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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th May Easter 6	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Barnabas Church, Easterton				
13th May Easter 7	11.00 am United Service	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service at St Mary's	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
20th May Pentecost	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
27th May Trinity Sunday	9.00 am Breakfast Church at the Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
3rd June Trinity 1	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Mary's Church, Market 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:

Robert Giles (813526) Bronwen Matters (818133)

St Peter's, Great Cheverell:

Stanley Long (818330) Pauline Jenkinson (813775)

St Peter's, Little Cheverell:

Peregrine Rawlins (816318)

VILLAGE LINK

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell

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MAY REFLECTION FROM THE RECTOR

Many, many years ago, when I was in still in the juniors, I had a teacher called Mrs. Randle. To my young eyes she was possibly the oldest women alive and I was very frightened by her harsh mannerisms and strict methods of teaching. Looking back, I think that year was the worst of my school years. But there was one thing she said that has always stayed with me. That the saddest two words in the English language were "if only". By themselves "if" and "only" carry no connotations of sadness but put them together...

"If only I had stopped to fill up with petrol at the last garage we passed." "If only I hadn't eaten the whole box of chocolates in one go." "If only I hadn't said those words."

"If only" implies regret of things past. Things we wished we had or hadn't said or done or situations we found ourselves in beyond our control and through no fault of our own. It seems to me that we have forgotten that words and actions have meaning and power. We react instead of act and we often speak before we think about what we mean to convey. We seem to no longer choose our words and actions with care or consideration for others. In the film "A man for all seasons" a 1966 film adaptation of the play by Robert Bolt, (a biopic of Sir Thomas More, who endorsed the divine right of the pope over Henry VIII when the king planned the dissolution of the Catholic church) both words and actions carry meaning and power. And while, in this country, we no longer have to worry about capital punishment for wrong words and actions, we need to develop awareness when using modern media i.e. the internet and social networking sites or travelling abroad.

So how do we stop reaction and move towards action? How do we combat regret? What is in the past is done and cannot be changed. What can change are our reactions. Not just by changing how we consider our words and actions but by considering the words and actions of the people around us. What is it that they are truly trying to convey? Why are they acting in such a manner?

And if we can move from the "if only" regrets of our lives to the "maybe" possibilities of today and the hope for tomorrow, this world may become a little less daunting and my scary Mrs. Randle can finally fade into the past.

And so, from the "if only the weather had been a little warmer and dryer this April" to maybe May will bring the summer sun, I wish you warm, dry and sunny days.

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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lavingtonrector@gmail.com (Not available Fridays)

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From the Rectory

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE

July 14th 2018 2-4 pm

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

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

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

Tony Morton 812107
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Please come along, we'd love to meet you.

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

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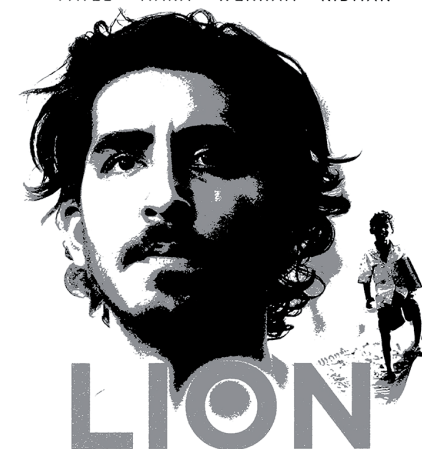
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Proving very popular are our monthly screenings of films on Saturday evenings, including: ***A Street Cat Named Bob, Galaxy Quest, Manchester by the Sea, A United Kingdom, Hidden Figures, Their Finest, My Cousin Rachel, Dunkirk, Victoria and Abdul.***

In addition, we welcomed 'children of all ages' to our Halloween and Christmas matinees ***The Addams Family and The Polar Express*** - free for all adults and children from the villages and praised by those who attended. The children appreciated their small gifts from Mrs Christmas!

Each month members receive a newsletter and we have also set up a blu-ray film library which is free to all members.

None of the above could have been achieved without the support of our members.

The annual subscription fee is £20.00

from 1st May 2018 to 30th April 2019 inclusive.

This fee entitles members to attend all films throughout the year at no further cost.

A pay bar is available at each show.

Temporary membership, covering 2 consecutive films, will be available for £5.00.

Application forms are available at Cheverell Stores and Post Office.

MUM & CHUMS

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

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

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).

THANK YOU FROM BOB YOUNG ON HIS RETIREMENT

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for the generous gifts, and all the good wishes that I have received from all five parishes in the Benefice on my retirement as a Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader). My thanks to the Benefice Council, the Churchwardens and people of the five churches which I have had the privilege of serving over the past forty years.

My family and I moved to Great Cheverell in 1978 when I was transferred to Erlestoke Prison (on the staff!!) We worshipped alternately in Great Cheverell and Erlestoke Churches. As the deanery evolved and reorganised I found myself helping out with worship at Little Cheverell and West Lavington.

We moved to Market Lavington in 1981 and joined up with St Mary's and St Barnabas, long before our Benefice came into being I was already quite familiar with the congregations of all five churches. I have now reached the point where I feel able to retire and hang up my scarf, I can now adopt the grandiose title of 'Reader Emeritus'. Once again thank you all for your friendship and fellowship through the years. We remain in Market Lavington and continue to support the Benefice and all its activities.

Bob Young

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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

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.

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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On **Saturday 19th May** Ashley Grote, Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and former Director of the Edington Music Festival, will be leading the day working on Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, a fitting commemoration of those who died in the 1914-18 War.

On a lighter note, we shall be adding Parry's 'I was Glad', often sung at Royal Weddings, in honour of the wedding of Prince Harry and Meaghan Markle – so we shall also be offering complimentary wedding cake and a glass of fizz in the interval between the workshop and concert run-through which will follow.

Fine soloists, top quality accompaniment (Brahms' own four-handed piano arrangement of his orchestral score) played by Richard Pinel and Libby Burgess, and a generous, intensely musical and experienced leader in Ashley Grote will make for a wonderful day's music making, suitable for anyone with some experience of choral singing.

Tickets for the concert, which is open to anyone and everyone, are £5 per head, (18 and under free) and can be bought in advance from sue@edingtonarts.org, or by ringing Chrissy on 01380 831256, or on the door from 4.30pm on Saturday 19th May; places for the workshop at £20 plus £2 for hire of music can be booked through Anne Curtis on anne@edingtonarts.org or by ringing her on 01380 831425. Full workshop information and an application form are also on the website at www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on. The deadline for workshop applications is May 17th.

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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.

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100 YEARS AGO

May 1918

Private William Nutland 32986 Killed in Action 8th May 1918

William was born about 1888, the second son of George Nutland, a farm labourer, and his wife Anne Shore. William was born in Hill Deverell in Wiltshire, but he grew up in West Lavington with his older brother and two sisters. His father died when William was ten years old.

In 1911 William was working as an agricultural labourer. He joined the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, but was later transferred to the 2nd battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment.

On 19th April 1918, the battalion was at Busseboom in Belgium, and was formed into two companies, with a composite battalion with the 2nd Bedfordshire Regiment, coming under the orders of the latter. This party, which included William, marched up to the front line near Gheluvelt at 6pm.

On 27th April the Composite battalion was in action at Hollebeke, and suffered some casualties: 4 killed, 21 wounded and 42 missing.

On 9th May, news reached the battalion HQ that the Composite battalion had been involved in more action in defending the line at Gheluvelt the previous day and suffered 7 killed, 18 wounded and 37 missing. William was one of those reported killed in action. He is remembered on the Tyne Cot memorial.

Lt Col Jerome Boileau Allsopp Killed in Action 27th May 1918

Jerome was born in 1879 in Easterton. His father was Richard Winstanley Allsopp and his mother was Harriet Baker Boileau Dawson. His father was the vicar at Easterton, and Jerome grew up in the vicarage there with nine brothers and sisters. Richard became the vicar of West Lavington around 1888 or 1891 and the family moved to the vicarage there.

Jerome was educated at Stubbington House School in Hampshire, and he joined the army on 28th December 1899 at the age of twenty, enlisting in the Imperial Yeomanry which was a volunteer cavalry regiment created in 1899. He was posted to South Africa, arriving there on 20th March 1900, when the British were beginning a new offensive action against the Boers, who had mounted a successful campaign in the preceding months. At this point Jerome was serving in the ranks, but he was promoted to Lieutenant whilst serving in South Africa on 29th March 1901.

From the moment he embarked on the troopship to South Africa, Jerome was a prolific writer of letters to his mother. She kept them all, and they are a very personal insight into military experiences. For example, he wrote of his concerns about the welfare of the horses during the voyage to South Africa, in particular during and after a storm. He also told her of his first experience under fire. He was a member of a four-man mounted patrol given the task of determining whether or not a hill was occupied by Boers, the enemy. As the youngest trooper in the patrol, he was ordered to stay with

the horses, holding their reins as the other patrol members cautiously climbed the hill. There were some Boers there, and they fired a few bullets at the patrol before mounting their horses and withdrawing. Jerome wrote home that he was much more worried about letting go of the reins of his patrol's mounts than being shot.

He was invalided home in August of 1901, but by the spring of 1902 he had obtained a commission in the South Lancashire Regiment and he returned to South Africa in April 1902. From there he was posted to India in January 1903, at the end of hostilities with the Boers.

In a letter from India he wrote about an incident while pigsticking (this was a method of reducing the number of wild pigs which became a nuisance when allowed to breed.) It entailed riding a pony and attempting to skewer the pig with a bamboo lance. Jerome's pony was spooked by a pig and headed at high speed under a low branch which caught Jerome in the face breaking his jaw badly. In fact, a telegram was sent to his mother that his life was in danger and that a chaplain had been sent for.

At around this time, West Lavington House, (we now know it as West Lavington Manor) was rented from the Churchill Estate by the Hildebrand family. A firm friendship was established between the Hildebrand and the Allsopp families, and eventually Jerome married Arthur Hildebrand's daughter, Gertrude.

Jerome spent most of his military career in India. The census shows he was there in 1911, and he and Gertrude were married there in 1915. The 1st battalion remained in Quetta for the duration of World War 1, but Jerome was transferred to the 8th battalion in 1917, when he was promoted to Major, and he was sent to the Western Front. He led the battalion at the Battle of Messines in June 1917 and the Third Battle of Ypres in August 1917, during which he was wounded. Early in 1918 the battalion lost half its strength at the Battle of St Quentin and the Battle of Bapaume in Northern France, and the battalion was disbanded in February 1918.

Jerome then transferred to command the 2nd battalion and remained in France. He received the DSO and was three times mentioned in despatches.

The Battle of the Aisne began on 27th May 1918, and lasted until 6th June, resulting in the German capture of the towns of Soissons and La Fere-en-Tardenois.

The final letter in Jerome's file was written in 1918 when Jerome was commanding his battalion at Bouvancourt, near Rheims. It was written by his adjutant, his personal staff officer. It describes how he and Jerome were in a shell hole observing the German advance when he heard a burst of machinegun fire nearby, and when he failed to get a reply from a question, he turned and saw that Jerome had been hit and killed immediately by the German bullets.

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TWO MORE HISTORY BOOKS

During the long winter I have managed to complete two more books which hopefully should be available during May:

A Brief History of West Lavington Manor Volume 2 (£12)

In the first volume, which was a collaboration with Ruth Tait (or Ruth Doman as we knew her), we covered the history of the Manor House and gardens and the lords of the manor. In volume 2 I have concentrated on the lives of the people living in the village from early medieval times up to the end of the 18th century, and how they were affected by the Civil War, the great fire of 1689, changes in religion and education, and how they coped with poverty. Anyone with ancestors in the village at that time should find something of interest here.

There will be a volume 3 of this series later in the year, dealing with life in the Victorian age.

The History and Development of Easterton Village by Sheila M Judge (£12)

With help from Andrew Stevens, (Korky the Clown) and Philip Ford, I have republished this lovely book which was written in the 1980s and produced in photocopy form at that time. We have brought it up to date with photos and added further information, including a history of Eastcott, in the form of Appendices. The main body of the book is in Sheila's own words.

A History of All Saints' Church by Sheila M Judge is still available at £10. You can get copies from Bob Giles, or me or at Devizes Books or Amazon.co.uk

I am working on the next volume of the Holloway series which will cover life in the village in the 20th century. I hope to have this ready soon.

All the profits from Sheila's books will go to St Barnabas Church or All Saints Church. All the books will be available from me, or Devizes Books or Amazon.co.uk in May. The profits from the History of West Lavington Manor will go to the youth club. Thank you for your support.

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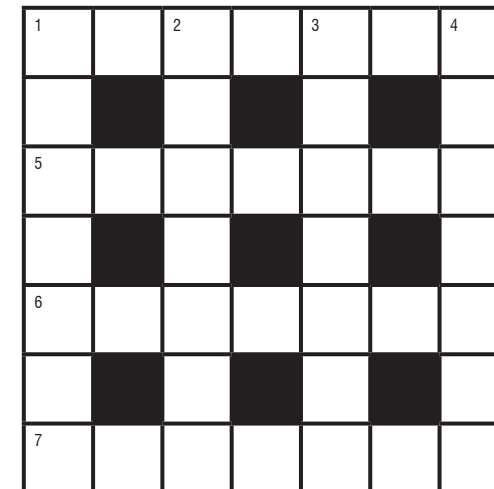
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2. Mark or stamp as paid
3. Belief or sentiment
4. Vest



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Brain Teaser Peter left £650 to be divided amongst his five grandchildren, all of whom were different ages. The money was to be divided in order of age, each child receiving £25 more than the next younger child. How much did the youngest child receive? Answers on Page 31.



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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

I hope you enjoy the May bank holiday. There are good historical reasons for a little pleasure because, throughout the centuries, this time of year has seen traditional festivities, mostly associated with towns and villages celebrating springtime fertility of the soil, of livestock and of people.

The Celts celebrated **Beltane** as the first day of summer (and still do in Scotland). For the Romans, it was **Floralia**, the festival of Flora, goddess of flowers. In England, on **May Day**, May Queens, maypoles and Morris dancing have links with the rites of pagan Anglo-Saxons. In Cornwall (where the natives are not Anglo-Saxon) the traditions include the Helston Furry Dance and the Padstow Obby Oss.

Obviously, to the Puritans of the 17th century, so much fun was intolerable. Parliament abolished May Day after the civil war - but the tradition was re-established on the restoration of cheerful King Charles II in 1660.

However, it is only since 1978 that the first Monday in May has been a national bank holiday. The Labour government at the time was not thinking of the ancient traditions but the fact that May Day had been designated **International Workers Day**. In 1904, the International Socialist Congress called on "*all Social Democratic Party organizations and trade unions of all countries to demonstrate energetically on the First of May for the legal establishment of the 8-hour day, for the class demands of the proletariat, and for universal peace.*" The congress made it "*mandatory upon the proletarian organizations of all countries to stop work on 1 May, wherever it is possible without injury to the workers.*"

So, one way or the other, it's more-or-less compulsory to down tools and to dance (or to march) on May Day. Whether you are a pagan, a proletarian or just an average person, I hope you find pleasure.

But if everything goes wrong and you need help urgently, you can always use the international distress call "May Day, May Day".

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

Annual Parish Meeting

Please remember the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place in the Village Hall at 7pm on May 30th. This is your opportunity to hear from councillors about the issues they have been addressing on your behalf in the past year.

In addition, Councillors have invited John Weller, ex-RAF pilot and Air Ambulance volunteer, as this year's guest speaker. He will explain the role of this very important charitable organisation and answer your questions.

As usual, village organisations will report on their past year's activities.

All members of the community are invited to attend to catch up on events and to share a small refreshment during the interval.

Redesign of Council Website <https://www.westlavington.org.uk/>

The Parish Council will be re-designing its current website with a view to going live with the new format in the autumn.

This complex project will involve all existing data and associated contacts being reviewed not only to ensure accuracy and currency, but also to comply with new data protection requirements from the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which come into effect on 25th May 2018.

All existing contributors will be contacted during the next month to review their content and to confirm the contact details and privacies around this information.

We are also interested in identifying any new contributors who would like their information on this parish specific website for the following topics:

- Local community organisations for young people as well as adults
- Local accommodation
- Local places to eat and drink

To request new content, to confirm existing content, or for any other information on our website build, please contact bridget.herniman@westlavington.org.uk

WWI Commemorative Trees

Sadly, the Parish Council's WWI commemorative project has come to a premature abrupt halt. The project's aim is to plant 35 trees, obtained free from the County who would like parishes to mark and celebrate the end of the First World War by planting trees in whatever way they see fit. Allowing for some wastage, 25 trees would hopefully grow to maturity, representing the number of soldiers from the Parish who lost their lives during the conflict. The Parish Council has been pursuing permission from the MoD for many months to use 1-1.5 acres at Gore Cross. A refusal from the MoD has now been received citing potential reduction of rent (in the region of £50/70 per acre per year); unwillingness to create and maintain a carpark; potential for more walkers near tank crossing causing safety issues along A360; and unwillingness to accommodate memorials (although one memorial request from Tilshead was accepted last year). Councillors at their April meeting resolved to continue to pursue the issue.

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 9 April. The Approved Minutes of the last meeting (in March) are available to see on the website, the Notice Board outside the shop, and Victoria Park.

The Council has two important meetings in May:

- **Monday 14th, The Pavilion, 7.30pm: The Annual General Meeting**, when the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected for the next year. The draft 2017/18 Accounts will also be discussed prior to submission for audit and Public Inspection;
- **Thursday 24th, The Pavilion, 7.30pm: The Annual Parish Meeting**, when the Council, and various organisations within the village, present reports on their activities on behalf of villagers. There will be a presentation on our developing Emergency Plan, and the meeting will be followed by the Pavilion Trust AGM.

These are both important meetings, giving you a chance to find out, and ask questions on, what actually goes on in Great Cheverell. Please come along and show your interest! We even offer refreshments!

At the April meeting, the Council received an update on cars abusing the parking at The Pavilion, which is only for users of the hall and, as an exception for very short periods, parents delivering or collecting their children from Holy Trinity. The problem has now been identified to a very small number of houses and cars. Please be responsible and park your car somewhere where it doesn't cause a nuisance – you know who you are!

A recent instance of flooding down Pear Tree Hill was due to Wessex Water draining down the reservoir, which unfortunately caused problems as all the drains down the High Street are blocked! This is being pursued with both Wessex Water and Wiltshire Council.

There is still a vacancy on the Council, which can now be filled by direct application to the Council (no election necessary). The only requirements are that you have to have lived, or worked, in Great Cheverell Parish for at least a year, and be at least 18 years old. That description fits around 500 people in the village – it would be sad if no one came forward to help get the best for all residents, wouldn't it? Contact the Clerk if you want to know more.

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

Phone: 01380 816983 Email: parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, we are delighted to have 4 new starters, Eadie, Ralph, Darcie and Romio, we welcome them and their families to our Pre-school. Everyone has settled in well after the Easter holiday and has come back refreshed and ready to have fun!

This Term our investigations will be focused around The Queen and London. This will tie in nicely with some 'Royal Wedding' celebrations, including cake decorating and jelly making. We will also be talking about Queen Bees and honey making. If anyone is, or knows anyone who is a beekeeper, we will be focusing on this area of the topic in the week commencing 8th May and we would love a visit.

This term, we have also been regularly visited by Tiny Mites Music and the children have loved the opportunity to get involved in Music, Movement and Drama, clapping, dancing, tapping and having fun. For more information on this enrichment activity please have a look at their website:

<http://tinymitesmusic.com/welcome-tiny-mites-music/>

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from the EYFS Expressive arts and design: 'Accept wholeheartedly young children's creations and help them to see them as something unique and valuable.'

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

<http://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:

<http://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



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Physical Education

We are very fortunate at Holy Trinity to have the most beautiful grounds for the children to enjoy, including Bluebell Wood, an outdoor reflection area with sensory garden, the Space Rocket, the Pirate Ship and the Outdoor Theatre. All of these, with the timber trails, encourage the children to keep active during their playtimes. To support our work on physical education, we are putting another track around our playing field to encourage children to run the “Daily Mile” or as much of a mile as they can. The new track will be marked out in 50m and 100m sections as well so that they can practice sprints.

As well as the regular curriculum PE, we also have many extracurricular sports clubs – we always have judo and various winter and summer sports and we offer short courses in archery and fencing as well. Gardening and dance are available for those who prefer non-ball sports.

Creative Curriculum

Children learn best when they are engaged in fun and interesting topics – we always teach through themes and encourage children to use their literacy and maths skills across all areas of the curriculum. This term, we have all the children from Foundation Stage to Year 2 working together on the topic of “Birds” (which will include a trip to the Hawk Conservancy), the children in Year 3/Year 4 will be working on the topic of “Invaders of the British Isles” with special reference to the Normans (and will have a trip to Salisbury Museum to make gargoyles and to find out more about Normans through artefacts), the children in Year 4/Year 5 will be studying “The Second World War” (with a trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon which does a wonderful theme day on evacuees and other aspects of World War II), and the Year 5/Year 6 class will be working on “Coasts” which will involve map work, coastal erosion, settlements and study of the relevant fauna and flora.

Summer Time at Holy Trinity

As soon as the weather warms up, we encourage the children to eat their lunches outdoors as a picnic on our field – something that they look forward to very eagerly. We also have our Summer Music Concert, where children who take part in school peripatetic music lessons perform in front of an audience. We shall have recitals on the piano, guitar and brass instruments, and ensemble recitals from recorder choir and ukulele band. The standard of these performances is always surprisingly high and this concert is a very popular part of our annual calendar. The Year 3 and Year 4 children will perform their summer plays, we shall enjoy the annual athletics sports day which is the final event of our competitive sporting calendar, we shall have the school Eucharist in the school hall and there will be lots of other celebrations of endings and new beginnings as we finish off this academic year. This is a long but very exciting term and we all look forward to it with anticipation.

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

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

In this issue I would like to give you a brief insight into a day in the life of the learning support staff at DAPS.

It's not all looking for lost jumpers and applying ice-packs to bumped heads (although there is a fair amount of that!). Once the classroom is set up ready to go the children enter the classroom and the fun begins.

As well as supporting the learning in the classroom the morning is spent implementing interventions on a one-to-one basis, or with small groups, in core subjects such as maths, reading and writing. These are planned and overseen by the class teacher and the aim is to ensure each child receives the learning support they require to help them reach their full potential. (Also, we learn too! My maths ability has certainly improved by learning the methods now used for multiplication and division. If only it was taught this way in my day). This is also a lovely way to get to know the individuals and form trusting relationships. After playtime and lunchtime supervision, we help with P.E., Forest School, swimming or Topic activities. Then, before you know it the day is over. At DAPS we now also have two trained ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants), Mrs Mandy Francis and myself. We can support pupils' emotional and/or social needs. This is done in a warm, gentle and friendly way to help raise pupils' self-esteem and confidence; help manage their anger; assist with friendship skills or social/communication skills. A helping hand along the way can make a big difference. It is a privilege to part of a child's life within school and assist them as they face the challenges and joys they encounter on their journey from Reception class to 'big' Year 6. They never cease to amaze us, make us laugh or impress us.

To be part of such a truly happy, dedicated and caring team and the joy at seeing a child try something new or achieve a goal, no matter how small, is always special.

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At our last meeting on 9th April we joined with the other Deanery branches for a Lady Day Service, hosted by the Devizes Deanery which was held at St John's Church in Devizes. The Revd. Jane Knowles gave a talk on the joys of being a priest in the rural areas, and how much her work had meant to her. This was followed by a service of said Evensong, with Tony Jones playing the hymns which was delightful. Finally, to end the afternoon there was a delicious Bring and Share Tea, which gave us a chance to catch up with our friends.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 14th May at 2.15pm at the home of Ann Janes, 54, High Street, West Lavington, when Nick Hale will be our speaker. His talk will be on "A Journey with my Godson".

Janet Hodges



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

WEST LAVINGTON is twinned with a village in Normandy called St. Pierre d'Autils. Every other year we visit St. Pierre for a long weekend and this year they will visit us in May. We hold events at intervals throughout the year in order to fund the entertainment and visits when the French visit us.

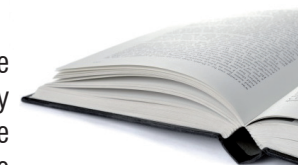
These events are open to members and non-members of The Twinning Association and tickets can be obtained from Michael Page on 818510.

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

Michael Page, Secretary

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

Our latest meeting suited the weather with our first book title *Midwinter Break* by Bernard Machaverty. This is the story of a retired couple Gerry and Stella who fly from their home in Scotland for a long weekend in Amsterdam. At first the relationship between the couple seems easy and familiar but over the four days we learn of deep rifts in their relationship. Gerry once an architect is now forgetful and drinks too much. Stella is tired of his lifestyle, worried about their marriage and angry at his disregard for her religious faith. While in Amsterdam memories begin to resurface of the troubled times in their native Ireland. Stella was caught in crossfire while heavily pregnant and made a vow which she is now hoping to fulfil. We found this an engrossing read for the picture of a relationship which appears at breaking point. The writing is atmospheric and the observation of the couple is compassionate and tender and the story heart rending. A book we would recommend.



The second book we read is *Dangerous Crossing* by Rachel Rhys. In contrast to our other book a lot happens in this story. It tells of Lily Shepherd who boards a cruise liner at the end of July 1939 on an assisted passage to Australia. She shares a cabin in third class with two other girls and at meal times sits with a group which includes a brother and sister, Edward and Helena. Edward is gaunt and is said to be going to Australia for his health. His sister is sad due to a broken romance. Lily becomes friendly with them and later with a girl called Maria, an Australian Jew who is going to relatives in Australia. Lily also becomes involved with a couple in first class, Max and Eliza, who seem to be ostracised by other first class passengers. As the boat slowly makes its way through the Mediterranean, a web of relationships develop and under currents of tension arise. Max and Eliza, although glamorous, are dangerous and Lily is warned by a woman from the first class and also the chaperone of the assisted passage girls, not to get close to them. A picture emerges of a close society, poised at a moment when war is imminent and tensions arise between different classes and various nationalities. The passengers are trapped on board and cannot escape from one another until they reach their destination.

We all enjoyed this book and would read it again. The opening is particularly gripping!

Wendy Wilshin



This is the 50th anniversary of Butterfly Conservation, an organisation set up to protect butterflies. Moths also became a key concern for the group. Maurice Avent, our speaker at the April meeting, was a Trustee of Butterfly Conservation UK for 12 years and National

Chairman for 3 years. He was also Chairman of Butterfly Conservation Wiltshire for almost 10 years. In his interesting and thought-provoking talk on 'Butterflies and Moths' Maurice gave us some insights into their fascinating lives and their role in the environment and in our gardens. The talk was illustrated with beautiful photographs.

Maurice told us that in the Victorian era butterflies and moths were caught in nets by enthusiasts and then mounted in cases. They kept detailed records of their findings. Nowadays, thankfully, naturalists observe butterflies and moths in the wild and take photographs and record their observations. When scholars compared the historical records with present day records they noticed the decline of some species and the presence of new species and they set about finding out why. To conduct their studies, they needed to find out more about the conditions needed for a species to survive. They found, for example, that some required specific food plants and some needed a short sward in the grassland and some needed woodland. In fact, the requirements proved to be quite complicated and only years of dedicated study revealed the optimum conditions for the survival of some species.

For instance, when the lifecycle of the large blue butterfly was studied it was discovered to be dependent on the presence of a particular red ant. The butterfly lays its eggs in wild thyme or oregano. The caterpillar eats the flowers and produces something that makes it attractive to red ants. The ants take the caterpillar into their nest where it feeds on ant grubs. Eventually it turns into a pupa, seemingly tricking the ants into believing it is an ant queen pupa, and so receives protection in the colony until it turns into a butterfly and leaves the ant hill.

Maurice pointed out how lucky we were to live in Wiltshire so close to Salisbury Plain where, because it was an army training area, it was relatively free of pesticides and had a diversity of habitats, and thus was home to many species of butterflies and moths. He also told us that much of the pollination of plants in our gardens was occurring at night-time when moths were visiting the flowers. He drew our attention to the many sources of information on butterfly and moth friendly plants that we could grow.

For our May meeting, Tuesday 8 May, 7.15pm, we have a celebrity speaker. It will be a ticket only event and we have hired the hall at Holy Trinity School in Great Cheverell, for the occasion. The speaker will be Jules Hudson, the TV presenter and architectural historian. Jules has recently published a book about walled gardens and his subject for the evening is 'The English Walled Garden'. Tickets are now on sale at Great Cheverell Stores. The ticket price is £5. Tickets will also be sold at the venue if there are any spaces available on the night.

The date for our Plant Sale has changed to Saturday 19 May. The venue is Great Cheverell Village Hall (from 10am -12noon). There will also be tea and coffee and homemade cake available for purchase.



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CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

Mother nature has made sure that there have been almost no football matches played over the last few weeks. Pitches have been waterlogged and unplayable. With the sun appearing mid-April, the pitches should be drying out for the last few weeks of the season and for the tournaments that all age groups will be playing in.

Major events coming up that support the club and others:

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

Also introduce your child to football, we are starting Badger Cubs age 3-5 years on Saturdays from 9:30-10am at Elisha field Market Lavington. Any questions, contact Jake Flower (07944252401) or David Kiddle (07843678781).

Outside of matches and training, our Under 11's visited Southampton FC for the match against Chelsea and saw a 5 goal thriller!

IMPORTANT – We are at that stage of the season where we need to get more people (not only parents) involved with the running of the football club and the individual teams. Without people coming forward, we will have to evaluate whether or not we can run certain teams next year. People who volunteer will be supported by the club and education and training received will be paid for by club. The more helpers we have, the less demands on individuals so even buddy up! If you're interested, please contact the managers below who can discuss it with you.

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 U6/U10 - Mark Goddard - 01380 813160
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- Sunday 13th. 11am. Joint service with our Anglican friends at St Mary's church.
- Sunday 20th. 10:30am. Pentecost. Service led by Trinity church meditation group.
- Sunday 27th. 10:30am. Cafe Style church. Revd. Gary Gotham.

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Beth Warren.

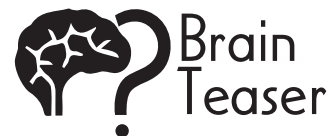


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The Church of Facebook

In a speech last year, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said he wanted the social network he founded to perform the role that once used to be played by churches. He suggested that with the decline of churchgoing, "people now need to find a sense of purpose and support somewhere else." Sounds very noble and high minded, doesn't it? The Church of Facebook, presided over by the geeky gods of Silicon Valley. They monitor almost every activity of their flock and then sell the valuable data they have gathered to advertising companies so they can sell us more stuff. It's about connecting people, you see. With retailers. Friendship has become a commodity. And then there's the sinister manipulation of social media for political ends.

Facebook's mission statement is to, "Give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together." But the social network is no substitute for the church. Online you can keep your 'friends' at a safe distance. Interact with them on your own terms. You can make sure they only see your best side, 'Here's me having a happy life, doing fun stuff. Hope you like my holiday snaps.' If someone gives you grief on Facebook, you can 'unfriend' them with a click of a mouse or quick jab at a screen. Church means committing yourself to forging a community with a group of people with whom you meet on a regular basis. Actual flesh and blood people who are just as flawed and imperfect as you. They'll get to see you at your best and worst. The frictions that come into any relationship between people have to be managed by giving and receiving forgiveness. You can't just 'unfriend' your brothers and sisters in the faith. Doesn't work like that.

The Christian faith isn't meant to be a solitary pilgrimage to heaven. Jesus said, 'I will build by church'. And by 'church' he did not mean a building, but a gathering of people who believe in him and follow him together. It is as Christians meet that their sense of purpose and support deepens. The worship of the gathered church includes seeking God in prayer, singing his praises, hearing the Bible read and its message proclaimed, and eating the Lord's Supper together. That's right, eating a simple meal of bread and wine in memory of Jesus' death upon the cross for our sins, and in hope of his return in glory. You can't livestream, or download the Lord's Supper, or 'like' a photo of other people doing it. You have to be there. And so the bonds of community are strengthened.

The church that gathers also scatters, seeking to follow Jesus in every area of life. Churches serve the wider community, running parent and toddler groups, visiting the elderly, running food banks, and so on. However much 'virtue signalling' we do by 'liking' worthy causes on social media, there is no substitute for giving practical help to actual people.

Facebook no doubt has its uses, but Mark Zuckerberg and the gods of Silicon Valley can't claim to have built a community with a sense of united purpose. Hardly. They've just found a way of monetising us and our mates. But God has gathered a global family of people from all nations and backgrounds. He hasn't created this community in order to exploit it. No, God so loved his people that he was willing to give his Son to die upon the cross that they might be forgiven and become his children. That's the church. Believe, belong.

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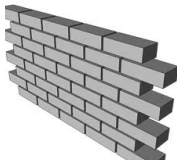
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