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No, I'm not going to propose a solution to the political malaise over Brexit. My guess is as good (or bad) as anyone's on that one. Rather, I want to say a word or two about 12 Rules for Life, the bestselling book by Canadian psychologist, Jordan Peterson. Heard of it? The title has sold over 2 million copies so far. Peter-son's lecture tour has packed out venues across the world. He rose to prominence in the UK following his interview with Channel 4's Cathy Newman. The thing went viral, attracting 14 million views on YouTube. Agree with him or not, you have to admire Peterson's ability to hold his own under hostile questioning from the newscaster. Google it.

Wanting to know what the fuss was all about, I've just finished listening to an audiobook version of 12 Rules for Life. Peterson's essential message is that life is hard, but we need to take responsibility for our actions and start to turn our lives around. Instead of moaning about our lot, he lays down the principle, "Set your house in perfect order before you criticise the world" (Rule 6). Peterson sets out a way of living an honest, responsible and decent life. In his book he draws on his clinical practice as a psychologist and his study of some of the great thinkers of history. The author hopes that following his 12 Rules will help provide an antidote to the chaos of evil and suffering we encounter in the world.

Interestingly enough, time and time again Peterson refers to the Bible to illustrate his points. He does not profess to be a practicing Christian, but recognises the deep wisdom that is to be found in Holy Scripture. The message of the Bible, however, isn't, 'Here are some rules. Keep them and all will be well.' Yes, the Bible includes lots of rules, like the Ten Commandments. The trouble is we don't keep them. We therefore need God's forgiveness and the power to live a new life. That is why the apostle Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9). We are not put right with God because of what we have done for him, but because of what he has done for us. That's grace. God sent Jesus to keep the rules on our behalf and die for our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit believers are enabled to live a new life in line with God's will.

Jordan Peterson's 12 Rules for Life is certainly worth a read (or a listen). Many people have found what he has to say very helpful. His call for us to grow up and take responsibility for our lives deserves to be widely heeded. But one thing is missing. Only God's grace in Jesus can provide the true antidote to chaos.

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Events:

Fourth Sunday of the month: 'Time for Tea Plus', 4.30pm – a traditional Sunday Tea, followed by a short service.

From The Parish Registers

BAPTISM

Sophia Isabella Elizabeth BRADY of Devizes, was baptised at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell on 2nd December 2018, by Rev Ben Rundell-Evans.

FUNERALS

Kathleen SMITH formerly of Little Cheverell was buried with her late husband Cyril, at St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell on Friday 7th December 2018.

The funeral and burial of **Edna Jean NASH** at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 12th December 2018 was taken by Rev Paul Richardson. Edna Jean NASH, formerly known as Edna Jean WOODCOCK died at the CARE home in Market Lavington on 29th November aged 95 years.

Grace Elizabeth FOSTER, of Crammer Court, Devizes, formerly of Market Lavington, died on 10th December 2018, aged 87 years. Her funeral and burial with her husband Frank at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 4th January 2019 was taken by Rev Paul Richardson.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The last draw of the year was made by Vanessa Reburn of Little Cheverell who drew the number belonging to Sue Hamblin of Market Lavington for 1st prize and John Spear of Great Cheverell for 2nd prize.

The first draw of 2019 is lucky for two ticket holders. First prize goes to Sally Reynolds of Market Lavington and second prize goes to Jane Andrew of Great Cheverell. Thank you to all of you who bought fresh tickets for 2019. Having put aside the prize money of £720 I will be able to hand over around £1350 to the Benefice Treasurer to help with Benefice expenses. Our Rector and Treasurer are incredibly grateful. Thank you so much.

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| Date | Market Lavington | West Lavington | Easterton | Great Cheverell | Little Cheverell |
| 3rd February Candlemas | 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Simple Celebration Communion St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell | | | | |
| 10th February 4th before Lent | 11.00 am United Service | 9.00 am Breakfast Church | 11.00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington | 11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion | 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 17th February 3rd before Lent | 11.00 am Parish Communion | 9.30 am Parish Communion | | 10.00 am Welcome to Worship | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) |
| 24th February 2nd before Lent | 10.00 am Half Hour Service | 9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language) | 11.00 am Parish Communion | 11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP) | |
| 3rd March Sunday before Lent | 10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Barnabas Church, Easterton | | | | |

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PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY.

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Sunday 10th: 11am. We join our Anglican friends for a service in St Mary's Church, led by Revd. Gary Gotham
Sunday 17th: 10:30am. We join St Andrews Church, Long Street, Devizes, led by Revd. Gary Gotham.
Sunday 24th: 10:30am. Mrs Jacky Williams.

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**From the Rector
 Reflection for February**

Hello to you all,

I am sure by now all the Christmas decorations are once again packed in boxes and stored for next December. All thoughts of new year celebrations over and the reality of another year passing into the history of our personal diary's complete as we turn to the last year of another passing decade.

For me this year starts with Candlemas as this will be the Sunday I return to work after surgery in early November. In the Church this is the celebration of Jesus be-ing brought to the Temple by his parents to give thanks for his birth and as first born to dedicate him to God. They came as new parents starting a new life to-gether. Neither knowing what the future would hold for them or their son.

In the temple they meet Simeon. An elderly man waiting for a glimpse of God's salvation before his death and Anna, also elderly and with no family to take care of her. An odd group of people to meet just this once in the temple. This one chance meeting to announce the arrival of God's Word made flesh, this one chance to give hope to Mary and Joseph, this one chance to give the light of hope and love to a dark world.

And isn't that just what we need to find now, today, in our time and situation. Hope and light.

In a world full of anger and distrust we need hope for the future and the light of truth and love to guide us through all the dark times of our lives. And if all around us is darkness and hope seems just another concept full of elusion, look out of your window – the grass is beginning to grow, the snowdrops bow their heads to the lengthening days and as spring approaches, the bulbs of daffodil and tulip put forth their shoots and know that "All will be well, and all will be well." (Julian of Norwich 1373-1417)

With joy, love and my prayers

Rev. Marion Harrison

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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!

An Evening With Audrey & Michel

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Not much football was played over the holiday period and, at the time of writing, a few of the teams have restarted their matches vs other Mid-Wilts teams. An update on their progress is below and a reminder of training for teams. Badger Cubs – the Cubs are now looking smart in their new training tops. They meet every Saturday at 0930 at St Barnabas Primary School.

U7/8 – Friendly matches for both teams are being planned and training will be at Lavington School from 1730-1800. Contact Mark.

U9 and U10 – Playing has resumed for both teams and they've played well in their matches. However, the teams do need additional players for matches. Training to resume from 1800-1900 at Lavington School. Contact Sharon.

U11 – Both teams have played well this season. Training is on Fridays on the Astro turf at Devizes Leisure Centre at 1800-1900.

U12 – Wizards- Are now 3rd in their league and through to last 8 of League Cup. Badgers – Still 2nd in division 3 and still unbeaten so far this season. Training is at Northbrook and Lavington School from 1900-2000. Contact Dave.

U13 – Still doing well in league and have only lost to the leaders. They had good wins vs Westbury and Corsham. Training is on Fridays 1730-1830 at Northbrook. Contact Neil.

U16 – Currently mid-table in top league having only lost 1 match and still in League cup last 16. Busy schedule for 2019! Training at Northbrook on Fridays 1900-2000. Contact Jake.

U18 – Currently sitting 3rd in league with only one defeat. Training is Thursdays at Northbrook 1800-1900. Contact Debs.

Teams are always looking for more parents to get involved with 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 always on look out for more players, so if you would like to take up the sport, have some fun and learn new skills, contact one of the managers below. Teams are also looking out for sponsors to help with costs, so if any companies interested in helping then please contact Dave.

Work is almost complete on the clubhouse at Northbrook with internal painting to be completed - volunteers required! If companies would be interested in advertising at Davis Field then please contact Dave.

Contacts

Badger Cubs – Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

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U12 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781

U13 – Neil Black – 01380 818193

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In the first meeting of 2019 Ray Broughton shared with us some topical tips and new ideas and regaled us with hilarious stories about his 28 years of experience talking to garden clubs and other groups. He proved to be a very accomplished and engaging speaker and the

audience remained amazed, amused and entertained throughout the evening. At one unidentified venue Ray turned up at an empty village hall and, as the start time was fast approaching, he decided to put out all the chairs. Eventually people turned up. No one from the committee spoke to him or introduced him and at the end of the evening everyone left without putting the chairs back or paying him. Needless to say, that one is on a black list! At another venue there was an electricity meter that only took old shillings and, as no-one had brought any, the meeting had to be cancelled. Quite recently there was a hall that only had round pin sockets and no round to square pin adapter. Ray now always carries such an adapter with him and has had occasion to use it three times in recent years.

As the evening went on Ray recalled some even more embarrassing and hilarious situations. Luckily, he interspersed his stories with some gardening tips so that we had a chance to recover our composure. For example, we learned that tomato ketchup when smeared over secateurs or other cutting implements serves to clean, sharpen, lubricate and sterilise. You can sow potatoes shallowly in flat ground and then heap a ridge of organic barley straw over them. The potatoes are easy to pick by hand out of the straw mound. White flowered varieties of runner bean are wind pollinated and therefore more reliable at producing a good crop than the more decorative but insect pollinated and thus weather dependent red flowered varieties. Snipping the stigma out of your tulip flowers makes the flower display last longer. A softwood saw can be used for hardwood but a hardwood saw cannot be used for softwood. Often when greenhouse plants get a bit leggy it is because they need carbon dioxide and a big dollop of horse manure wrapped in cling film with six puncture holes will provide a steady and (we were assured) smell free supply.

Ray also told us about some useful new products in development. For instance, the Japanese are developing a replacement for peat pots using recycled fibre impregnated with nutrients and water retention properties. One company is coating seeds with nutrients, water gel and germination enhancers. Cardboard coffee cups are being recycled and made into an environmentally friendly peat compost alternative.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 February. Terry Baker from the Botanical Garden at Atworth will be talking about trees for the garden. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.

We have a varied and interesting programme for 2019 with talks on a wide range of topics, and some garden visits. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome. Our annual subscription is just £10 per person or £18 for a double membership.

WEST LAVINGTON WEATHER 2018

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| Average Temperature for 2018 | 10.82C (51.47F) |
| Average Temperature over 41 years | 10.50C (50.9F) |
| Total Rainfall for 2018 | 778.5mm (30.64 ins) |
| Average Rainfall over 41 years | 905.9mm (35.66 ins) |
| Driest Month (June) | 12.8mm (0.5 ins) |
| Wettest Month (December) | 114.0mm (4.48 ins) |
| Wettest Day (July 13th) | 28.8mm (1.14 ins) |
| Lowest Overnight Temperature (February 27th) | -7.4C (18.6F) |
| Highest Daytime Temperature (July 8th) | 30.9C (87.6F) |
| Lowest Daytime Maximum Temperature (February 28th) | 0.1C (32.18F) |
| Highest Wind Speed (January 4th) | 32 mph Westerly |
| Lowest Barometric Pressure (March 5th) | 983mbs |

Average temperature slightly up but rainfall considerably down as indicated above. Some lengthily dry spells during June and July helped to give us a very pleasant summer.

We did have more of a wintery spell this year which made it more interesting with snow falls as follows: (February 7th) 1cm (0.39 ins), (March 2nd) 4cms (1.56 ins), (March 18th) 5cms (1.96 ins) and (March 19th) 3cms (1.18 ins).

As is the case almost every year we do escape some of the extremes of weather that other parts of the country suffer thanks mainly to our geographical position within the UK.

Let's see what happens in 2019!
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Having successfully completed my Trek on the Great Wall of China in late October in which, we as a national group of 30 individuals, raised an amazing £132,701 between us for the ALZHEIMER's Society. Myself, as an individual, raised £7,350 as part of this grand sum.

THANKS to all my supporters of a very worthwhile cause.

My best wishes and a Happy New Year to you all!

Mike Nock



FRONT COVERS

We are always on the lookout for eye-catching photographs for the front cover of News & Views, with the focus being on local people engaged in local events or clubs. We print our front covers four months at a time.

They need to be portrait, hi resolution 300 dpi and CMYK colour.

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Artists Wanted!
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 01380 848197
sheilaweller64@gmail.com
 or Clare Milanes on 01380 840402

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

Our Christmas meeting involved a discussion on 3 books, which was interspersed with much hilarity- not caused by the books!



“Persuasion” by Jane Austen proved very divisive some loved it and thought it the best of her books, others disliked it. Anne Elliott proved a source of disagreement between us. So, after a drink we moved on to another book.

“Scoop” by Evelyn Waugh was enjoyed by all of us for its comic portrayal of the newspaper industry. Set in the 1930’s, Lord Copper, newspaper magnate and proprietor of the “Daily Beast”, has always prided himself on his flair for spotting ace reporters. Acting on a dinner party tip from a lady, he feels convinced that he has hit on just the chap to cover a promising little war in the African Republic of Ishmaelia. He sends for the William Boot who writes nature notes for the Beast by mistake, for John Boot a novelist and traveller. This results in confusion caused by William who has never been far from his home in the West Country where he lives with a lot of very eccentric relatives. On arrival in Ishmaelia, he has to rely on the good will of other reporters as he has no idea of how to compile a report from a war zone. Scoop is a very amusing and irreverent satire of newspapers and Fleet Street in general in the pursuit of hot news. If you have not read this book, we recommend it.

Finally, we managed to discuss “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. Most will know the story of Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Still to Come. Dickens’ picture of life in Victoria England is quite sombre for the poverty depicted. Scrooge shows how those with little sympathy for the less fortunate take a very hard attitude to appeals for help. Dickens tale of Scrooge’s reinvention after the visits of the Ghosts and his becoming a kindly Uncle figure was an appeal to readers at the time for charity towards the less fortunate. A message that still applies today.

After all this discussion we relaxed before the Christmas rush!

Wendy Wilshin

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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.



SPRING TERM starts **Sunday 13th JANUARY 2019** and includes 8 Sunday swims and 10 Tuesday swims.

The last swim being Tuesday 26th March.

No swim on 27th January 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

By the time you read this we might have already held our Chinese New Year Celebration (on February 2nd 2019). This year is the year of the pig. More exciting events will be held in 2019 and we shall have our visit to France in June.

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

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2019 CLASS TIMETABLE**

- MONDAY: 6-6:30pm Yoga CORE
6:30-7:30pm Hatha Yoga for All
- TUESDAY: 2-2:45pm Hatha Yoga for All (New class)
6:30-7:30pm Headspace Hack: Restorative yoga, Meditation & Yoga Nidra
- WEDNESDAY: 10-11:30am Hatha Yoga for All + Cake!
6-7pm Hatha Yoga for All (New class)
7:30-9pm Prenatal Yoga* - from 2nd trimester- welcome juice/tea, 60 minute yoga session, 'sleep well' drinks and nibbles afterwards (New class)
For 1st trimester yoga please contact me for private sessions.
- THURSDAY: 2-2:45pm Hatha Yoga for All (New class)
3-4:30pm Hatha Yoga for All
6-6:30pm Yoga CORE
6:30-7:30pm Relax & Restore Yoga for All
- FRIDAY: 9:15-10:15am Hatha Yoga for All (New class)
10:30-11:30am Postnatal Yoga + Cake! (New class)

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Michael.may1@btinternet.com
(tel 01380-812574)

or

Villagehallwestlavington@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 West Lavington Village Fete will be on Saturday 20th July. Plans are already under-way and we look forward to seeing you there!

FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS

There will be a Friends and Neighbours tea afternoon as usual on Wednesday 6th February.

GREAT CHEVERELL WHIST CLUB

Whist has commenced every Friday evening in The Village Hall and new members are always welcome. It starts at 7:30pm.

MUM & CHUMS

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).



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Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

At a special meeting on December 10th, which was held in the Village Hall, members wrapped presents for the Angel Tree Project.

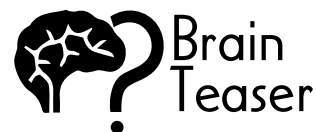
This project enables those prisoners who have earned special privilege points to be able to send gifts to their children at Christmas. We were delighted to welcome our Diocesan President, Rosie Stiven, as well as Laura Kachale, Community Development Co-ordinator, Carole Jones, Deanery Head and Liz Goater (who kindly purchased the gifts). Following a delicious Bring and Share Lunch the afternoon concluded with a Communion Service led by Revd. Pat Strowger.

Our first meeting of the New Year was our Annual General Meeting which was held on Monday, 14th January. The Mothers' Union theme for 2019 is "Listen, Observe, Act – In Step with God". The programme for the year was discussed and this was followed by the presentation of the accounts which had been prepared by our Treasurer, Barbara Wood and showed that the finances of the Branch were in a healthy state. Janet Hodges presented her report for the year and finally appreciation was expressed to those members who had assisted in various ways throughout the year and to all members for their support. A bouquet of flowers and plant were presented to Janet Hodges, our Branch Leader, as a token of our sincere appreciation for all her hard work and dedication. Following the formal meeting Revd Pat Strowger led us in a beautiful Communion Service.

Our next meeting will be Monday, 11th February at 2.15pm at the home of Ann Janes, 54 High Street, West Lavington, at her kind invitation and will be a discussion on marriage.

Val Noviss, Branch Secretary

Crossword and Brain Teaser Solution



Did you work it out?
Bill is 52 and Ben is 39

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If you are interested in this role please contact the school office for an application form.

Mrs Morris – School Business Manager
Dauntsey Academy Primary School Tel:01380813373

Dauntsey Academy Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure And Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

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**RETURN OF THE FORMER ROYAL HARPIST
 TO EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH**

Saturday 30th March is the date for Edington Arts' first concert of 2019, and, starting at 2.30 and

finishing with tea and cakes at about 4pm, it will also be our first afternoon concert in the Priory Church.

Our artists for the afternoon will be the former Royal Harpist Claire Jones, returning by popular demand, accompanied this time by her percussionist husband Chris Marshall. He made a fleeting appearance last time, which left us wanting more!

Everyone who was at her first Edington Arts concert in 2016 will remember the beautiful playing by this hugely talented harpist, and her lively personality. The addition of percussion to the mix will give us an even broader range of classical and contemporary music, much of which they have recorded, and performed all over the world. The church's acoustic is particularly well suited to the harp, and other percussion instruments such as vibraphones. They will perform in the body of the church, enabling everyone to be close to the action.



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Tickets are, as ever, £20 front nave, £15 rear nave and £10 sides; Edington Angels have a 10% discount, and 18 and under come free. Programme details will be on the website (www.edingtonarts.org) as soon as they are confirmed, but in the mean time you can get your tickets by phoning Chrissy on (01380)831256 or emailing sue@edingtonarts.org.

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

**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

Photo Album Seed Organiser
 Every gardener has dozens of seed packets lying around. It's easy to misplace or knock them over, one of the best ways to keep them organised is in a photo album. Get one album for each season so you can just pull out the right packet and start sowing. Make sure that all your seed packets are clearly dated. Happy Sowing.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th Feb

Subject: Backyard Chickens

Guest Speaker: Charlotte Popescue

Competition: Pot of flowering bulbs

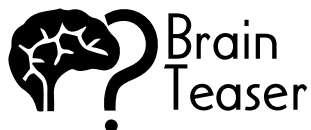
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| Optional clean 9am to 12 noon the day after. | £30 (in addition to the above rate) |

*Including regular users **From outside the parish boundaries

Booking and enquiries: Amber Hayward
tel: 01380 818545 email: roberthayward5@btinternet.com



Bill and Ben's combined age is 91. Bill is now twice as old as Ben was when Bill was as old as Ben is now. How old are they?

Answers on Page 26

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2. Craftiness
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4. Stringed instrument player

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DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year to you all.

Seeing our school through other's eyes is so important and often a joy. It makes you stop and really think about what we do day to day and consider what makes school a place to be enjoyed, a place to thrive in and something that will be remembered forever. We recently had our annual Grandparent's Tea where we welcomed over 100 grandparents to share in an afternoon at DAPS. As always it was a wonderful afternoon, enjoyed by all. Education is constantly developing and changing but always with a huge focus on improving standards for all pupils. In November we welcomed our highest number of visitors during our open days and enjoyed being able to show off our rich and varied curriculum and strong academic outcomes. In a world where the news is full of children struggling with their mental health with too much focus on 'teaching to the test', we feel incredibly proud of the exciting and varied curriculum that we offer our pupils here at DAPS while maintaining our high academic results. All our pupils, from Early years to Year 6, enjoy at least one Forest School session within our stunning grounds every week. We are out in all weathers and all seasons - climbing trees, cooking on the fire, playing in the trees (and the mud) and learning new skills. Our Forest school is child centred and follows the needs of our children - emotional, physical, intellectual, social, spiritual, and cultural. Forest school makes a huge difference to the health, happiness and achievements of our children. Alongside Forest School, our commitment to the Arts sees our pupils being immersed in opportunities to sing, dance and perform as well as explore different art genres within our IPC topics. As well as the usual school nativity and plays, over a ¼ of our pupils take advantage of our highly skilled peripatetic music teachers, learning to play wind, brass and string instruments – the talents of which are displayed during a rather wonderful evening of music during the summer term. This year, which is our 8th year, we took a large proportion of our key stage two members up to Birmingham to perform in 'Young voices' at the Genting arena – a fabulous concert incorporating a choir of over six and a half thousand children alongside professional artists and performers. Forest School and the Arts are just two examples of how we work hard to create an exciting, memorable curriculum that equips our young people with knowledge, skills and understanding as well as a passion for life! We welcome you to visit our school and see for yourselves.

**Mrs Philippa Winbolt
Headteacher**

Schools News



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, we are delighted to have 3 new starters, Scarlett, Shiloh-Blue and Alexander, we welcome them and their families to our Pre-school. Everyone has settled in well after the Christmas holiday and has come back refreshed and ready to have fun!

This term the children's investigations have been centred on "The Arctic and The North Pole". As part of this we have been having some fun getting creative in lots of different ways both inside and outside!

We have made shape print polar bears and paper plate penguins. The children have been playing with ice in the water tray and learning about how it melts as it gets warmer. We have been listening to lots of stories about polar bears and talking about what it feels like to be cold and what we do to stay warm. We have been allocating some of the funds raised through our fundraising events throughout the year and we have been able to purchase some pretend ice blocks and house blocks for building, these have helped us with counting activities as well as encouraging some fabulous creativity.

As always, if you have any items or experiences that you feel would be relevant, we would love you to come and share with us.

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 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



LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

After a very successful 'sell-out' concert on December 21st our new year began with a free singalong on Thursday January 10th. We believe at LCC that singing is an uplifting experience and that it should be available to everyone. So our free session in January has become, we hope, a way of encouraging people to have a go without any pressure to join the choir.

Maybe as you read this report you're thinking that you might 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.

Our new programme will include a Motown Medley and some Mozart.

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

And finally

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Friday July 5th is our summer concert

GIOACHINO ROSSINI'S PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE

Dauntsey's Choral Society and Dauntsey's Senior Orchestra will perform

Gioachino Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle

Date: Thursday 31 January 2019

Time: 1930

Venue: Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School

Tickets: Free admission, all welcome.

Featured Artists:-

Soprano: Elizabeth Donovan

Mezzo: Karina Lucas

Tenor: Edward Goater

Bass: Edmund Saddington

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Information about renewal of bus passes

From 1st January 2019, not all bus passes will be renewed automatically.

This is because there are approximately 20,000 passes in circulation that have not been scanned on a bus prior to renewal, indicating that the pass has not been used. In these cases, the passes will not be automatically renewed.

If your pass is not automatically renewed but you would like to receive one to use in the future, please contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 and we can arrange for your new pass to be issued.

Wiltshire Council regrets the any charges which may occur on bus journeys are non-refundable.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Hire Rates from 1st October 2016

| Rates per hour Day – 8 am-6 pm Evening 6pm - midnight | Weekday (Mon-Fri) | | Weekend (Sat & Sun) | |
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| | Local & Charity | Other | Local & Charity | Other |
| Hall - Daytime | £7.00 | £8.00 | £8.00 | £10.00 |
| Hall - Evening | £9.00 | £10.00 | £10.00 | £12.00 |
| Giles Meeting Room - Day | £5.00 | £5.50 | £6.00 | £6.50 |
| Giles Meeting Room - Eve | £6.00 | £7.50 | £7.00 | £8.50 |
| Changing Rooms Are charged at Hall rate | | | | |

Use of cooker in the kitchen - £5.00 Use of Stage Lights - £10.00

- Bookings on **07435046984** or **villagehallwestlavington@gmail.com**
- Bookings must include event preparation and clear-up time
- Local rates are for village clubs and societies, registered charities and local private hire only.
- Minimum charge is for 2 hours weekday and 3 hours weekend. A non-refundable deposit of £10 or full advance payment may be required to secure a booking.
- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to re book that date.
- Heating is included in the above rates.
- The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even if the Changing Rooms are not used.

By the time this is in print, we hope the new website is up and running. Apart from containing all the information about booking the hall, it also contains a number of new initiatives which I hope the village will support, some of it refer-ring to specific fund raising. The website address is www.westlavingtonvillagehall.org.

And just to fill you in on a number of initiatives we are following. We are making the stage safely and more easily accessible, including activating the disabled lift. Together with this, we hope to install a modern PA system, which will damp down much of the echoing and also hope to purchase an efficient projector system. Much of this may depend on grants which we are currently investigating and any further ideas from you all would be most welcome.

We are looking to create a list of companies/groups who might wish to provide catering services. We already have a number of hirers who have asked about this. Please let Michelle, the Hall Manager, know if there are interested people.

Finally, we are looking for tradesmen who would be keen to do work for us. Again, if you are interested please let us know. This includes carpentry, painting, electrical and plumbing, together with general building services...

Contact us at: villagehallwestlavington@gmail.com

Mike May, Chairman



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Outstanding school

Our school has come top in Wiltshire for the percentage of children achieving the expected standard in all of reading, writing and maths - this is one of the most important measures used by Ofsted to judge school effectiveness. This outcome also puts our school in the top

2% of the country (one of the top 300 out of over 20,000 primary schools). The percentage of children achieving at the higher standard puts us in the top 4% of the country and we are in the top percentiles for most of the other measures as well. Once again, we have achieved these remarkably high standards thanks to our talented and inspirational teachers, our aspirational and hardworking children and our engaged and committed Governors and families.

We always emphasise that, whilst we are delighted with these great academic outcomes, we are just as proud of all other aspects of our children's success. We are proud of how kind they are to each other, how sensitively they respond to those in need; we are proud of their outcomes in sport, art, music, philosophy, social skills and the humanities; and we are proud of their deep spirituality. Our children are outstanding young people in all aspects of their development.

Farewell

It was with great sadness that we said good bye to our two cleaning ladies and caretakers who have worked at our school for nearly 70 years between them! Karen Tayler has worked here for 39 years and Eileen Davies for 29 years. They have been part of the team that has made our school such an exceptional place and they will be very much missed. We wish them a very happy retirement.



Tournament winners

We were delighted to win the interschool hockey tournament recently – both our A team and B team did very well. We are grateful to Dauntsey's school for their outreach into our school – they organise these tournaments on their beautiful grounds and help with coaching.

Award from the RHS

It was a great moment to have an award for gardening from the Royal Horticultural Society last term – we are very grateful to Mrs Liz Read and her team who lead the gardening projects in school so successfully and with such great creativity.

Hand Bell ringing

The Hand Bell ringers played beautifully at our Christmas Concerts again this year. Mrs Heath, who leads the Bell Ringing Club, challenges the children with increasingly complex music and each year they are better than the previous year. This very unusual club is very popular with our older children.

Every day is an open day

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

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting January 16th 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

Why would anyone be a Parish Councillor?

Well, if you've ever wondered why 'don't they do something about!?!?!' Then join us on the Parish Council where you will be in exactly right place to make a difference. We meet every two months and yesterday's meeting on January 16th lasted just one hour 2 minutes so being a councillor doesn't take up much time!!!

Please speak to any Councillor: Sue Ivey, Bill Mowatt, Dennis Heather, Anne Venus, or Wes Parfitt or write to littlecheverellparishcouncil@gmail.com to find out more.

Salt Bin

A new bin has replaced the damaged one at the railway bridge end of Low Road. A second bin, purchased by the Parish Council, will soon be placed at the telephone kiosk end of Low Road.

Parish Steward

Sue Ivey has sent the list of priority tasks for January, February and March to Northern Highways, they focus on keeping drains cleared, the cutting back of overhanging plant growth and repair of small potholes. If any resident has any concerns that they think may be tackled by the Parish Steward please contact sueivey3@aol.com

Planning Applications

Rosegarth planning application has been approved by County for five years.

The

Defibrillator Training 2019

The date for 2019's training has been booked for Wednesday 16th October in the Village Hall at 7pm

Date of next meeting

13th March 2019 at 19.00 hrs. in the village hall. Why not come along to find out about our meetings, the public is very welcome and are always invited to speak.

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

For some reason, as I write this on 15th January, my thoughts turn towards the need to tidy up my workspace and to have a spring clean!

Some people are good at throwing out anything that is not worth keeping but I admit to being a hoarder – not so bad as to be worthy of a television programme but still rather over-stocked.

For one thing, I have far too much paper. Folders from 10 or more years ago clutter my study and, although they may have seemed important to keep at the time, I am fairly sure I will not need to read most of them ever again.

Similarly, I still have stacks of DVDs, CDs and cassette tapes with music and films that I can now access much more easily via the internet.

Almost all of this clutter can go. Almost all. The trouble is that, amongst the junk are some treasures, so it takes time to sort through.

Another problem is that some of the papers may contain information that is personal or confidential and thus must be disposed of in a way that ensures privacy is maintained. I've tried shredding but it's very laborious!

Fortunately, the Devizes Household Recycling Centre accepts a wide range of items and is open at useful hours, including Sundays. For details go to <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres> and click on Devizes – or any other location that suits you.

Unfortunately, the HRC does not take confidential waste but there are local commercial companies which can provide that service at a very modest cost.

All I have to do now is find somewhere to keep the tons of stuff that I still can't bring myself to throw away. My wife likes a tidy house. I wonder if there is any other House that is in a bit of a mess right now.

Meanwhile, watch out for news of the Great British Spring Clean from 22 March to 23 April 2019 when we will all have a chance to tidy up all the litter that sur-rounds us on the roadside and in the hedges. That will be our chance to wear the Gilets jaunes.

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

REFERENDUM - Neighbourhood Plan: Wiltshire Council is currently considering the recommendations of the independent Examiner appointed to carry out the examination of the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan and will decide by 31 January on whether the Plan should proceed to Referendum. A favourable outcome, that may include the need to modify the Plan, would mean that a Referendum would be held within 56 working days of the decision being published in line with regulations.

There is every likelihood that 31 January will see a decision to proceed to Referendum in April. The Referendum is the final stage of a very long process started by the Parish Council in 2012. Neighbourhood Plans are the creation of localism legislation designed to give residents the ability to shape their neighbourhood. Our Plan is intended to provide a planning framework and policies that will stipulate appropriate development for the community into the future, particularly for young families and older residents.

Through community consultation, overwhelming support (68%) was shown for potential development of the site adjacent to DAPS and the playing fields the. The owners, Gaiger Bros, are currently working on their detailed plans which will be the subject of a public presentation. Dates will be publicised and the event will give all members of the community the opportunity to view and discuss them before the Referendum. Please be aware that the Plan contains policies that seeks to enhance the local community, community facilities and services while conserving the village and countryside environment. A “yes” vote in April will help achieve these community benefits. Your vote will really count!

PRECEPT: Parish councillors, at their January meeting, decided to keep the precept per household unchanged having regard to the present financial climate. The Parish Council will continue to use the precept monies it receives to support community organisations, assets and facilities, such as the Village Hall, Youth Club, the elderly, BMX track, equipment in Robert’s Playground, rights of way, NHP, the parish council website, CCTV together with parish commitments such as the clerk’s salary, insurance, waste collection and grass cutting.

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING: There has been an incident of fly-tipping on Strawberry Hill but the debris was removed within 24 hours. Wiltshire Council is prosecuting offenders when they can be identified and the public is encouraged to report any incident through myWiltshire. Reports that dog fouling is on the upsurge in the parish have been received. It is a criminal offence not to clear up immediately after your dog.

SPRING CLEAN: The annual Great British Spring Clean will this year occur over a month rather than a week-end. Details will follow.

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 7 January. The Approved Minutes of the previous meeting (in December) are available to see on the website and the Council’s Notice Boards. The next meeting will be on 4 February (7.30pm at The Pavilion).

The Council received an informative presentation on the work of the village Community Speed-watch Team from Andy Jenkinson, the Team Leader. They, in conjunction with Wiltshire Police, perform an unglamorous but important task in slowing down those drivers who use our village as a ‘rat run’ and, in particular, help to keep our children safe at school times. But the number of volunteers is disappointingly low, which reduces the number of sessions they can undertake. Please consider volunteering to play your part in maintaining the safety of our village. It’s not a huge commitment – a couple of hours every 3 weeks would help a lot. The Council is considering road signs and anything else that could help, to demonstrate its full support.

In other ways, fortunately, we live in a low-crime area, as the monthly Police re-ports on the website show. There is, however, an ongoing issue of people trying to throw illegal substances over the wall into Erlestoke Prison. If you see ANY-THING suspicious, just ring 999 – this is a high priority for the Police. This also applies to the first indication of any more illegal raves on Salisbury Plain.

Wiltshire Council is undertaking a process of transferring unwanted parcels of land to other bodies, thus reducing their maintenance responsibilities. The Council is pursuing an application regarding the area of Highways land outside The Bell, in order to preserve this important parking area for village use. Other areas, mainly green space, are under consideration.

Work continues on planning for a Playpark extension. Having obtained ideas from Holy Trinity School (which would meet National Curriculum requirements) the Council is now getting quotes from suppliers, after which we will seek funding. It’s not too late to submit YOUR ideas, though

And, finally, the Council has set its budget for 2019/20, which will affect your Council Tax bill. A 2.61% increase was agreed, mainly to cover essential tree works and to build up a reserve for playground maintenance. In Real Money, that’s an increase of £1.05 for a whole year for the ‘average Band D’ property or, in my usual measurement, way less than a pint in The Bell. Hopefully not too up-setting. You’re always welcome to ask what we do with it, though !

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

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