity 3 | 11.00 am Parish Communion | 9.30 am Parish Communion | | 10.00 am Welcome to Worship | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) |
| 24th June Trinity 4 | 10.00 am Half Hour Service | 9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language) | 11.00 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) | |
| 1st July Trinity 5 | 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together All Saints' Church, West Lavington | | | | |

Regular worship in our sister churches:

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

4:30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington:

St Peter's, Great Cheverell:

St Peter's, Little Cheverell:

Robert Giles (813526) Bronwen Matters (722024)

Stanley Long (818330) Pauline Jenkinson (813775)

Peregrine Rawlins (816318)

VILLAGE LINK

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell

TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826

JUNE REFLECTION FROM THE RECTOR

At last, after the unsettled weather of spring, the summer is here with its promise (we all hope) of warmer days. So that we can all look forward to the air being filled with the heady sent of honeysuckle and roses, the buzz of bees and a gentle breeze to cool us while we cut the grass, weed the beds and dead head as we move around our gardens. And of course we are fast approaching the longest day of the year.

June also sees the start of the wedding season, the first of which is on June 2nd in West Lavington to be followed by a wedding in Market Lavington on 23rd June. Weddings are such a joy and bring out the best in friends and family alike. Yes, weddings are the joining of two people in commitment and love before God through the law of the land. But they are also the joining of two families through the relationship of those getting married. As the family of Megan are now related to our Royal family through her marriage to Harry, so our own families grow through the symbolism of the joining of hands. Two become one. We wish all our wedding couples getting married this year in our churches joy, health and many years to explore just what becoming one means for them and their families.

On a different note, June also sees the return of the Half Hour Service in St. Mary's Market Lavington. This will be on the 4th Sunday of the month, starting at 10.00 am, and will replace Breakfast Church which will stop due to the refurbishment of Old School and the summer holidays. Do come and join us for this popular service, we look forward to welcoming you.

Rev. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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lavingtonrector@gmail.com (Not available Fridays)

Retired Priests: Rev Ann Cocking 812763

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Benefice Office as above - churchlavington@gmail.com

DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA WELLBEING DAY

Come and see what wellbeing services and activities are available to the over 55s in the Devizes area.

**Saturday 23rd June
10.00am – 3.00pm
The Green, Devizes**

There will be a variety of entertainment: a dog show (most fabulous fella, best rescue dog, loveliest lady, gorgeous golden oldie, best in show); music with a cross generational choir, jazz, blues and dance from Gramophone Grooves; Devizes Bowmen Archery demonstrations and workshops (poppy making, movement and walking sport, creative arts and more) Refreshments and information will be available and a shuttlebus will be available from selected places throughout the event. For further details please go to

www.dcawellbeingday.co.uk

GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE FEAST

Saturday 14th July from 5pm until late

£20.00 per ticket (limited number) available from Cheverell Stores and The Bell

Includes four village locations of Village Hall, Church, The Bell and, finally, The Pavilion

There will also be a raffle in aid of St Peter's Church.

VILLAGE CARE & LINK DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Village Care & Link service provides volunteer drivers to assist local people without independent transport in West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell to get to medical appointments. These appointments are usually local, in the Lavingtons surgeries, Devizes, Melksham, and Warminster, but can also be to the larger hospitals in Salisbury, Bath and Swindon. We currently have 30 volunteer drivers who may be called on once or twice a month to give up a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon. However, the longer our list of drivers, the less frequent the call! We need more drivers to expand our list and spread the load!

If you have a clean current driving licence, and access to a car, and would be able to commit two to four hours a month to take someone to their medical appointment, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Michael Page on 818510.

DAUNTSEY SCHOOL An Apology

The Dauntsey's summer ball will be held on July 7th, with the fireworks this year, being set off from a small light aircraft. They will start at 10.30pm. We apologise in advance for the noise.

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. 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.

MUM & CHUMS

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

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).

BABADITOVF !

**Buy A Bottle And Donate It
To Our Village Fete!**



Our wonderful collectors will be making house to house calls across Littleton Panell and West Lavington from the 1-12th July to accept any donations of unopened and in date alcoholic or soft drinks, (bottles or cans) for the ever popular Bottle Stall. Please be generous and do come to our stall on the 14th for some fun and to support our village organisations.

GREAT CHEVERELL SOAPBOX DERBY

Sunday 26th August 5pm

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Families
Under 12's
12 - 17's
18+

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Entry fee per team £10.00 and forms are available from

Cheverell Stores, The Bell Inn or online.

There will be evening entertainment from 7.30pm at The Pavilion with the renowned local group "Purple Fish"

Entry is free. A bar and BBQ will be available.

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK: 11-18th JUNE

**DO YOU HELP LOOK AFTER SOME ONE
who because of illness, disability, frailty, mental health problem
or addiction cannot manage at home without your support?**

If you are a carer and registered at the Courtyard Surgery, then please let Reception know or call us on 01380 813300

The Courtyard Surgery will be hosting a Carers' Café on the morning of Thursday 14th June with Alzheimer's Support.

We will also be holding carers clinics here at the surgery for our patients who are also carers on the:

- Morning of Tuesday 12th June
- Afternoon of Wednesday 13th June
- Evening of Thursday 5th July

This is an opportunity for you to meet with one of our health care assistants for a basic health check, if you have not had one recently, and a general chat. There will also be staff from Carers Support Wiltshire here to meet with you to discuss any concerns or caring needs you may have, find out how you are coping as a carer, and advise on additional help you may be entitled to as well as financial advice.

Altogether, the appointment lasts for about 40 minutes, so if you are interested in attending could you please let the Reception team know on 01380 813300
If you aren't a patient at The Courtyard, then ask at your GP surgery when their next Carers' Clinic is.

A Brief History of West Lavington Manor Volume Two

This book is now available at £12 with all profits going to West Lavington Youth Club. You can get a copy from Devizes Books or from Amazon.co.uk or from me.

The book is a history of the village from early times up to the end of the 18th century. It includes details of the families living in the village through that time, so anyone who has ancestors from the village should find something of interest. There will be a third volume which will cover the Victorian era.

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 e-mail: lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

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 .

Get Your Bake On In Air Ambulance Week

If you like cakes, then why not host a bake sale or bake off and help Wiltshire Air Ambulance to keep flying and saving lives? Bake Off for Lift Off is our theme for National Air Ambulance Week, 10 – 16 September 2018.

We're asking individuals, community groups, schools, colleges and businesses to get their bake on and fund raise for our lifesaving charity.

Organise a bake off with your friends, family or colleagues, hold a bake sale, dress up at a Mad Hatter's Tea Party or hold a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

We've been saving lives for over 28 years thanks to the incredible support and generosity of the public who donate. But we have to raise £3.25 million a year to keep our lifesaving service operational.


Join us in our mission to Bake Off for Lift Off and help us save lives. Register your interest by emailing

bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk

or call us on 01225 300536.

Let us know what you're planning to do and we can send you your pack to kick-start your fund-raising!

Registered charity number: 1144097



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| Hourly Rate | £12 for up to 2 hours, £8 per hour thereafter |
| Local Organisations and Clubs* | £12 per hour |
| Non-Local Organisations and Clubs** | £12 per hour |
| Half Day Rate, 4½ hours, to end by 6pm | £45 |
| Day Rate, 9am to 6pm | £60 |
| Evening Rate, 6pm to 12pm | £60 |
| Child's Party, 2½ hours | £30 |
| Use of kitchen facilities, including crockery, glasses etc. | £30 (in addition to the above rates) |
| Wedding Package | £295 |
| <i>Includes all the facilities from 8am to 12pm and access from 6pm to 9pm the day before and 9am to 12 noon the day after.</i> | |
| Optional clean 9am to 12 noon the day after. | £30 (in addition to the above rate) |

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WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!
 This year's West Lavington Village Fete is on **SATURDAY 14th JULY!**

The **West Lavington Fete** will be on **Saturday 14th July** from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. This year is somewhat special in that a grand re-opening of the Village BMX track will take place at 1.45pm before the Fete opens at 2pm and our local MP, Claire Perry, will be there on the day to open both the track and the Fete!

The Fete will also be playing host to the magnificent steam engine, "**Lord Roberts**", which is coming to the Fete before going on to the Vintage Meet at Market Lavington. The engine has close ties with both Lavington villages, and the Holloway family, whose company, Holloway Bros, was Lord Roberts first owner, taking delivery on New Year's Eve 1900. The engine was used at the Market Lavington Brick and Tile Works. Holloway Bros built churches, schools, public libraries and baths, including the Bank of England, Admiralty Building and Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) in London. It is thought Lord Roberts also worked on the construction of the Central Flying School at Upavon. A great piece of local history for everyone to see at close quarters!

We are really delighted that the **Market Lavington Concert Band** have reformed to be at the Fete once again to play for us as a one-off reunion after the death of their conductor founder Mervyn Smith. To add to all that, there will be all the regular attractions at the Fete, especially the **Fun Family Dog Show** ("the best run in the area!"), and **Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle**, and the fantastic **Prize Draw!** Plus lots of stalls, including those from local village societies and the bargain village stalls selling Bric a Brac, Bottles, Books, Produce, Cakes, and Garden plants. To keep you refreshed through the afternoon there will be homemade teas, ice creams, and a beer tent. One third of the profits of the Fete will be divided between Village charities and organisations nominated by Fete volunteers.

Watch out for more Fete news, and how to enter the Dog Show, in the July issue of News and Views!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Why not give a little time and join the fantastic Fete team to help us organise and run the day? Many hands make light work! If you can help, or if you would like to run a stall or attraction at the Fete, please contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256.



ERLESTOKE HOUSE FARM SHOP

NOW OPEN: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12 noon to 3pm

The Erlestoke House Farm Shop has re-opened for the season! We sell fresh produce - including vegetables, preserves and eggs - plus plants, delicious freshly made cakes, wooden planters, bird boxes, and bird feeders. Cakes, planters, bird boxes etc can all be made to order. Come along and see for yourself the wide range on offer. Most of our goods are grown or made by the prisoners at Erlestoke, and the shop is staffed by volunteers. We are easy to find on the road between Little Cheverell and Erlestoke, and there is plenty of parking. We look forward to seeing you soon!

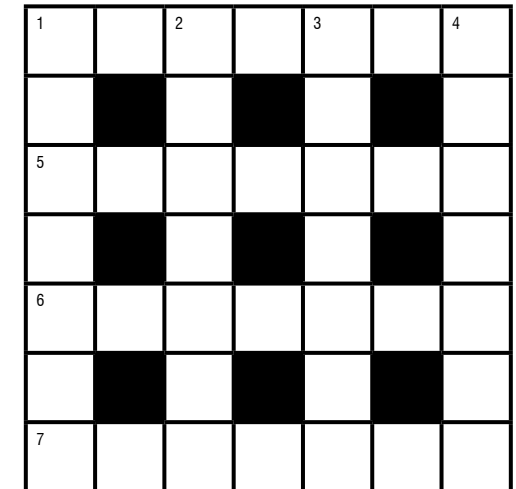
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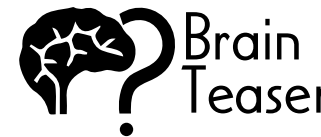
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5. Windstorm
6. One more
7. Proposition

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1. Diminish
2. Wordy
3. Tanned animal skin
4. Computer instructions



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Three brothers entered a shop, each needing a pair of shoes re-soled and a key cut. There are two assistants in the shop, both of whom work at the same speed. It takes 15 minutes to re-sole a pair of shoes and 5 minutes to cut a key. How quickly can they finish? Answers on Page 31.



CHOPIN FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

Angela Brownridge has been called "one of the world's finest pianists" (by the New York Times), and Edington Arts is delighted to welcome her for an evening of Chopin's solo piano works on

Saturday 16th June, starting at 7.30pm. Expect passion, brilliance and emotion in equal measures.

Her programme includes 'the greats' including waltzes, polonaises, studies and the great Fantasy in F minor, her performance of it described by a French critic on a classical music internet site as "12 minutes of sheer perfection!"

Angela has been performing at the highest level all over the world for many years, starting as a child prodigy and earning a huge reputation as a Chopin 'specialist'. We are truly privileged to be able to welcome her to Edington Priory Church.

The performance starts at 7.30pm, tickets are £20/15/10 with a 10% discount for Edington Angels and 18 and under coming free; tickets from Chrissy on 01380 831256 or sue@edingtonarts.org . Full programme information is on the website at:

www.edingtonarts.org .

EDINGTON FESTIVAL AND MUSICAL SUPPER

This year's Edington Festival Musical Evening and Supper will be on Wednesday 22nd August at 6.30 for 7pm on the Parish Field, by kind permission of the Parish Council. The evening is a wonderfully light-hearted and enjoyable occasion which helps the community fund Parish facilities – the Parish Hall and the minibus for instance. Festival singers give a stunning demonstration of close harmony music-making between courses, for our edification and delight. Our home-made puddings have also become something of a feature of the evening.

You can book your tickets after June 1st from Hugh Hancock, either by post to Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 6AX, or by email at pcc-t@hancock-office.org, or by phone on 01225 754626. They are £25 each, and cheques should be made payable to Edington Priory Church Music Evening. Please let Hugh know if you would like to sit with friends, and he'll do his level best to accommodate you!



LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR NEWS

Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert will be held on Friday July 6th at 7.30 in Market Lavington Community Hall.

The programme will include music by Handel, Telemann and the Beatles.

We are delighted to announce that we will be featuring guest soloists who will join the choir in singing excerpts from Bizet's Carmen and other showstoppers.

100 YEARS AGO

JUNE 1918

Private Archibald Frederick Henry Collins 58100 Died 3rd June 1918

Archibald was born in Little Cheverell in 1900, a son of agricultural labourer Joseph Collins and Mary Jane Sainsbury. Joseph was from a long standing West Lavington family, but he settled in Little Cheverell when he married Mary Jane Sainsbury. Archibald was the third son. His older brother Reginald was killed on the Western front in 1916.

Archibald served with the 2/1st Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry. This unit went to Dublin early in 1918, and it was there that he died in the Fever Hospital in Dublin. He was 18 years of age. He was buried in the Grangegorman Military Cemetery.

Rifleman Henry Mead 204951 Died 18th June 1918

Harry was born in 1880 in West Lavington, the son of William Mead, an agricultural labourer, and his wife Ann Kill. Harry had an older brother and sister, and a younger brother.

In 1908 Harry married Elizabeth Ann Nutland, and in 1911 they were living at 17 Malthouse Cottages, next door to Harry's parents who were at number 16. Harry was working as a farm labourer. He and Elizabeth had no children. Elizabeth's father, Jesse Nutland was living with them.

Initially Harry served with the 4th battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment, but he was transferred to the 22nd (Wessex and Welsh) Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, probably when this battalion was formed in November 1915. This was a Territorial Force used for garrison duty of vulnerable points in Egypt and then Salonika.

The 22nd Battalion arrived in Salonika from Egypt in November 1915. Their objective was to help the Serbs in their fight against Bulgarian aggression. But the expedition arrived too late, the Serbs having been beaten before they landed. It was decided to keep the force in place for future operations. In December 1915 the British element fought a battle at Kosturino, north of Lake Doiran, after withdrawing from Serbia. After this there was little action except for occasional air-raids on Salonika.

The Salonika Force dug-in until the summer of 1916, by which time the international force had been reinforced and joined by Serbian, Russian and Italian units. The Bulgarian attempt at invasion of Greece in July was repulsed near Lake Doiran. At the beginning of Oct 1916, the British, in co-operation with her allies on other parts of the front, began operations on the River Struma towards Serres. The campaign was successful with the capture of the Rupell Pass and advances to within a few miles of Serres.

During 1917 there was comparatively little activity on the British part of the front in Macedonia, due in part to complex political changes in Greece throughout the year. The main fighting took place around Lake Doiran, where the line was adjusted several times by each side early in the year. In April 1917, the British attacked, gained a considerable amount of ground and resisted strong counter-attacks. In May, the Bulgarians attacked

the British positions, but were firmly repulsed.

Despite the view of those at home, life in Macedonia was far from easy. The British Salonika Force not only had to cope with the extremes in temperature but also malaria. In 1916 it was possible to evacuate the most serious cases. However, with the introduction of unrestricted submarine warfare in April 1917 this was no longer possible. Consequently, the cases of malaria soared as the infected men were compelled to stay in Macedonia. Hospital admissions in 1917 alone were 63,396 out of a strength of about 100,000 men. By early 1918 the British were again able to evacuate the worst cases and nearly 30,000 were evacuated.

In total the British Salonika Force suffered 481,262 non-battle casualties of which 162,517 were due to malaria.

The troops all had a daily ration of 5 grains of quinine, but it seems likely that Harry was a victim of malaria. He was being shipped home via Taranto in southern Italy, when he died on 18th June 1918. He is buried in Taranto Town Cemetery. There was a base and rest camp at Taranto and there was a military hospital there.



British troops taking their daily quinine issue of 5 grains on the Salonika front, July 1916.

(Photograph courtesy of the Imperial War Museum, London - Q 32160)

Harry's widow, Elizabeth, never remarried and died in 1942.

THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is going through a difficult time at the moment. As some of you will know the Chairman has resigned for personal reasons and the Treasurer, whilst continuing at the moment, also wishes to step down. This leaves Lynne Rayner as the one person who is keeping things going, and it is thanks to her, and to her husband Paul that she maintains all the booking systems and has stimulated and overseen a significant growth in use of the Hall over the past three years. Whilst this is great news, it has also doubled her own work in managing what is necessary to keep things moving. She has clearly stated that she is prepared to continue, but in the longer term this is not sustainable without a great deal more help. The Parish council with representatives on the committee is determined to do all it can, that is not the same as volunteers coming forward.

It is a similar problem in many local organisations. Where, please, are the younger thirty to forty year olds, who are not coming forward to help?? The claim of having young families, and jobs is not always valid, if you look at many of our local organisations, Care group, Twinning, Youth Club etc, they are managed for the most part by older, possibly retired people, who, in doing so, are as busy as those who are a lot younger!

So this is an appeal, please, the Village Hall needs people (of any age) who are prepared to help with a long list of tasks that need to be done to keep a busy building open. With the playing fields and play areas, (these are managed by the Parish), the whole area is a vital community asset, let's keep it going.

Mike May

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Hire Rates from 1st October 2016

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- Email bookings to Lynne@movement4you.com.
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- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to rebook that date.
- **Heating is now included in the above rates.**
- The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even if the Changing Rooms are not used.



On behalf of the Nestling Trust I would like to thank everyone most sincerely, who so generously gave donations, through Churches in the benefice, to help further our work in Nepal. I would like to assure you that every penny donated goes

directly to our projects in Nepal, nothing is taken out for expenses.

Our projects include the construction of a home for destitute/trafficked children - a safe caring environment where they will have the opportunity of an education, nutritious food, healthcare, a chance to regain their childhood and find real hope for the future.

We also provide basic healthcare and health education in remote villages where otherwise no healthcare would exist.

More information about the work of the Nestling Trust can be found on our website:

www.nestlingtrust.co.uk or email info@nestlingtrust.co.uk

We are most grateful for your encouragement and support, thank you.

Sue Hamblin

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB YOUR YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOU!

The West Lavington Youth Club needs your support. The Youth Club Management Committee is looking for more people to join them. The Committee deal with the day to day running of the Youth Club. You could be a parent of a child that has benefited from you child being a Youth club member or perhaps you once benefited from being a member of the Youth Club yourself and now want to help current members. Whichever, please contact me with your details.

You could leave your details at the Youth Club either at West Lavington or Market Lavington and I will contact you to arrange an informative meeting.

Youth Club is open as follows:

Monday 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The George Baker Centre, West Lavington

Thursday 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The George Baker Centre, West Lavington

Friday 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The Old School, Market Lavington (Look out for updates for June when the Old School at Market Lavington will be renovated)

We look forward to seeing you as members of The Youth Club and hearing from you as potential Committee Members.

Eric Freeman

Chairman, West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Are you a little tired of politics? Local, national and international issues? Irritating niggles? They can all get you down.

But a little indulgence in culture can help you rise above all that. Visual arts, music, dance, theatre, museums - Wiltshire has an amazing amount to offer and I encourage you to sample whatever you fancy.

Right on our doorstep, the Devizes Arts Festival runs for 3 weeks from 1st June. It's a wonderful mix of music, singing, drama, films, interesting walks and talks and - most of all - comedy. There is too much to list here but pick up a leaflet in the town or go to www.devizesartsfestival.org.uk. The main booking office is at Devizes Books. Whatever your fancy, it will lift your spirits.

At the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes until 24 June there is an exhibition called Telling Wiltshire's Story – 30 years' of Support from Art Fund. It features works by John Piper, Henry Moore, Joe Tilson and Joshua Gosselin and includes Roman coin hoards, Druid medals and medieval tiles. Culture and heritage combined, and its child friendly too!

At Salisbury Museum until the end of September there is an exhibition of work by Henry Lamb called "Out of the Shadows". Henry Lamb was one of the leading British figurative painters of the first part of the 20th century. He trained as a doctor and was also an accomplished musician, a close friend of Augustus John, patron of Stanley Spencer and friends with members of the Bloomsbury Group. Its evocative stuff.

If that's not exciting enough, you can indulge your sense of nostalgia at the Market Lavington Vintage Meet on the Elisha Field on 14th and 15th July with steam engines and other ancient vehicles. The Lord Roberts (a traction engine, not a peer) will also make an appearance at the West Lavington Village Fete on the 14th.

You may feel better already, but there is much, much more. A good place to find out what's on across the county is the Visit Wiltshire website

www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on.

If it's good for tourists, it's good for you!

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

Neighbourhood Plan - WHAT NEXT?

Many thanks to all who responded to the Regulation 14 consultation in December 2017/January 2018 – and before that, the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) survey in September/October 2017 and the informal consultation on the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2015/16. If you are suffering from consultation fatigue, please bear with us a little longer!

The West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan process is now in the hands of Wiltshire Council (WC) and that means the concluding stages prior to referendum.

The preferred site for development was Site 7 (now referred to in the draft Plan as site H1(A)), which received 68% of your consultation votes. The HNA demonstrated an overall need of a minimum of 30 new housing units to meet the affordable housing requirement.

These results were then included in the statutory consultation (called Regulation 14). You can see the outcome of this consultation at Appendix 13 of the Consultation Statement located on the “Planning” tab of the Parish Council website at www.westlavington.org.uk.

So what now?

The Parish Council made formal submission of the Plan to WC under Regulation 15 on 22 April containing final amendments incorporated from the Regulation 14 stage. WC will soon publicise the draft Plan for a minimum of 6 weeks and the community will again be invited to comment. WC will then send the draft Plan to an independent examiner whose role is to test whether the plan meets legal conditions. Those wishing to make representations during the 6 week consultation period will be invited to say whether or not they consider the plan addresses these conditions.

If all goes well, WC will then organise a referendum on the Plan. To vote, a person must live in the referendum area and be eligible to vote in a local election.

If a majority of those who vote are in favour, the Plan will be ‘made’ by WC and will come into force as part of Wiltshire’s statutory development plan. A major benefit will be receipt by the Parish Council of a larger share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which will go towards community projects.

Please watch out for the first of these final stages coming soon!

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 14 May. The Approved Minutes of the previous meeting (in April) are available to see on the website, the Notice Board outside the shop, and Victoria Park. The next meeting will be on 4 June.

The May meeting was our **Annual General Meeting**, when the first item was to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the next year. Andy Alexander and Rob Hayward were elected respectively. Sadly, the former Chair, Stephanie Davies, resigned after 5 years service on the Council, three of which were as Chair. In that time, she successfully guided the Council through some difficult times, leaving a firm legacy to build on. The Council, and the village, are very grateful for her hard work and dedication. But she’s not finished yet! She wants to encourage more community activities, starting with the Fete at Holy Trinity School on 30 June

The other key item was consideration of the 2017/18 Accounts and Governance. Turgid stuff, but very important to demonstrate that the Council properly looks after your money. The Accounts were approved in draft, and are now subject to independent internal and external audit to provide further assurance. They will then be made available for a period of Public Inspection, probably from late June to late July. More details on precisely when, and how to do so, will be published soon – in News and Views, on our website, and on Notice Boards.

The situation at Victoria Park continues to cause concern. This has reached Government level, with our local MP and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) involved. Wiltshire Council is currently undertaking a survey of necessary work, which it is hoped the MoJ will fund to bring the estate back to an acceptable standard – and keep it that way.

The Council continues to work hard to protect the village and its residents. We will shortly be locating a Speed Indication Device – one of those things that flashes your speed at you to tell you if you’re driving too fast. This will complement the work of the Community Speedwatch Team. Wiltshire Council are regularly notified of potholes, broken street lights etc. As for the ‘dog mess problem’, the Council will now be consulting with Wiltshire Council on the type of evidence required for successful prosecution of offenders. So just stop doing it before you get heavily fined!

By the time you read this, the village will also have had its Annual Parish Meeting, when presentations are made by many of the organisations based here. More on that next time.

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

Phone: 01380 816983 Email: parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Village Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2018 in Little Cheverell Village Hall.

This is a summary of the business at both meetings. The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village and on the website

www.kennetcommunityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/

Annual Village Meeting

1. Wesley Parfitt was elected chair for 2018-2019 and Anne Venus was elected vice chair. Other councillors will fill the following posts: Anne Venus- Responsible Financial Officer, Wesley Parfitt- Clerk and Sue Ivey will provide liaison for the Parish Steward scheme.
2. Peregrine Rawlins reported that the War Memorial, situated in the churchyard, was in need of some renovation. The Parish Council will decide what can be done to preserve this memorial in the year which marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I
3. Michael Brain submitted the Village Hall Trustees' Annual Report for May 2018
4. The chair gave his annual report for the year 2017-2018.

Parish Council Meeting

1. It was confirmed that the Responsible Financial Officer has certified the annual accounts and ensured a full internal audit
2. The 20 mph speed limit signs should be in place by the end of May or early June
3. Defibrillator refresher training is to be held on Wednesday October 3rd at 7pm in the Village Hall.
4. The next Parish Steward visit is scheduled for June 18th. There are no visits during May as stewards are employed to undertake weed spraying.
5. Reluctantly, the parish council has decided that it will not pursue the request to the County Council for the lorry signs at the railway bridge end of Low Road be moved to give clearer directions. This decision was made because the County Council has declared that the signs are not confusing.
6. The Council has very recently received the resignation of a member and are seeking a new Councillor. Anyone interested should please contact the Chair, Wes Parfitt, at littlecheverell@gmail.com
7. The meeting closed at 8.45pm and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th July at 7.00pm in the Village Hall



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Outstanding School

As our Year 6 children complete their Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs), we take time to reflect on the incredible achievements of our extraordinary children, year after year. Our school is consistently placed in the top few percent of the country in English and Maths SATs tests. We are also placed in the top few percent in the Year 1 phonics screener. Our outcomes in Key Stage 1 and the Early Years are also judged to be outstanding, year after year.

But, in fact, we are even more proud of all the other areas in which our children excel. They are people of compassion, courage, aspiration and joy. They understand the importance of being stewards of our beautiful world. Their spiritual development, whatever their belief or non-belief system, is outstanding. They are good at sport, music, art, the humanities, philosophy and friendship. People always remark on their truly outstanding behaviour and the warmth of the spirit in our school. It is a great privilege to be part of this extraordinary learning and caring community.

New Intake

We are always delighted and honoured when people choose our school for their children. The transition and induction programme for all those who have accepted places at our school for September has begun. Our close links with Old School Nursery and with other local nursery and preschool settings help to ensure that our new children come into school confidently and happily and start their journey through primary school with excitement and enthusiasm.

Parents and Friends Association

We are very lucky to have a vibrant, welcoming and active PFA in our school. As well as raising much needed funds, they also provide many opportunities for enrichment of our children, from outdoor play equipment to pantomime trips. We are very grateful to our PFA who work so hard for the best interests of our children and the school community.

The PFA would like to invite and welcome everyone to join them at Great Cheverell Pavilion on **Saturday 30th June from 2.00pm – 5.00pm** for a wonderful circus themed **Summer Fete** with Circus Berzercus (circus shows and skills), Punch and Judy, Plant stalls, Cakes, BBQ, Cream Teas, Coconut Shy, Splat the Rat, Bouncy Castle, Candy Floss, Crafts, Books, Pimms and much, much more!

Welcome

If you think you would like your child to attend Holy Trinity, please phone in and book an appointment to look around and chat to the headteacher. Lots of photos and information can be found on our website www.holy-trinity.co.uk. Our phone number is 01380 813796.

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Wow what a fantastic term we have had here at Lavington Pre-school! We have been looking at London and the Royal family, which has coincided with the birth of a Royal Baby and a Royal Wedding! On the 18th May we had a royal wedding tea party to celebrate the Royal Wedding, the children and staff dressed up, sang songs and played games. We have made a castle out of cardboard boxes, dressed up as royalty and even looked at a Queen Bee when we were visited by local bee keeper and learnt about

where honey comes from. We would like to express our thanks to Liz Taylor who came to talk to the children about bees and where honey comes from, the children enjoyed putting on the protective outfits and tasting the honey.

Our term started with our annual Sponsored Easter Trike Ride, the children cycled their socks off around the playground and raised an outstanding £714, we would like to thank all the children and their families and friends who have worked so hard to raise this money for our Pre-school. For our next fund-raising event we are planning a fund-raising 'Race Night' on Friday 20th July at the Churchill Arms, West Lavington. **Please keep the date free for what promises to be a fun filled evening.** More details to follow nearer the time.

It has been an action packed term that all the children and staff have enjoyed. In Term 6 we have one new starter, we welcome Lydia to the Pre-school, we are all looking forward to her joining us.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this week is from Understanding the world in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum), 40-60 months "Help children to find out about their environment by talking to people, examining photographs and simple maps and visiting local places."

30 HOURS FUNDING: All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get up to 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. More information regarding funding for 3 to 4 year olds is available at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-for-3-and-4-year-olds

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING: If you have a child between 24 - 36 months old you may be eligible for 15 hours a week of 2 year old funding. For more information see:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-funding-for-2-year-olds

We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school in September, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website

www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk or contact our us on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB 2018



Location: DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

SUNDAY 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

TUESDAY 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

SUMMER TERM

Starts Tuesday 17th April 2018

Last Swim Tuesday 3rd July 2018

Half Term 25th May to 3rd June 2018

No swimming on Sunday 6th May 2018

as it is a School's Exeat Day

Membership fees are £30 for individuals and £60 for a family per term.

Guests are welcome accompanied by a member for a fee of £3 for Adults and £1.50 for children.

Taster session available.

For further details about joining the Club please phone Phil Richardson Membership Secretary Tel: 01380 813485 or email: phil.0727@hotmail.co.uk or Anita Holness, Committee Secretary email: anita@kholness.plus.com

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Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

We were delighted to welcome Nick Hale as our Guest Speaker on Monday, 14th May. Nick gave a very interesting talk on "A Journey with My Godson".

Nick taught at Dauntsey School and he and his two friends Andrew and Alison Whitney were present at a school service in February 1990 when Mr Doug Millar, the Deputy Headmaster of Lavington School at the time, was the speaker. At that time the world was horrified at the harrowing television pictures coming out of the Romanian orphanages. Mr Millar appealed for help from Dauntsey's school to fill a large lorry with humanitarian aid which he and others from various churches in Devizes were planning to take to Romania. Andrew and Alison decided they would like to adopt two Romanian babies. Andrew travelled out in the April and found Eleanor and Richard in an orphanage in Suceava, near the Russian border. After many delays, complicated paperwork and several trips over there, they were eventually able to adopt Eleanor (14 months) and Richard (11 months), the adoption process in England taking a whole year to complete. Andrew invited Nick to be Richard's Godfather.

When Richard was 26 he decided he would like to visit his birth mother and family in Romania, who he had already been able to make contact with through Facebook, and asked if Nick would accompany him on the trip. They set out at the end of August 2016. They had a very interesting trip and were able to find the hospital where Richard was born. They hired an interpreter and when they eventually reached the home of his birth mother it was naturally a very emotional experience for them all, as his mother had never expected to see him again. His father was dead. His mother and Richard's two half sisters and nephew lived in very poor conditions. Nick and Richard also visited the orphanage where Richard and Eleanor had been placed and found that it was now a Disability Assessment Centre. After an emotional farewell to his family Richard and Nick spent the remainder of their trip visiting some interesting and beautiful monasteries and churches.

Richard is now a Doctor of Philosophy in Leicester and holds a Romanian Passport and it is interesting to reflect how different his life would have turned out if he had remained in Romania and never been adopted.

We were very grateful to Nick for coming along and giving such an interesting talk.

There will be no meeting in June and our next meeting will be on Monday, 9th July when we will be preparing for the Church Fete.

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G Garden Cheverells Club

Our May meeting with TV celebrity Jules Hudson as speaker was a sell out. Jules was as would be expected an accomplished speaker. His passion for his subject shone through. The illustrated talk was based on a lifetime of observation and on the research he had done on walled gardens in preparation for his newly published book Walled Gardens.

He recounted that he had first become interested in walled gardens as a young archaeology student. He was taking part in an archaeological survey of a prehistoric landscape in Wales. He found that the campsite that he occupied for several months was within the ruined walls of an old walled garden. Ever since then he had been fascinated by the architecture of these enclosures and their development through the centuries, and by how the evolution of each garden could be linked to the changing fortunes of the owners.

Jules found that there were clues to the age of the gardens in what position they occupied relative to the position of the dwelling house. Early walled gardens formed part of the immediate landscape of the house. Here they planted produce and flowers in an ordered pattern in which there was a space to walk and enjoy the garden. Later on walled gardens became separate spaces close to the house where fruit, vegetables and flowers could be produced behind the scenes for the owner to show off when entertaining. Then a new era emerged where grand houses were set within uninterrupted landscapes and so the walled garden was often placed far from the dwelling house where it would not spoil the view. Some old houses have had several walled gardens reflecting the style of the time. Sometimes just the foundations of the walls of the earlier gardens can be seen. And sometimes only maps or pictorial records give clues to earlier designs.

Jules had chosen a few National Trust walled gardens from each era to illustrate the salient features peculiar to that era. He also referred to some properties in private ownership.

He pointed out that patterns of the brickwork in walled gardens can often reveal later additions such as an increase in the height of the wall or an increase in the area enclosed. Old ironwork such as nails or brackets can tell a story too.

Jules explained that walled gardens form a microclimate affording protection from the wind and pests and usually the sunny aspects were lined with brick which had heat retention properties. Hotbeds (where heat is produced from rotting manure) were used to raise more exotic fruit and vegetables. A later development was the use of glasshouses to provide a warmer environment for tender plants. And at one point it became fashionable to heat greenhouses and walls and so boiler houses were added.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.



At last good weather arrived and the teams could get out and play football!

Champions: U14 The U14 team won their last league CHARTER STANDARD CLUB match 7-1 to emerge as league champions so well done to them. The U14 team need a new coach to take them into next season so if you are interested in helping a champion team, please get in touch.

Badger Cubs has been a big success and continue to play on Saturday mornings at 0930 at Elisha Field. Contact Jake Flower for information.

U6 have completed training for season and have a couple of festivals to participate in.

U8 and U9 teams have been playing games around region and are playing well. Always looking for more players for next season and parents to get involved.

U10 have completed training for the season and have a few end of season festivals to play in before end of season.

U11 league matches are now finished. They've had a great season and now have a couple of tournaments and a day out at Footgolf!

U12 completed a very good season and have 5 tournaments to play in before season ends.

The club held the Badger Bash to which a good number of parents attended and had a good time – some very good! Thanks to all who supported this event. The club supported Devizes Lions swimathon and raised around £500 for that event. Many thanks to anyone who sponsored the swimmers.

Next Season: All teams are looking out for more players and people to get involved in running the club. The more helpers we have, the less demands on individuals so even buddy up! If you are interested, please do contact the managers below who can discuss it with you.

ADULT TEAM A new adult team will start up for next season playing in the Chippenham and District League. Matches will be on Sundays and training on Wednesday on the home pitch at Northbrook. If you are interested in joining, contact Pete Drew on the number below.

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

Badger Cubs - Jake Flower - 07944252401

U6/U10 - Mark Goddard - 01380 813160

U7, U8 and U9 - Sharon Black 01380 818193

U11 - Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U12 - Neil Black - 01380 818193

U14 - Stuart Swann - 01380 812329

U15 - Jake Davis - 07741 306303

Adult – Pete Drew – 07885 527546

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JUNE AT TRINITY CHURCH
in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

Here are the services for JUNE at Trinity Church in Market Lavington Community Hall.

- Sunday 3rd. 10:30am. Revd. Gary Gotham
- Sunday 10th. 10:30am. AREA SERVICE at St. Andrew's church, Devizes.
Revd. Dr. Jonathan Pye (Bristol Methodist District Chairman)
- Sunday 17th. 10:30am. Mr Clive Illman
- Sunday 24th. 10:30am. Revd. Tom MacMeekin

Minister: Revd Gary Gotham. 69 Queens road, Devizes, SN10 5HR
Tel 01380 724264 / gary.gotham@gmail.com

Church secretary : Julia Garraway-Jones. 01380 81840
jgarrawayjones@gmail.com

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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 toilettwinning.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.

From The Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

Ludwig Sebastian THOMPSON-STAL was baptised at St Barnabas Church, Easterton by Rev Marion Harrison on 18th March 2018.

Thomas LANGTON was baptised at St Barnabas Church, Easterton by Rev Marion Harrison on 24th March 2018.

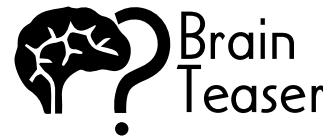
Isla Maisie Florence GIBNEY was baptised at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on 6th May 2018.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The Rev. Ann Cocking drew the two May tickets. The 1st prize goes to Monica Sainsbury from Easterton and 2nd prize goes to Hazel Jennings of West Lavington. Congratulations to both winners.

Bonnie Matters
01380 722024

Crossword and Brain Teaser Solution



Did you work it out?
The Answer is 30 minutes, one assistant does 1 pair of shoes and 3 keys, the other does two pairs of shoes.

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Rest

I'm probably showing my age, but I remember the days of the TV test card. It featured a girl playing Noughts and Crosses surrounded by an assortment of soft toys. People used to sit and watch the test card while they waited for programmes to start. It beat watching paint dry, but only marginally. Now we have countless TV channels broadcasting 24/7. Schedules have been made more or less redundant by various catch up services. 'Total TV' means you can pretty much avoid being alone with your own thoughts.

Then there's mobile phones. Another device that was meant to be our servant, but ended up gaining mastery over us. A recent report suggested we switch off our phones after 10pm. Some users are so addicted to the things that they can't get through the night without checking for emails, or glancing at Facebook. Smart phone induced sleep deprivation is making people depressed.

We have become over-stimulated by the multi-media delights of the modern world. It's difficult to switch off. Yes, we have leisure time, but leisure is different to rest. The American novelist Marilynne Robinson reflected, "Leisure...is highly commercialised. But leisure is seldom more than a bit of time ransomed from habitual stress." An occasional day out an amusement park is quite different to having a regular rhythm of work and rest built into our lives.

I wonder whether the craving for constant stimulation is an attempt to fill an aching void in our lives. A void that technology and leisure can never satisfy. The great Christian thinker Augustine of Hippo confessed to God, "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you". Finding this rest is not a matter of frantically trying to please God by our own efforts. Jesus said, "Come to me all who labour and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

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