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**Calendar of Services - March 2018**  
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>4th March Lent 3</b>	<b>10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Simple Celebration St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell</b>				
<b>11th March Mothering Sunday</b>	11.00 am United Service at St Barnabas Church	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>18th March Lent 5</b>	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
<b>25th March Palm Sunday</b>	9.00 am Breakfast Church in the Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
<b>4th March Lent 3</b>	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

**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:

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Stanley Long (818330) Pauline Jenkinson ( 813775)  
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**MARCH REFLECTION FROM THE RECTOR**

This is the month of reflection as Lent moves us day by day towards Holy Week and the Cross of Good Friday. Some of us will be thinking about the practical ways we live our christian beliefs on a day to day basis, while others will be wondering about what it is they believe in or not and does it matter anyway. And so, I thought I would try and find something for all of us to reflection upon this month.

**A Cherokee Legend**

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youths' rite of Passage? His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each boy must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after an horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Moral of the story: Just because you can't see God, it doesn't mean He is not there.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

**Rev. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)**

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## West Lavington Parish Council



**Date: Saturday, March 3rd**  
**Starting at: West Lavington Village Hall**  
**Time: 9.30 am.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL  
VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN TO PROTECT OUR  
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Please bring any shovels, brooms, heavy duty gloves, warm waterproof clothing and wear stout footwear. Hot drinks and toilet facilities will be provided at the Village Hall together with first aid facilities.

Prior to this date, it would be much appreciated if all householders could tidy their outside areas.

For more information or to register to participate, contact the Clerk  
clerk@westlavington.org.uk or just come along on the day.

## VINTAGE MEET

**The Elisha Fields, Drove Lane, Market Lavington  
14th and 15th July 2018.**

A number of years ago a Steam Fair was a regular event in Market Lavington. Organised by John Kyte who, sadly, died in December 2017, they were small steam rallies held in John's own garden. Their popularity grew, and the event moved to The Elisha Fields where it expanded and prospered for a number of years, raising much need funds for the local football club.

Market Lavington has a long association with steam engines. In the 1830's William Cambridge, the inventor of the Cambridge Patent Wheel Roller, established a thriving business in the village, building steam engines, both small beam engine water pumps, and larger engines to drive threshing machines. His enterprise employed a number of local people but outgrew its premises in Market Lavington necessitating a move to Bristol. The Parish Council has decided to resurrect the popular steam event aided by volunteers from the local community. It will not include the larger tractions engines like the original event but rather focus on smaller stationary engines, miniature steam engines, vintage and classic cars, motor cycles, commercial and military vehicles, and tractors etc. There will also be trade stalls, craft stalls, entertainments and activities. There will be a bar and music on Saturday evening and there will be ample space for exhibitors and traders to camp overnight on site.

All profits will go to village projects and local charities.

We would welcome applications from exhibitors and traders, to join us for the weekend. For more information and/or an entry form email [lavington.vintage@gmail.com](mailto:lavington.vintage@gmail.com) or telephone 01380 812841 before 7pm.

Forms may also be downloaded from <http://marketlavington.org.uk/Links.html>

For further information contact Mrs Sharan White. [white.sharan@btinternet.com](mailto:white.sharan@btinternet.com)

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

Steve Herniman has agreed to undertake the role of advertising coordinator. We are currently reviewing the process and changes to the printing requirement following the introduction of colour printing last year. Steve will be in contact with all advertisers between the 5th and 25th March regarding advertising for the 2018/19 period. Any queries, please email: [stephen.herniman@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.herniman@gmail.com) or call 01380 813099.

**100 YEARS AGO****Private Sidney George Sainsbury 33500 Killed in Action 22nd March 1918**

Sidney was born in 1896, in West Lavington. He was the only child of Stephen Sainsbury, a shepherd from Little Cheverell, and his wife, Elizabeth White, from Imber. The family had moved from Upton Scudamore back to West Lavington by 1911 and were living at Gore Cross Farm where Sidney was working as a farm labourer.

He enlisted in Swindon, and served in the 1st battalion Wiltshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 22nd March 1918, when the enemy made a strong and successful attack on the battalion's position east of Fremincourt. The weather was fine but cold that day. Sidney is remembered on the Arras memorial.

**Lance Corporal Charles Giddings 204134 Killed in Action 23rd March 1918**

Charles was born in Tilshead in 1895. The son of Frank Giddings, a farmer, and Mary, Charles was the eldest of three surviving children. The family was living at Glebe Farm, Great Cheverell around the time of the war.

Charles originally joined the Wiltshire Yeomanry and was transferred to the 6th battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment. In early March, the battalion was holding a position near Bapaume. They were heavily engaged for a week, and were slowly forced back by overwhelming numbers. The total casualties were 20 officers and 500 Other ranks.

At 8am on 23rd March the Germans attacked. At 2.15pm they were ordered to fall back, but they decided to try to hold out until nightfall as they were under heavy fire, and to leave the trenches would be more dangerous than remaining. However, when the troops on their flank had withdrawn leaving them unprotected, they had no choice but to mount a rear-guard action. Many men sacrificed their lives in covering the withdrawal of their comrades. Charles is remembered at the Bancourt British Cemetery.

**Lance Corporal Tom Edwards 95344 Killed in Action 25th March 1918**

Tom was born in 1888 in West Lavington, a son of Tom and Sarah Edwards originally from Urchfont. Tom grew up with his younger brother and four older children from his mother's earlier marriage. For a time, they lived at Frith Farm cottages. In 1911, Tom was working as a farm labourer in Potterne.

He joined firstly, the Wiltshire Regiment and later transferred to the Tank Corps.

In April 1917, at the Battle of Arras, the early tanks simply could not cope with the very wet and cold weather which created poor ground conditions. Many broke down or became bogged down. The non-appearance of tanks, as planned, caused a serious disruption to the costly Australian attack at Bullecourt, which created an unfortunate mistrust.

By summer 1917, tank numbers had increased, and the better Mark IV's were available. The tanks' deployment in the Third Battle of Ypres (July-November 1917) proved to be another slog through deep mud and morale in the Tank Corps was low.

On 20 November 1917, the army launched a limited and tactically radical attack at Cambrai, where ground conditions were far more favourable than any seen to date. Following a surprise artillery bombardment, 378 Mark IV tanks smashed through the Hindenburg Line positions, temporarily creating a rupture to the German lines, offering the chance for a breakthrough. However, insufficient mobile reserves could get through in time to exploit the tanks' success, and within days the chance had gone. Tom was killed in action on 25th March 1918, somewhere near Montauban, but the circumstances are not known.

**Corporal Victor William Pearce 24/117 Killed in Action 26th March 1918**

Victor was born in 1891 in Devizes, a son of William Pearce who lived in Wick Road, Devizes, and later at Ashley Villa, Great Cheverell. Victor emigrated to New Zealand some time before WW1, but volunteered for service in the New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

The brigade left Wellington on 9th October 1915 and sailed to Suez where they stayed until April 1916. They were then deployed to France and arrived in Armentieres on 13th May 1916. They saw action on the Somme and at Ypres. Victor was awarded the Military Medal for his actions at Passchendaele.

In March 1918 the Brigade received orders to head for Hedauville where there was a five mile gap in the line which needed filling. They travelled by train during the 24th and 25th, from Houputre Siding, near Poperinghe. On arrival, each unit got into fighting kit and dumped overcoats and all surplus gear and waited for motor transport.

The 2nd Battalion reached Pont Noyelles by troop lorries at 2 am on the 26th. They left there at 2.30am and marched to Hedauville, arriving at 7 am. From here they were ordered to Mailly Maillet where they were to mount an attack in the late afternoon. Although the men were tired after their travelling and marching, they were reported to be in good spirits.

The brigade advanced steadily and by nightfall they had formed a salient which they defended against several enemy attacks. The 2nd Battalion was relieved by 2nd Auckland before daybreak on the following morning and went back to Courcelles-au-Bois. It was at some time during this operation that Victor lost his life. He is remembered on the Grevillers New Zealand memorial, and has no known grave.

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Lavington Community Choir has a date for your diary! Our summer concert will be on Friday July 6th at Market Lavington Community Hall.

Following the 'Come and Sing the Beatles' free session at the end of January, this 'Beatles in Revue' medley now forms part of our summer programme.

If you would enjoy singing every Thursday at 8 for 8.15 then just turn up, you would be very welcome. For more information contact our musical director, Paula Boyagis pboyagis@gmail.com



### 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.

These two outstandingly talented young Hungarian musicians will play works by J.S.Bach, Beethoven and Schubert, including solos both for solo piano and violin, and violin sonatas for both instruments. We are in for a seriously lovely evening's music! Tickets are £20 (front nave), £15 (rear nave) and £10 (sides); Edington Angels have a 10% discount, and 18 and under come free. Ring Chrissy on 01380 831256, or email sue@edingtonarts.org. Full programme details are on the website, www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on.

### WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

gives notice that the

## Annual General Meeting

will be held at

**7.30 pm on Thursday April 26th 2018 in  
The Giles Room, West Lavington Village Hall**

All residents of Littleton Panell and West Lavington are very welcome to attend. In particular, residents are invited to put themselves forward to serve on the Committee. Our Treasurer intends to step down and we are looking for someone with finance skills to manage our accounts.



## A Very Short History of England's Cathedrals

**Saturday 17 March 2018, 6pm  
Edington Priory Church**

We are delighted that Nicholas Orme, Professor of History at Exeter University, will be coming to Edington Priory Church on Saturday 17 March to take us on a quick journey though time from very early on in the history of our great cathedrals to the present day, giving us insights into the building, art and history of these magnificent buildings. There will be an opportunity to chat to Nicholas and buy his books after the talk. Join us for what promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening. Tickets will cost £5.

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### Market Lavington Baby & Toddler Group

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## Mums & Chums

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8th March - Sun catcher Sun catcher craft for

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## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

### Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

By the time you read this, Wiltshire Council will have agreed its budget for 2018/19 and will have set the Council Tax. Soon, your bills will be coming through the letter box and, unless something very unexpected happens, they will be higher than last year for the council as well as the fire service, the police and, in some areas, the parish council too. No one will be happy to see this and, for some households, it will be a real burden. I'm not going to relay here the detailed arguments that justify the Wiltshire Council charges. I am sure the budget will have been covered very fairly by the media. In simple terms, the council gives priority to the most vulnerable adults and children in the community (where needs are growing fast) while delivering its statutory obligations and more everywhere else.

I hope, therefore, that you may already know that not only must local taxes increase but yet more operational savings and efficiencies must also be made. In case the media hasn't mentioned it, however, I would ask you also to appreciate the immense pressures on the council staff that the current situation imposes.

The adult care and children's services teams, for example, are not only working their socks off but their jobs often involve distressing matters. One member of staff recently told me she deals with safeguarding, deprivation of liberty, complex needs, complex care management, financial management, autism and more. She often works out-of-hours and was recently writing a report at 4.00am for a case that was going to court. All other departments too are striving to deliver more for less – economic development, schools, housing, highways, public transport, waste management, strategic planning, development control, libraries, leisure centres, public protection, public health, etc. (with apologies if I have missed something crucial). For the most part, services are as good as ever, but at a lower cost. In many areas, there are clear improvements. Whatever you may think of the elected councillors, I think you would be hard-pressed to find a better team of officers anywhere in the country who have coped so well in these challenging times. Please be assured that your hard-earned money is being well spent.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

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**CCTV Surveillance System:** This is to inform everyone that CCTV is now installed and operational at the Village Hall and BMX track. Five high definition cameras around the hall and a further long range high definition camera will provide cover around the hall and at the far end of the playing fields. All cameras have built in infra-red ability for night-time cover. New signs signal that the system is operating.

**BMX & Skateboard Track:** Application for a £5000 grant to provide a more modern surface and maintain and keep the BMX track in a repaired and safe condition proved successful at the Area Board meeting in January. The council has now agreed that the balance of what is needed (in the region of £7,500) will be found from CIL and precept monies. Work is aimed to start when the weather is better and, when completed, the results will double as a skateboard facility as well as a BMX track.

**Basketball Hoop:** The basketball hoop by the Village Hall carpark is soon to be moved to a better suited place, which is still to be determined but will be within the recreation grounds. Users are advised to look out for its new siting.

**New PCSOs:** Fiona Marno, who has been serving in the Devizes Rural Team as PCSO, has retired from the force after 16 years. Her resignation follows the reassignment of her serving partner in the team PCSO Ellen Carter. Fiona and Ellen are now superseded by PCSO Sam Burnside and PCSO Georgie Brown who has finished her tutorship and is now acting fully independently in the villages. If you have any queries/school talks you wish to be undertaken then please contact either of Sam or Georgie.

**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](mailto:clerk@westlavington.org.uk). The Parish Council website is at [www.westlavington.org.uk](http://www.westlavington.org.uk).

## THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

gathering at the Youth Club at 9.30am; starting from the Village Hall car park on Saturday, March 3rd.

The Parish Council is calling all Littleton Panell and West Lavington residents who want to see our villages - local streets, signs, bus shelters and playing fields - looking good for spring.

Your help is needed and very welcome. Safety advice will be given on the day.

Volunteers taking part are covered by the Parish Council's public liability insurance.

Please look out for more details elsewhere in this News & Views edition, on posters throughout the villages, and on the Parish Council Website and Noticeboard.

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 5th February, and will meet again on 12th March – 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. All interested parties are always welcome to attend. The Approved Minutes of the last meeting (in January) are available to see on the website, the Notice Board outside the shop, and Victoria Park.

A number of local residents came to the February meeting seeking information about the future of the Great Cheverell Stores. It is important to note that, while the shop is a key community asset, it is a private business, so the Council's role is limited to ascertaining the facts and facilitating reasoned discussion. The shop owners plan to come to the March meeting to explain their position, where it is intended that they will be heard with respect.

The Council is concerned about the use of the Pavilion car park for general parking unrelated to its use. This is very inconvenient for those people who actually pay to use the Pavilion, who sometimes can't park at all or have to carry heavy equipment further than they should. Please be considerate and park your car at home! The Council will be writing to local residents to reinforce this important point.

As a further enhancement to the playground area, the Council has bought two picnic tables, one of which is suitable for wheelchair users. Hopefully, when the weather improves, the playground will become an even more popular venue for families.

There is a continuing focus on keeping our roads and paths clean and safe. If you see any potholes developing, or broken street lights, please report them on either the MyWiltshire app or to the Parish Clerk. The Council notes with gratitude the excellent work by the Parish Steward (a Wiltshire Council service) in clearing the drainage ditch between Green Lane and Weavers Mead, and also improving the vision splay where Pear Tree Lane meets the B3098. And, of course, there's the ongoing dog poo issue along Green Lane .... things are starting to get very serious, so be warned. We are going to implement measures to identify the culprits, and large fines can be imposed.

**Chris Hall, Parish Clerk**

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## THE BMX TRACK WILL BE BACK!



As Parish Council Chairman, Sandra Gamble, mentioned in the February edition of News & Views, the Council has been trying hard to find the funding to completely overhaul the track giving it a much better wear surface. Thanks to the hard work of Michael May, Vice Chairman of the Council, and District Councillor, Richard Gamble, the Devizes Area Board approved the application for funding at the last meeting, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has also been received, so the Parish Council approved the expenditure on the necessary upgrades.

The contractor has assured the Council that the new tarmac/concrete track will be completed before the 2018 Church Fête. The Berm, the large 1800 bend, will be fashioned from concrete to take all the pounding as the riders hurtle round the steeply sloping curve, whilst the rest of the track will be made in tarmac to provide a smooth and durable surface. It should be possible for scooter riders and skateboarders to enjoy this pump track as much as the BMXers themselves.

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## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

### **Creative Curriculum**

Happy children are good learners. We work hard to ensure that our children really enjoy their learning. This involves lots of field trips and interesting visitors as well as inspiring projects and topics. Already this term, various classes have visited the “Living Rainforest” near

Newbury (where they saw some of the plants and animals they had been studying in their Rainforest topic), Salisbury Museum (where they studied Ancient Roman Artefacts, dressed up as Romans and made clay pots) and the local church (where they learnt about stained glass windows and other building materials, and did some cross stitch sewing). Some of our children, in response to a book they were reading, modelled dramatic and beautiful images from clay of the Iron Woman dragging herself out of the swamp. Our oldest children dissected some hearts as part of their studies of anatomy which they found completely fascinating. Having these very “Hands On” experiences means the children can use purposefully the reading, writing and maths skills that are the core of our curriculum, whilst learning a lot of science, history, art and many other subjects in an engaging way.

### **Statutory Assessments**

We have to assess our children against strict criteria and send these assessment results off to the Government. We submit results for our assessments at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage, at the end of Year 1, at the end of Year 2 and at the end of Year 6. It is the results of these assessments which the Government uses to judge us to be consistently outstanding, year after year.

We manage the process of assessment very sensitively so that no child is upset by the process. The younger children do not realise they are being assessed and the older children are given all the support and encouragement they need to do very well without becoming stressed or anxious. We do not send SATS papers home every week for homework and we do not run breakfast clubs or holiday clubs to revise for SATS. Children who are properly taught right through their school life should not need any of this upsetting input. Quality first teaching ensures that our children are prepared and confident for their assessments without any undue pressure.

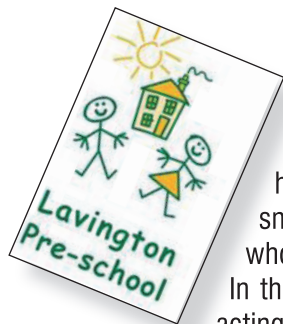
### **e-safety**

It is very important that families and schools prepare children to be safe in our online, digital world – so much more their world than ours! Children tend to be technologically sophisticated but very naïve and we have to work hard to ensure that they understand the huge benefits of the online world but also its dangers. Increasingly, this forms a significant part of the curriculum for our children.

### **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](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk) and our phone number is 01380 813796.

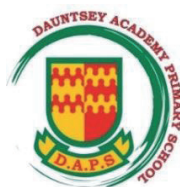
**Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)**



### LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Mrs Becky Grey, preschool manager, passed away on Saturday 17th February with her family by her side, at Bournemouth hospital. Becky will be remembered for her warmth, radiant smile and her commitment to providing the very best start for all who attended Lavington preschool.

In the interim period, Mrs Julie Langlands is going to step up as acting Manager until the committee begin the recruitment process so if you have any questions or concerns please do feel free to contact her on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk



### DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Young Voices

Yet another fantastic trip was undertaken on January 26th to Birmingham to sing with 7 thousand other children in the world's biggest children's choir. Young Voices 2018 was extra special for me this year. Whilst singing in the Arena with the junior choir last year I suddenly had a vision of taking all of the children in KS2, and their teachers, so that the experience could be shared by as many of our children as possible. I thought the teachers would say that the work load to learn all of the songs would be too huge, but they didn't! The KS2 staff took on the challenge to encourage as many children as possible to enter into this amazing experience.

We took approximately 70 children with us in the end. To see the children's hard work come to fruition in such a spectacular night of dancing, singing, working with a professional conductor, band and singing group was just magical.

Mrs Kerr

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The Prison Advice and Care Trust (Pact) is a national charity that provides support to prisoners and their families. Our mission is to support people to make a fresh start, and minimise the harm that can be caused by imprisonment on people who have committed offences, on families and on communities. You can contribute to the achievement of that mission by becoming a Pact volunteer today!

We are looking for people who believe that every family of man or woman in prison is entitled to visit them, and that when doing so, the families should be treated in a respectful, non-judgmental, empathic way, encouraging a positive visit experience.

Volunteers are needed for a range of roles;

- Visitor Centre – meet and greet families, provide emotional support, serve refreshments and basic admin tasks. Visitors Centres are located within close proximity to the prison
- Play – within the Visits Hall (inside the prison gates) engaging in play activities with children of all ages, allowing families space to talk.

Times and locations of roles vary. Full training will be provided. All roles require DBS clearance and some roles require Prison Vetting Clearance. Please note these checks can take a number of weeks to process.

For full role descriptions and to apply please visit our website on the link below.

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## Mothers' UNION

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Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 12th February. Our Branch Leader, Janet Hodges was happy to report that the accounts were in a healthy state.

The programme for 2018 was also discussed, the theme for this year being 'Following in the Footsteps of Mary Sumner.' Following the AGM Janet gave a brief history about the life and work of our founder, Mary Sumner and this was then discussed with the aim of finding out how we can make it more relevant in today's world.

Next Meeting: Monday, 12th March at 2.15pm in the home of Ann Janes, 54 High Street, West Lavington.

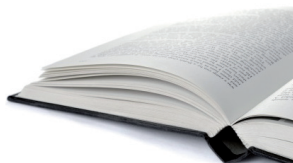
Val Noviss

### GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

Our January readings were a 'Different Class' by Joanne Harris and 'God in Ruins' by Kate Atkinson. A 'Different Class' is set in St Oswalds Grammar School in North Yorkshire where the Latin master Roy Straitley has spent thirty years. He has seen all sorts of boys come and go- the clowns, the rebels and the underdogs and those he calls his Brodie boys. Every so often there comes a boy who doesn't fit, a troublemaker. The school faces insolvency and academic failure and the arrival of a new broom seems to release dark shadows from the past. Slowly revealed is a tale of malice among Staff and boys and hints of paedophilia and homosexuality. Gradually you try to work out who was behind the actions in the past which now impact on Straitley and his beloved school. None of us worked out who the villain was. It is an interesting read and we thought well written.

'God in Ruins' tells the story of Teddy Todd a would-be poet, heroic World War II bomber pilot, husband, father and grandfather. His life after the war is quiet, even humdrum, a life he did not expect to survive for during his war years. The picture of those serving in Bomber Command is sobering- Teddy likens it to throwing birds to a wall. The story chops and changes between Teddys childhood, his war years and the 60's. The novel shows the impact of war, not only on those who lived through it, but on the lives of subsequent generations. The twist at the end was unexpected and shows that fiction can change a story in an instant. An enjoyable read.

Wendy Wilshin



## G Garden Cheverells Club

For our February meeting we had a visit from a garden designer, Charlotte Howard. During the evening Charlotte described her approach to the task of designing or redesigning a garden for a client.

Using an actual case to illustrate the process, she explained that initially there would be a relaxed chat to establish what the client wanted. This would be followed by a site survey and soil analysis. At this stage the client would be asked to identify plants or artefacts that they wished to retain for sentimental or other reasons. They would also be asked to give details of pipework or cabling that would need to be taken into consideration in the design to avoid damage. And finally a proposed design would be drawn up for discussion with the client. If the plan was accepted Charlotte would, if required, introduce the client to a contractor to do the work. For a fee she would be happy to accompany a client to a plant nursery where she would act as a personal shopper to help choose and purchase suitable plants.

Some members of the audience had questions about what to do with certain problem areas in their gardens. Charlotte offered some solutions. The audience contributed more suggestions and also offers of cuttings and plants suitable for the sites. By the end of the evening many problems had been shared and mulled over. The audience had been given insight into the value of paying for help if lost for ideas on how to achieve the garden they yearned for.

The Cheverells Garden Club will be holding their annual plant sale on 12 May. The Chairman encouraged our members to plant a few extra seeds or to pot up a few more cuttings so that the extras could be donated to the plant sale.

On Tuesday 13 March, our speaker will be Stephanie Hafferty. Stephanie is an organic gardener, teacher and author. She will be talking about the use of polytunnels and greenhouses to extend the growing season and also to enable the cultivation of exciting new tender crops. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. There is a £2 charge 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 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 will be on sale nearer the time from members of the committee and from Great Cheverell Stores. There will be a charge of £3 for members and a charge of £5 for non-members.



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

Winter hits and the number of matches drop as a result. Teams have endeavoured to continue training so they are ready for matches - if weather and facilities permit.



For the competitive football teams, the U15s played one match (versus Westbury) and won 7-2, the U14s managed one game and an impressive 8-0 win against Bath Arsenal. The U12s returned to action with an excellent 5-1 win against AFC Corsham.

For our non-competitive teams, the Badger Cubs are having a break until after the February school holidays when they will restart. The U8s and U9s have been playing games and doing well. They are keen to improve their numbers, so if interested then please contact Sharon (number below for information).

The U10s have managed to keep training on the Astro turf at Devizes and the U11s trained to develop further their Futsal skills.

Dates for you diary: the Badger Bash returns on 28th April. This is an opportunity for parents to have a night out and also fund raise for the club. WCFC will also be supporting the Devizes Lions Swimathon on Saturday 3rd March – players will be recruited soon for that great cause.

Our annual presentation day will be 30th June – so block that date out!

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

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

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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The Club would like to say a huge thank you to Louise Whorlow McCabe from Colour Flow Professional Painters and Decorators ([www.colour-flow.co.uk](http://www.colour-flow.co.uk)) for sponsoring a new kit for the ladies team, it looks fantastic. The team are going to wear it for the first time on Sunday 4th March at Dauntsey School for their cup match against Marlborough. The ladies have had some very close matches lately with a 1-0 defeat against Swindon Spitfires, it was a very hard fought match that could have gone either way. Then an enjoyable match against Warminster which ended in a 2-1 defeat, Dawn Wildman getting the worthy goal.

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](mailto: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 events are a "Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz" on Friday March 9th (tickets £10 each) and "Desert Island Disc" on Friday April 13th (tickets £12.50).

These events are open to members and non-members of The Twinning Association and tickets can be obtained from Michael Page on 818510. Booking is essential!

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**  
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Sunday 4th March – 10.30 am – Rev Simon Edwards  
 Sunday 11th March – 11.00 am at St Barnabas Church, Easterton  
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 Sunday 25th March – 10.30 am – Palm Sunday – Rev Tom MacMeekin  
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Beth Warren.



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**BAPTISMS**

**Olivia Evelyn NICHOLLS** was baptised by Rev Marion Harrison at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 20th January 2018.

**Yvonne Rosemary ASHLEY**, of Market Lavington, died on 23rd February 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 February 2018.

**FUNERALS**

The ashes of **Roger FROST** were interred in the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 22nd January 2018.

The ashes of **Cissy Amelia RENDELL** were buried in All Saints' Churchyard, West Lavington on 8th February 2018.

**BENEFICE 200 CLUB**

The February prizes were drawn by Caroline and Mark Spindlow. The first prize goes to Pat Strowger of Littleton Panell and the second prize goes to Michael Challenor of West Lavington.

Thank you to all of you who bought tickets for the 2018 draws. There are a total of 24 chances of a win so maybe you will be a lucky winner this year. The grand profit this year of over £1,500 goes to help with administration costs over the Benefice.

Bonnie Matters  
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## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

### Free Speech

Freedom of speech is of fundamental importance in a democratic society. There can be no true liberty where citizens are not free to speak their minds. As the film Darkest Hour bears eloquent testimony, the thing that drove Churchill as wartime Prime Minister was his determination to safeguard the freedom of the British people. That is what roused him to stand up to Nazi tyranny at all costs, while others were flirting with appeasement.

One of the first freedoms to fall when tyranny takes hold is free speech. Tyrants don't welcome public criticism. They are threatened by the free exchange of ideas that may call into question their state-sanctioned dogmas. Free speech is under threat today because people think they have the right not to hear things with which they disagree, or may find offensive. We are in danger of falling prey to the tyranny of fashionable opinion.

University students demand 'safe spaces' where their opinions won't be challenged. They require 'trigger warnings' should their lecturers touch on controversial subjects. Look at what happened just recently when Jacob Rees-Mogg was invited to speak at the University of the West of England in Bristol. Whether or not we agree with his views, surely he had a right to express them without being shouted down, or pushed around. Winston Churchill once commented, "Everyone is in favour of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people's idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage."

Freedom of religion goes hand in hand with freedom of speech. No one has the right to impose their beliefs on others. Faith must not be used as a pretext for inciting hatred or violence. But the freedom to practice and proclaim one's faith in the public square must be upheld.

Freedom of speech is allied to the search for truth. Having our views challenged helps us come to a better understanding of things. According to the Christian faith human beings are truth-seekers because we are made in the image of the God of truth. We may seek him and find him because God has made himself known to us in Jesus Christ. As Jesus said, "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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### Events:

25 March, 4.30pm 'Time for Tea Plus' Sunday Tea, followed by a short Service  
 30 March, 10.30am, Good Friday Service. Preacher: Steve Whitaker. Followed by a buffet lunch.

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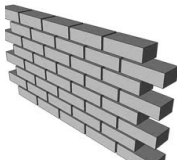
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