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Calendar of Services - April 2019 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd April Wednesday	7 pm Lent Service St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				
7th April Lent 5	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				
10th April Wednesday	7 pm Lent Service All Saints' Church, West Lavington				
14th April Palm Sunday	11.00 am United Service at Trinity Ch in the Community Hall	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service at Trinity Ch in ML Community Hall	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion 4 pm Cluster Palm Sunday Service and Tea	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
18th April Maundy Thursday	7 pm Service for Maundy Thursday including Foot Washing All Saint's Church, West Lavington 7 pm Agape Supper at St Barnabas Church, Easterton				
19th April Good Friday	2 pm Service for Good Friday All Saints' Church, West Lavington				
21st April Easter Day	6.30 am Sunrise Service At the Vedette 11.00 am Easter Meditation	9.30 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion (BCP)
28th April Easter 1	10.00 am Half Hour Service	9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	4.00 pm Holy Communion And Annual Parochial Church Meeting	
5th May Easter 2	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together All Saints' Church, West Lavington				

VILLAGE LINK
West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell
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From the Rector

In obedience to their laws, Jews have spilled into the city from all over Israel and still more, entering by every gate. People packed into the narrow streets. Walking under rows of washing hanging high across the streets to dry in the heat of the day and breathing in the smells wafting out from the open doorways as they pass. Women trying to keep hold of excited children. The elderly looking to see if old friends or family have arrived yet. Men at all the city gates, conducting business. Herdsmen bring in the lambs for slaughter. The temple full of the comings and goings of priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, temple guards and men, conducting business. Traders everywhere selling their wares, eager to cash in on so vast a crowd. And the roman soldiers looking on. Watching, waiting, ready to stop trouble before it can escalate into something more.

And in to this heady mix of excitement and tension underlined with the fear of an occupied country, come the cries of children's voices calling Hosanna. The voices become louder and men and women join in, "Hosanna to the son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" and "Hosanna in the highest."

Now you can see the crowd, some running ahead, some waving branches, some spreading their cloaks on the ground before.... before what? Then you see him, the rabbi, the one everyone has been talking about for the last year or so. This gentle and humble man, RIDING INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY.

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. A week when Christians everywhere re-enact, read about and reflect on the events of the last week in the life of Jesus. It starts with a celebration and ends with another celebration on Easter Day. But in between is a roller coaster of emotions waiting to carry us all the way to the foot of the Cross and the heart wrenching death of Jesus. BUT on Easter Day, that very first Easter Day, the whole world was given the hope of a new life. We have a range of services to celebrate this important event. Starting with our Palm Sunday services on 14th, followed with foot washing in West Lavington and an Agapa supper in Easterton both recalling the events of Maundy Thursday on 18th. On Good Friday we have our service of Christ's final hour in West Lavington. And on Easter Sunday we celebrate with all Christians the Hope of the World in every Church within the Benefice.

We welcome you to join us this Easter.

Rev. Marion Harrison

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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From the Rectory

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

All Saints' Church, West Lavington are planning to run their famous Progressive Dinner again this year. This is a truly gourmet event where those taking part walk from one end of the village to another for starters, main course, desserts and cheese and wine. For the main course and the dessert course you will be with a different group of people so it is a brilliant way of getting to know people in the village. This year it will be on the evening of Saturday May 13th. If you are able to host a main course or a pudding course for 6 people plus and would like to be part of this fund-raising activity please contact Caroline Spindlow on 01380 813445. All expenses for your meal can be reclaimed. If you would like tickets for the event then please also contact Caroline with your email address to express your interest - she can then let you know final details!

EXAM SEASON

GCSEs are looming. Does your child underachieve in exams or tests? I'm a parent and ex-teacher, passionate about helping /supporting children prepare their revision for exam success. I can do a one off session or more regular meetings if needed. For more details, please ring Catherine Johnson 07827478159

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Sunday 21 and Monday 22 April
10 am-5 pm
Easter service
Sunday 21 April at 11 am



Displays
Children's quiz
and activities
Refreshments



West Lavington Parish Council
IN SUPPORT OF KEEP BRITAIN TIDY

SAT 6th April 2019

Starting at: West Lavington Village Hall
9.30 am to 1pm

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Please bring shovels, brooms, litter pickers, heavy duty gloves,
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Prior to this date, it would be much appreciated if all
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MINDFUL RELAXATION CLASSES

A brand new relaxation class is coming to Great Cheverell, utilising Mindfulness and Hypnosis techniques.

The class will be run by Orla Smith, owner of Devizes Hypnotherapy, and will meet every Friday from 29th March at 6.30pm in the just-breathe-yoga studio in Victoria Park.

Orla maintains; "We live in a hectic, fast-moving world. We can feel that there is always something that we need to do, never giving our minds and bodies the chance to relax and rebalance.

Stress-related illness are becoming more and more prevalent. We know that stress has a negative effect on both body and mind. By learning the skill of relaxation, we can access its benefits, which include:

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- Decrease in anxiety, depression and insomnia and a boost in energy and better sleep patterns
- Reduced pain
- A sense of calmness, confidence and improved coping abilities

These classes will employ hypnosis, visualisations and mindfulness techniques to allow you to completely relax and enjoy some time out for yourself."

Cost is £6 per class. Booking is essential as space is limited.

Book at: www.devizeshypnotherapy.co.uk/relaxation or by email;

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MIKE PEET - Our very own Weatherman

Every year we publish statistics about the weather that are kindly provided by Mike Peet of West Lavington, so we thought it was about time we found out a little more about what he does, and an insight into why he collects and collates all this data.

Mike has been observing and recording the local weather for over 42 years, and whilst he says he is not a qualified Meteorologist, it is obvious that his experience and enthusiasm for this subject more than qualifies Mike to keep us informed about our local environment. Capturing and transcribing data from his weather instruments, on a daily basis, is more than a passing interest, as Mike regularly shares his data with the BBC and Met Office. His extensive and priceless records are held by the Wiltshire Records office after being reminded if something untoward happened all his data may be lost.

It is not only about logging data, Mike writes a summary of the general conditions of the weather and on the day we met even getting out his trusty ruler to measure the depth of the snow!

Mike started recording the weather conditions after being encouraged to do so by a friend who, was also interested.... however, his friend eventually stopped his measuring and recording whilst Mike carried on. Now, 42 years later, he has a wealth of data and insights into the local weather, in fact volumes of it!

Mike's extensive set of weather instruments are sighted in his garden, pointing out that they have to be located away from buildings and over natural ground and not concrete. The data from his Anemometer, Wet & Dry Bulb Thermometers and Rainfall measurements are automatically transmitted to an instrument console connected to his computer, to log all the data.... It is clear that Mike spends considerable amounts of time each day to collate and organise this data, often still transcribing by hand. Asking Mike an obvious question about Climate change brought a wry smile to his face, saying 'everyone asks that question!' Whilst there has been a measurable increase in the average temperature of around 0.25 Deg. C over the last 42 years, he questions whether this is conclusive evidence of climate change reminding me that humans have only been on the planet for a fraction of the Earth's life.... And that there are natural cycles out there that we still may not fully understand. However, Mike is not sceptical about Climate Change, and believes it is right to be concerned about the impact we have on our environment.

Whilst Mike is interested in the measurable facts and data, he is the first to say that 'averages' do not tell you very much, and explains we have been getting milder winters and warmer summers in the last few years. Interestingly, Mike informed me that last years 'Beast from the East' was not the coldest temperatures we have experienced as we had 18 inches of permafrost one winter!

Mike's interest in the weather includes watching the satellite image of the weather systems and whilst he does not offer personal forecasts, it is clear he understands more than most of us. We would like to thank Mike for providing this service and information to the local community for so many years.



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You can lose capacity at any age in varying unfortunate circumstances so please do not just assume making LPA's apply when you are of a mature age.

I am presenting a free, informative friendly talk which I invite you to attend. I live locally and am truly passionate about helping people to understand the complexities of LPA's and will communicate this to you in a clear and understandable way. You will then be equipped with the knowledge to take advantage of the health and care and financial LPA's that are available to you. I want to help you safeguard yourself, your family, your assets and your wishes for now and for the future.

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West Lavington Parish Council

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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St Patrick's Day – Early Celebration

What a great night - a celebration of all things Irish - music, food, song and dance!

Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped make the evening such a success, the performers and those working behind the scenes, and especially to all those who came and joined in the spirit of the night with such enthusiasm!

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Sue Hamblin

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MARKET LAVINGTON MUSEUM

Market Lavington Museum are very pleased to announce the The Museum will be opening for the new season on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 2-30pm.

We look forward to seeing you on any Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon, from 2-30 to 4-30pm until 31st October.

You will be very welcome to view our new displays, which include 'Hospital Week' The Old School, Market Lavington Shops and 'Dressed for the Best'

We are anxious to keep the Museum 'moving forward' and we would appeal to anyone who might like to assist us with the further development of our computer system, or give a couple of hours stewarding (full training will be given).

If you feel you could help us, please contact either:

Mrs. Sue Frost on 01380-813596 rogfrost@gmail.com

Mr. Michael Bedford on 01380-848816 michaelbedford01@gmail.com



OPENING FOR 2019 from Wednesday April 24th, 12 noon

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12 noon to 3pm

The Erlestone House Farm Shop will be re-opening for the 2019 season on Wednesday April 24th from 12 noon. We sell fresh produce - including vegetables, eggs and local honey and preserves - plus plants, wooden planters, bird boxes and feeders, and cards, all at very reasonable prices, including fresh seasonal vegetables at 50p a bag. New things for this season will include vegetable boxes, featuring a range of our fresh vegetables, and we have a new flock of ex-battery chickens to supply our very popular eggs. In addition, our delicious Guilty Pleasures cakes can be made to order, as can our range of wooden garden furniture, and we will be selling refurbished bicycles. Come along and see for yourself!

Our produce is grown, cards and wooden goods made, and bikes refurbished by the prisoners at Erlestone, and the shop is staffed by volunteers. The Erlestone House Farm Shop project is run by the Erlestone House Community Interest Company (EHCIC) for the men in HMP Erlestone, helping them to gain skills together with fully accredited NVQ qualifications, while providing a unique outlet for the results of their work. The profits from the Farm Shop are reinvested and used to buy further supplies (such as seeds and wood), which ensures that the project is self-funding. We also fund family days at the prison, when prisoners can spend time with their children. We are easy to find on the road between Little Cheverell and Erlestone, and there is plenty of parking. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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FOCUS ON VOICES

We have two voice-based events coming up. The first, on Saturday May 18th, is our annual Choral Workshop, this year lead by Paul Brough. We shall

be working on four wonderful motets; 'Ave Maria' by the 16th century composer Robert Parsons, which traditionally brings the Edington Music Festival to a close, 'I was glad' and 'Thou knowest Lord' by Henry Purcell, and finally 'Ave Maria' by Anton Bruckner. Application forms and full details are on the website, www.edingtonarts.org, or you can email anne@edingtonarts.org or ring her on 01380 831425 for information.

The final session of the day will begin after tea, probably around 4/4.30 (time tbc). We hope lots of you will come for tea and cake, then stay to enjoy the fruits of our hard work. No charge for seats and the music lasts about half an hour in total.

Staying with the vocal theme, on Saturday June 22nd the award-winning choral ensemble SANSARA will be coming to perform a concert from their 'Music of the Spires' series, music from Oxford University's libraries, polyphony to modern day. We expect this to be a popular one, so get ahead and secure your tickets; £20/15/10. 18 and under come free, and there is a 10% discount for Edington Angels. Phone Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email sue@edingtonarts.org.



LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Exciting times. We are about to start working on Cantique de Jean Racine, a piece of music for 4 voices composed by Gabriel Fauré and this is adding to a selection of songs from 'The Genius of Mozart' collection and from 'Songs of a Rainbow Nation' that we have already learned. Also to be tackled soon is 'Forever Motown' which includes of some favourites like 'Dancing in the Street' and 'What Becomes of the Broken Hearted'

Maybe you like the sound of this programme of music and would like to add your voice. There are no auditions and new members are always welcome. Just come along to Market Lavington Community Hall, 8 for 8.15 every Thursday.

For more information please contact Paula Boyagis, the musical director at pboyagis@gmail.com or Sue Ivey, committee member at sueivey3@aol.com

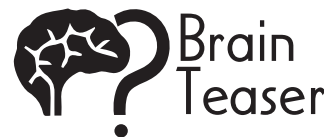
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Answers on Page 29

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6. Captivate
7. Voter

Down

1. Jurisdiction of a Bishop
2. Presenter's visual aid
3. Oddment
4. Fiend

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CANCELLATIONS

Please contact Michelle Duckworth, West Lavington Village Hall Manager in the event of a cancellation. **Please note that cancellations given with less than 48 hours notice, will still be charged.**

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Friday Youth Club will continue at West Lavington.

Opening Hours are:

Monday 7pm – 9pm, Thursday 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Friday 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Come along and contribute to the planning of events you want..

Eric Freeman
 Chairman, West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Welcome to my Message for April! I have been told very firmly not to write about Brexit, but what else is there to think about?

Well, as I write this, we are in Lent. In Anglican tradition, this represents 40 days of abstinence from any pleasure or indulgence between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. So no fun, please, until 14 April! The period coincides with the final weeks of winter and thus, in former times, this would have been when stores of food from the previous harvest had more or less run out. Dearth or even famine would have been the order of the day. It may have been smart of the Church to link this deprivation with holiness so that everyone could feel a little better about themselves at this time, albeit still hungry.

But there is one day in this period when some perverse fun may be expected. 1st April is traditionally All Fools Day when playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes is in order, at least until mid-day. The victims are called “April fools” or, in some parts of the country, a “noodle”, “gob”, “gobby” or “noddy”. I think I’ve probably been called all of those at one time or another, and not only on 1st April.

Of course, April also marks the full-blown arrival of spring. Harriet Ann Jacob’s, who was an African-American writer who escaped from slavery and was later freed, wrote “The beautiful spring came, and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.” Slightly less poetically, Robin Williams said “Spring is nature’s way of saying let’s party.”

So, there you are. No mention of Brexit, just deprivation, dearth and famine - or jokes and hoaxes - or the optimism of spring. Analogies? Take your pick!

Happy Easter to you all!

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

SPRING CLEAN:

Wiltshire Council is not actively promoting the Great British Spring Clean this year but communities can participate through Keep Britain Tidy, which is what the Parish Council has decided to do. We are arranging for one big morning community clean-up on **April 6th starting at the Village Hall**, so please join us there at **9.30 am**. We can then fan out to get our local streets, signs, bus shelters and playing fields ready for spring.

Please look for further details of the event elsewhere in this edition of News and Views, on the Parish Council website and posters throughout the villages.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - public involvement in housing development proposals:

You may recall in the Chairman's February News and Views' report, mention was made that Gaiger Bros, owners of **the site on Lavington Lane adjacent to DAPS and the playing fields**, were working on proposals for the site's development, which would be the subject of a public presentation.

Gaigers will now be making that public presentation, scheduled to take place at the Parish Council's **Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall on 20th May**. They will showcase their proposals via an exhibition and key consultants will be present to explain, answer questions and receive feedback of views.

More details are available on page 14 in this edition of News and Views and on the Parish Council website and noticeboard.

COMMUNITY WELL BEING - lambing season:

Councillors wish all dog owners and walkers to be reminded to take extra care now that the lambing season is here. The advice is to avoid dogs going into fields where there are lambs or other young farm animals and, if they do, to keep them on a short lead and under close control. Many thanks.

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.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting March 13th 2019

The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village and on the website <http://www.kennetcommunityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/> But here are the most important matters which were discussed at this meeting:

Public Forum

At the start of every Parish Council meeting there is a slot set aside for village residents to attend so that they can raise issues that are of concern to them. It was excellent that two people who live on the Westbury Road came to ask us about:

- Ways of reducing excessive speed through the 40mph section of the B3098
- Who is responsible for repairing the demolished 40mph sign on the left, when approaching from the Erlestoke direction.
- Whether a 'Welcome to Little Cheverell' sign with some white fencing, placed where the 40mph begins, approaching from the Erlestoke could be installed.
- The chairman will make some enquiries and will report back on all these points.
- The Parish Council would really like to encourage more residents to come for this first, short part of the meeting to talk to us about things that matter to them.

Salt Bin

The second bin, which was purchased by the Parish Council, was placed on the Millennium Green as the position near the telephone kiosk was found to be unsuitable. Plastic buckets will be placed in each of the salt bins to facilitate 'spreading'

Parish Steward

If any resident has any concerns that they think may be tackled by the Parish Steward please contact sueivey3@aol.com

Large Lorries on Low Road

Chairman Parfitt has filled in the pro forma application for Garmin to inform them of the continuing mis-direction of HGVs along Low Road.

Footpath 6 Clearance

A caravan had been placed on the footpath 20 years ago to prevent the passage of unwanted traffic. Options for the installation of a gate after its removal will be investigated, perhaps through the PIGs scheme.

Date of next meeting

1st May 2019 at 19.00 hrs.in the village hall. The Council meeting will be preceded by the Annual Village meeting to which all villagers are invited.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 18 March. The Approved Minutes of the previous meeting (in February) are available to see on the website and the Council's Notice Boards. The next meeting will be on 1 April (7.30pm at The Pavilion).

There were expressions of concern over a recent party near Weavers Mead, generating a level of noise that disturbed many residents. As a private party, this did not require any licensing or prior approval, and the Police have no powers to intervene. The party giver was spoken to at the time, and did reduce the noise level. Should such an event reoccur, it's best to go in and politely ask for the volume to be turned down. If you still feel it's a nuisance, action can be taken by Wiltshire Council's Environmental Health team. However, this doesn't apply to illegal Raves on Salisbury Plain, where anyone can ring Wiltshire Police on 999 as soon as they see any sign of it.

The latest Wiltshire Police crime report (available on the website) doesn't show any problem in Great Cheverell. However, there are instances of crime in surrounding villages, including thefts from farmyards and the ongoing issue of people trying to throw things into Erlestoke Prison. Please be vigilant, and protect your belongings!

Following a consultation exercise with residents of Weavers Mead about the two areas of green space there, the Council has received sufficient positive responses to make an Application in Principle to take over their ownership from Wiltshire Council. This is intended to provide ongoing protection for their use as recreational green space.

As I write this, the planned clean-up of Great Cheverell, as part of the National Spring Clean, is only a few days away. I hope it was well-supported – it's everyone's responsibility to keep our village clean, tidy, and attractive. And bacon butties were on offer..... we're thinking of repeating the exercise later in April.

Finally, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at The Pavilion on 25 April, starting at 7pm. This is a Statutory meeting, which gives all organisations within the village the chance to report on what they do. So come along and learn about all the things going on – it may surprise you! From the Council's perspective, there will be a representative from Scottish and Southern Electricity reporting on how they can help vulnerable residents in bad weather conditions (feeding in to our Emergency Plan), and we will be showing off the draft plans of the intended playground extension. If that wasn't enough to tempt you, there'll be refreshments afterwards. See you there!

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

Phone: 07570 093151 Email:parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Book week 2019. All the children and staff at DAPS enjoyed a busy, fun-filled book week. It began on World Book Day with the children attending school dressed up as book characters. There were lots of witches and wizards but also some less well-known characters, such as 'Traction Man'. The staff also entered into the spirit of the day, by dressing up as 'Where's Wally?'

Two competitions ran during the week. The children were challenged to make a book character from fruit and/or vegetables. The winning entry was 'The Gruffalo' made from a coconut! They were also challenged to read in an unusual place for the Extreme Reading competition. There were entries from children riding their bicycles, having a haircut or even hanging from the bannisters, all while reading a book! The winning entry was of a child reading in the washing machine! Other activities the children enjoyed during the week were sharing books with their house team, listening to stories by other teachers from DAPS, Dauntsey's and highlight of the week however was the visit by children's authors Clive Mantle and Jo Empson. Clive Mantle worked with Key Stage 2, inspiring them to design book covers for his next book. Jo Empson worked with Early Years and Key Stage 1, sharing her new book 'Jungle Jamboree' with them. The week ended with a whole school sharing assembly with each class sharing the learning completed in book week.

Youth Speaks. Public speaking is a skill that takes enormous courage. Most people would find a room full of strangers in a different setting a daunting prospect. However, on Friday night, four members of our Year 6 class met at Nursteed School for a public speaking contest. They spoke for 8 minutes about whaling in our oceans and despite the seriousness of the topic, managed to make everyone laugh too. They did tremendously well and were wonderful representatives of our school. Congratulations!

Visitors. We thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to welcome visitors to our school. As a part of our curriculum we invite people in to share their knowledge and expertise to help enrich our pupil's school experience. As well as authors, we have had several visitors including a photographer and a brilliant performance of The Hobbit by a theatre company. Our Early Years class had a fine display of different vehicles in to complement their topic on Transport. We have also welcomed teachers and school staff from Wiltshire and beyond to share in our good practice and see what we do so well at DAPS. It's always a joy to talk about our school, its ethos and values as well as our curriculum and nurturing environment.

Spring is a time when our stunning grounds really come to life. Forest School is full of blossom and buds and our gardens are being prepared for planting. We use our outdoors for learning and fun all year round but everyone appreciates it when we don't have to be dressed in thick coats and waterproofs!

If you would like to see for yourself what happens at DAPS and think that your child would like to attend our vibrant school then please do get in touch. Our website also has information that could help you find out more. www.daps.wilts.sch.uk

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

In the lead up to Easter the children at Lavington Pre-school have been having a very busy time! On Friday 1st March we talked with the children about St David's Day, we went to look at all the daffodils in the garden before making our own daffodil pictures and the children had welsh cakes at snack time. In the week following that we celebrated pancake day by having pancakes for snack and making some cardboard pancakes to race with! We were also visited by a dentist that week who talked to the children about how important it is to look after our teeth.

On World Book Day the children and staff made a huge effort to come in as their favourite book characters and bring in their most loved books, we had characters ranging from the BFG to the Gruffalo, to Peter Rabbit. We would like to say thank you to everyone for their efforts on that day, the children really do enjoy it and the inventiveness of some of the outfits was greatly admired. For Red Nose day the children could come to pre-school in anything red, we did this for the full week to allow all the children to be involved. We raised a total of £36 for Red Nose Day and we made and decorated biscuits with red noses and played with red jelly. That week we also talked about St Patricks Day and the children had potato cakes as their snack.

We have been lucky to be visited this term by Blue Butterfly Yoga who comes to practice some relaxing techniques with the children and by Elle-Anne Berrington who comes to do some sports coaching. At the end of the month we visited Dauntsey House Care home with some Easter treats and we sang songs.

As a setting we are delighted to say that we have, once again, been reaccredited with the Bristol Standard Quality Assurance Standard. The Bristol Standard for early years is recognised nationally as an outstanding self-evaluation framework for Nursery Settings.

Now we are busy practising for our annual sponsored Easter Trike Ride which will take place on Wednesday 3rd April. All our children will be looking for sponsorship so please give generously if you can, thank you.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Communication and Language: Listening and attention EYFS, 30-50 months "Play games which involve listening for a signal, such as 'Simon says', and use 'ready, steady... go!'"

30 HOURS FUNDING: All 3 to 4-year-olds in England are entitled to 570 hours childcare per year but can get up to 1140 hours if eligible. More information regarding what 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, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website

www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk or contact our Manager:

Julie Langlands, on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Pilgrimage Day. Each year we have a Pilgrimage Day, where we bring all the children to the beautiful Edington Priory Church for a day of spiritual refreshment, a wonderful experience whether they hold a faith or non-faith philosophy. Staff and volunteers from the churches and the school work together and themes

around the school values of compassion, courage, aspiration and joy are explored – this year through the festival of Easter. Singing, crafts, reflection time, discussion and drawing/writing are included in the various activities. The church provides an inspiring, tranquil space for this event and we are very grateful for the welcome we are given.

Performance Poetry competition. Every child in our school took part in the annual Performance Poetry competition. There were "Heats" in the classrooms, where every child stood up and performed a poem, and the finalists were chosen. Then we had an external judge, Mrs Anna Spear, adjudicate the finals. We are very proud of our children's confidence and talent – the standard was very high and we thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

Reading. We have a lovely library at school and are supported in our work to provide outstanding books for our children by the generous donation from the James Townsend Trust in Great Cheverell. We are very grateful for these donations which make it possible to continue to provide the very best education for our children.

Ballards Farm. Emily Greening, from Ballard's Farm, returned to our school once again to help us learn more about rural life and farming. This term, she gave us a wonderful presentation on dairy farming which both adults and children found fascinating. We are very grateful to her for all the hours she puts into preparing for and delivering these sessions in our school.

Find out more. If you are interested in finding out more about our school, or would like to consider your child attending Holy Trinity, please contact us to ask for an appointment – every day is an open day! 01380 813 796 www.holy-trinity.co.uk

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)

Lavington & District Gardening Club

Meetings held **3rd Wednesday** of each month at
West Lavington village hall at **7.15 pm.**

Why not come and see how our club can help you make the most of your garden.

Gardening Tip

Old Tea Bags In The Garden
Place used tea bags in the bottom of a pot covering the drainage holes or place the bags on top of a drainage layer if you use one. The used tea bags will help keep roots moist and retain some water.

www.lavingtongc.co.uk

Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th April
Subject: Summer Containers
Demonstration
Guest Speaker: Carl Gill
Competition: Vase of Spring Flowers

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We were delighted to welcome Alex Irvine as our Guest Speaker on Monday, 11th March who works for the Devizes Branch of Christians Against Poverty and is a Life Skills Coach for the Charity.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) was founded in 1996 in Bradford by John Kirkby with a small donation and a lot of faith. He gave up a career in finance at that time as he felt called by God to use the knowledge he had gained in his career to help the poor. CAP has rapidly grown over the years since then and as well as the CAP Debt Help there are various courses available, all free of charge, such as CAP Life Skills and CAP Job Clubs. The work has also spread abroad and there are branches in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and America. If you would like further information about the work of CAP or the courses offered you can contact Alex on irvine.alex@hotmail.com or check out the website at www.capuk.org

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 8th April at 2.15pm and will be an Easter Communion led by Revd Jennifer Haines. Please note that it will be at a different location in April and will be held by kind invitation of Jeannie Gye at 76 High Street, Littleton Panell.

Val Noviss, Branch Secretary

THE MONDAY CLUB

Market Lavington Community Hall
2:15 - 4:00pm including Afternoon Tea for £2.50.

So if **YOU** have nothing planned for a Monday afternoon, **WHY NOT** come along and join in with activities, games and stories with friends.

What We Get Up To:-

On our first get together of the year we learnt a new skill of Iris Folding, producing a greeting card with strips of paper. We have also had a good natter over a game of cards, guess the item and lots of merriment with childhood Board Games.

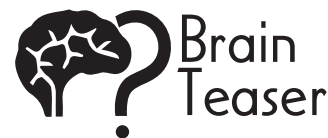
Up And Coming:-

April:- Laughter to be had on Monday April 1st with BLAZING STORIES; and then come win a prize at BINGO (along with the AGM) on Monday April 15th.

Additional Information

Please contact Jo Perkins on 07936278533 or Liz 01380 812249 if you have any questions.

Crossword and Brain Teaser Solution



Did you work it out?
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LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

Whether swimming for fun or lane swimming our club caters for all. Using the lovely Dauntsey School 25 metre Swimming Pool we swim during the school term on Sundays and Tuesdays.



SUMMER TERM starts **Sunday 28th APRIL 2019** and includes 7 Sunday swims and 9 Tuesday swims.

The last swim being Tuesday 2nd July.

No swim on 5th May as it is school exeat day.

The club swimming times are Sundays, 3.30pm to 5pm. Tuesdays, 7pm to 8pm. As a non-profit-making club, we can offer very good membership fees. For an individual it is £37.50 a term and for a family it is £75.

Members are welcome to bring Guests who can swim for £2.50 for a child and £5 for an adult.

Not sure? Taster sessions are available, with the cost being offset against your membership fee if you decide to join.

For further details about joining the club or taster sessions please contact Phil Richardson Membership Secretary on 01380 813485 or email:- Phil.0727@hotmail.co.uk or contact Club Secretary Anita Holness email:- anita@kholness.plus.com

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our final event before some of us visit St Pierre will be a "Dingbats evening with our AGM. This is on 3rd May at 7.30pm at West Lavington Village Hall. Tickets are £7.50 for members and £10 for non members. This includes a "ploughman's lunch". There will be also be a wine bar and a raffle. Tickets can be obtained from the email address below.

Membership rates per year are:

£10 per person (£8 for over 60s) or

£15 per household (£12 for over 60s)

To join simply email lpandwltwinning@gmail.com with your name and telephone number and we will contact you.

Membership is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages. You don't have to speak French, you don't have to go to France and you don't have to host unless you want to. You can simply take part in any of our wonderful events throughout the year!

West Lavington is Twinned with St.Perre d'Autils, France
Michael Page, Secretary



Our speaker, Gill Hazel, arrived rather flustered as she had initially gone to the other hall in the village. As it was all in darkness she decided to ask a passerby if she had the correct venue. Luckily she had chanced upon a member of the garden club who was able to

direct her to the correct place.

Gill runs the Great Western Gladiolus nursery. She and her late husband claimed that they became involved accidentally. They lived in Clutton, Somerset and used to exhibit gladioli at the local flower show. They used to source their corms, and a lot of information, from the Great Western Gladiolus nursery and when the owner wanted to retire they somehow were persuaded to purchase the online database and take over the sourcing of corms to supply the clients.

Gill was very knowledgeable about gladioli. She informed us that gladioli grow wild on the South African veldt. Because they are pollinated by moths their scent is released at night. They set seed in the first year and in the second year this develops to become the size of a pip and in the third year it becomes the size of a smarty. Growers plant these seeds and then select the plants with the best characteristics to be propagated by specialist growers and then they sell the corms.

Gladioli species are identified in plant catalogues by a code number which summarises the size of the flower, the colour, the shade, the flowering time, the original hybridiser and the date the species was produced. It also indicates the number of flowers, florets and buds required on a spike presented for judging at a flower show. Gill demonstrated, using photographs, how an exhibitor presents the flowers for judging. She explained how supports would be tied to the flower spikes to keep them straight prior to display and how cotton wool was inserted into the flower to maintain its shape before display. And she was quick to point out that any trace of these materials left on the flower spike would be frowned upon by the judge.

Gill buys her corms from Holland and North America. Orders are sent out in Spring. Many of the buyers exhibit at local or national flower shows. Some gladioli are bought by people restoring gardens, to mimic the colours and bloom sizes used by the original garden designers.

Gill Hazel knew her subject and was a very engaging speaker. For anyone wanting to enter into the competitive world of flower shows, and choosing gladioli as their species of choice, I am sure she would be generous with her advice and knowledge, and a good source of suitable plants.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 April. The topic will be 'Heritage Vegetables'. Sally Nex, writer, professional gardener and garden designer, will be the speaker. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.



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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

The weather has still been playing havoc with the fixtures for the club, but with Spring coming and the evenings getting lighter, everyone will be outside for training and matches will be played to complete the season.

Our new goalkeeping coaches Sharon and Mark held a successful session for budding goalkeepers with around 20 participants. Watch out for further sessions.

The club have successfully renewed our Charter Standard status, recognising the hard work and dedication of the club officials and helpers – well done all.

Badger Cubs – Good to see the numbers growing. Will be in St Barnabas on Saturday at 0930 until Easter when they will move outside.

Our teams from U7 to U11 all play non-competitive matches and have managed to play some games in recent weeks with some good success. Awe are always looking to add more players to these teams so if you have someone who is interested in learning and enjoying football then contact any of the managers below.

U12 – Wizards are top of the league at the time of writing. Both Wizards and Badgers are also lining up 11 a side matches in preparation for next season. Training at Northbrook and Lavington School from 1900-2000. Contact Dave.

U13 – The team is still playing well with only 2 league losses all season. Recent wins over Melksham and Westbury mean the team still has chance of winning the league. Training Fridays 1730 - 1830 at Northbrook. Contact Neil.

U16 – Catching up with league fixtures and are currently 6th in top U16 league. Training at Northbrook on Fridays 1900-2000. Contact Jake.

U18 – Currently up to 3rd in league. Training Thursdays at Northbrook 1800-1900. Contact Debs.

The club are working closely with Lavington Ladies to try to introduce more girls and ladies to the sport. The Ladies team is mixed ability and enjoy playing purely for fun. If you are interested in trying out Ladies football, then please contact Emma below.

We will be looking to increase girl numbers in teams throughout the club next season so watch for initiatives that may run to help do that.

Teams are always looking for more parents to get involved, helping teams in supporting roles or in coaching roles. The club will enable training for those who wish to get involved. Please speak to your managers to help support them.

Teams are looking out for sponsors so if you are interested in publicity by sponsoring a team then contact Dave. If any companies would be interested in advertising at Davis Field then please contact Dave.

Contacts

Badger Cubs – Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U7/8/U11 – Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U9 and U10 – Sharon Black 01380 818193

U12 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781

U13 – Neil Black – 01380 818193

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TRINITY CHURCH
in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

TRINITY CHURCH meets on most Sunday mornings in The Community Hall, Market Lavington.

Programme for April:

Sunday 7th April at 10:30am: Revd. Gary Gotham. Holy Communion
 Sunday 14th April at 11am: We are joined by our Anglican friends for a united service with Revd. Marion Harrison

Sunday 21st April EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 am. Revd. Gary Gotham. Holy Communion
 Sunday 28th April at 10:30 am: Revd. Tom MacMeekin

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Thursday opening is suspended until June. Look out for Summer Cream Teas in June and July.

Easter Weekend – Closed Good Friday 19th, Open Saturday (morning) 20th, Closed Monday 22nd.

Beth Warren



FUNERALS

The funeral and burial of **Gillian Ann HELPS**, who grew up in Littleton Panell was held at All Saints' Church on 28th February 2019.

Gladys May SAUNDERS of Easterton died on 12th February, aged 96 years. A service was held at St Barnabas Church, Easterton prior to cremation on 27th February 2019 and her ashes were buried in the churchyard on 22nd March.

Patricia Ann WRIGHT of Kestrals, Easterton died on 1st March 2019, aged 86 years. After a private family service at the crematorium on 15th March there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Patricia's life at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 2nd April 2019 at 2.30 pm.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The March numbers were draw by Moira Armstrong of Easterton, last month's top prize winner. She drew Andrew Jones for 1st prize from Market Lavington and Hilary Carr for 2nd prize from Great Cheverell.

Thank You, Bonnie Matters
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St.Arbuck's Easter Quiz

Looking for some FREE Easter school holiday fun? Then come and have a go at the St.Arbuck's Easter Quiz.

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Forms are available from Friday 5th April and the draw will take place on Saturday April 20th.

HAPPY EASTER!

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Good News of Easter

Yes, there are Easter Eggs in the shops, which is good news of a sort. Easter bunnies and bonnets are fun too, if you like that kind of thing. The good news I have in mind is quite different. Easter brings us face to face with the most important events in the Christian faith. Yes, Christmas is a biggie. Then believers celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus. But why was the Son of God born into our world as one of us? Easter points to the reason. Again and again in his teaching Jesus told his followers that it wasn't going to end well. He was going to be betrayed, condemned and crucified. His friends couldn't take it in. If Jesus was the long-promised Deliverer, wasn't he supposed to overthrow his enemies, rather than be killed by them?

But that's exactly how it turned out. It was meant to. Jesus did come not as a teacher of moral principles, or a spiritual guru, or a political activist. He was a Deliverer. He brought deliverance by laying down his life for his enemies. Christ died for our sins, paying the price for our rebellion against God. At the cross of Jesus we see God's just demands met and his love for us revealed to the full. As Paul writes in the Bible, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Although broken by sin, human beings are not worthless. God values us so much that he sent his Son to die in our place. That's good news.

Jesus' followers didn't see it quite like that. They thought all was lost when Jesus died. After all, what good was a dead Deliverer? They were right. Jesus' friends, however, seem to have forgotten that he did not merely predict his death. He told them that after three days he would rise again. That is why his tomb was empty the first Easter Sunday morning. That is how he was able to appear before his followers and show them he was alive. The resurrection of Jesus demonstrated that he was the Son of God. His death really had paid the price of sin. By faith in him we can be forgiven and be put right with God. Jesus lives. The power of death had been broken. All who belong to Jesus will be raised up and make like him when he returns in glory. On that day everything sad will come untrue. All because of Easter. If that's not good news, I don't know what is.

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Sunday 28 April: 4.30pm 'Time for Tea Plus', A traditional Sunday Tea, followed by a short service

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