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Calendar of Services - May 2019
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

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Regular worship in our sister churches:
9.00 am St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell
4:30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

Village Link
West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell
TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826

From the Rector

NEW SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCHES

Excitement is mounting as some of your local churches are introducing a new-style service on a regular basis from May!

A team of Lay Worship Leaders have now been trained to take non-communion services across our villages. This is an exciting opportunity for our churches to hold different styles of worship, led by different people, in different ways!

There are feedback forms available at the back of the churches so that we can review the services and ensure that those attending feel it is meeting their needs.

The new style services are:
- Great Cheverell 3rd Sunday at 10 am.
- Easterton 3rd Sunday at 10.30 am
- West Lavington 4th Sunday at 10.30 am

Market Lavington already has a non-communion ½ hour service at 10 am on the 4th Sunday
Little Cheverell will be changing the time of their 2nd Sunday communion service to 9.30am.
(To work out the date: look at a diary and count the right number of Sundays in any month.)

If you don’t usually come to church, why not come and try one of these services? Children are always welcome and activities/toys are put out to entertain them in all our churches. There’s also an opportunity for coffee and chat so you can get to know each other at these services. Everyone is very welcome!

Rev. Marion Harrison

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)
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lavingtonrector@gmail.com (Not available Fridays)

Retired Priests: Rev Ann Cocking 812763
Rev Pat Strowger 812840
Benefice Office as above - churchlavington@gmail.com

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THE MONDAY CLUB
At Market Lavington Community Hall in The Furminger Room
2:15 - 4:00pm
Additional Information
Please contact Jo Perkins on 0793627853 or Liz 01380 812249 if you have any questions.

Thanks
Many thanks to all who supported The Tuesday Club Jumble Sale at The Old School on April 6th.
The magnificent sum of £600 was raised
Sue Allen, Treasurer

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Pavilion

Club

Saturday May 11th at 7.30pm
doors open 7.10pm
Pay Bar at Interval

What's On

JOIN NOW!
The Pavilion Club – which organises social events on behalf of The Great Cheverell New Pavilion Trust – has been running for almost 3 years and, with your support, we hope to expand its activities. We are a small group and would welcome any ideas for events and/or help to organise them – if you can help, contact Pip Read by phone 01380 816603 or by email at pipanddes@outlook.com

The annual subscription fee is £20.00 from 1st May 2019 to 30th April 2020 inclusive.
This fee entitles members to attend our popular monthly film screenings throughout the year at no further cost. A pay bar is available at each show. Temporary membership, covering 2 consecutive films, will be available for £5.00.
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**LOCAL PEOPLE**
It's the people who live and work in a community that make it what it is.

Following the fascinating write-up about Mike Peet, we are keen to find out more about some of the residents of our villages. Are you a local artisan or do you have a fascinating job? Have you been on an interesting life's journey or have a story to tell? In fact, anything that readers may find of interest, please e mail welovehilly@gmail.com

You can write about it or we can write it for you (with or without a photo)

**EXAM SEASON**
GCSEs are looming. Does your child underachieve in exams or tests?
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As many of you know five years ago my daughter died from bowel cancer. Now her daughter, my granddaughter, Amy is doing a skydive in May in order to raise funds for Bowel Cancer Research. If anyone is able to sponsor her we would be very grateful.
You can donate at https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AmyAvory

Thank you from both of us and every blessing.
Pat Strowger

**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!

Our cover picture this month is of Chloe Lockhart from Great Cheverell (second from the left), who studied at Dauntsey’s School and qualified as an Architect in 2018. She has been leading the development of the new Woolwich station in London as part of the Crossrail Project and is now starting to see the efforts of all her hard work coming to fruition.

Chloe studied Architecture at Nottingham University and graduated with a First in her Masters in Architecture in 2016, where she was nominated for the prestigious Royal Institution of British Architects (RIBA) Presidents Silver Medal, for her final year project. Chloe completed her RIBA part three studies in 2017 becoming registered as an Architect with the Architects Registration Board (ARB) and is also a Chartered Member of RIBA.

Chloe started working for London Architects, Weston Williamson and Partners, after she graduated in 2016 and has been leading the final stages of completion of the Woolwich Station Project, since she joined.

Crossrail is an ambitious, large scale infrastructure project managed by Crossrail Ltd, a subsidiary of Transport for London. The Project, which is the biggest in Europe, was sanctioned by Parliament in 2008 through the Crossrail Act.

Covering 73 miles from Maidenhead and Heathrow in the West to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the East, the new line is expected to carry 200 million passengers each year. The new line with 40 stations, 10 of which are new, will be known as the Elizabeth Line was expected to cost £14.8bn, and be completed by December 2018. The Government have invested a further £2.8bn, however this complex project has been beset by delays and cost overruns and is now unlikely to be completed until 2020.

Woolwich station is situated at the heart of the Royal Arsenal Masterplan, acting as a catalyst for regeneration, supporting 3,750 new homes and new cultural, heritage, commercial and leisure quarters. It is one of 10 new stations serving London’s Elizabeth Line. Linking the station with its remarkable history, two major facades depict a contemporary representation of a memorial bronze plaque which was developed on the site during WWI. The plaques, popularly known as the ‘Dead Man’s Penny’, were given to the widows of soldiers that gave their lives for their country. Over one million were cast!
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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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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; Orla@devizeshypnotherapy.co.uk or call 07596116360

West Lavington Parish Council
We did it AGAIN!
Spring Clean fever was bursting out in West Lavington Parish on Saturday, 6th April when the sun came out again after cold and wet winter days. Our Youth Club at the village hall opened its doors to allow the Spring Cleaners to gather at 9.30am and picking continued until 1pm. Community spirit including tea, coffee and biscuits was much in evidence when local residents of all age groups including families with children turned out to clear our streets, wash street signs, sweep bus shelters and nurture our telephone kiosks.

The Great British Spring Clean in support of ‘Keep Britain Tidy’ exemplifies the pride of Littleton Panell and West Lavington and although there were fewer volunteers this year (20 plus) those that did make the effort more than compensated for the reduced numbers by their enthusiasm and desire to do their bit. Wiltshire Council and ‘Street Scene’ provided much appreciated litter picking equipment which the parish is grateful for and which will be retained for further litter picks over the summer when particular locations will be targeted.

It is evident that some people who could not attend have made the effort to clean up around their property and they are to be applauded but unfortunately there are other locations where owners could do much more to improve things for us all.

In the region of 40 bags of rubbish were collected by the volunteers this year and ‘Street Scene’ has agreed to remove them all for appropriate disposal.

A huge thank you to those who have made the effort so far this year and in anticipation also to those intending to tidy their location in the coming days and weeks!

Sandra Gamble
Chairman of West Lavington Parish Council
8th April 2019
PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

This year’s Village Fete is on SATURDAY 20th JULY!

The West Lavington Fete will be on Saturday 20th July from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. There will be all the regular attractions at the Fete, especially the Fun Family Dog Show (“the best run in the area!”), and Children’s Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, and the fantastic Prize Draw! Devizes Town Band will be there, plus lots of stalls, including those from local village societies and the bargain village stalls selling Bric-a-Brac, Bottles, Books, Produce, Cakes, and Garden plants. To keep you refreshed throughout the afternoon there will be homemade teas, ice creams, and a drinks tent. One third of the profits of the Fete will be divided between Village charities and organisations nominated by Fete volunteers.

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

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

ARTISTS WANTED!
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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 rog@frost.co.uk
Mr. Michael Bedford on 01380-848816 michaelbedford01@gmail.com

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part time volunteer post
April - October

We are looking for a local volunteer to join our friendly and happy team to co-ordinate the weekly running of the shop and the volunteer staff on a part-time basis during the summer months.
The shop opens in late April, and some administration is required before then. Responsibilities include organising the volunteers’ rota, liaising with volunteers and prison staff, maintaining and replenishing stock, responding to customer orders, dealing with invoices and takings and representing the volunteers at EHCIC meetings. There is no requirement to be at the Shop every day, and much of the work can be done via email.
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The fifth Edington Arts Choral Workshop takes place on Saturday 18th May in Edington Priory Church, starting with registration at 9.30am and ending after tea and the final run-through at about 4.30pm.

This year the leader is Paul Brough, Professor of Choral Conducting at the Royal Academy, former Principal Guest Conductor to the BBC Singers till 2016, and with over 60 broadcasts and many recordings with choirs and orchestras all over Europe under his belt. He is well known to the Edington Music Festival, both as a singer in the Schola, and occasional conductor of the Consort.

And as variety is the spice of life, we shall be learning how to sing four motets; ‘Ave Maria’ by Robert Parsons, (which traditionally brings the Edington Music Festival to a close), ‘I was glad’ and ‘Thou knowest Lord’ by Henry Purcell and ‘Ave Maria’ by Anton Bruckner. They are unaccompanied, but Chris Totney will be providing piano accompaniment during the rehearsals. The music ranges from blissfully beautiful to passionately precise, and is, above all, singable. The Bruckner ‘Ave Maria’ is written in seven parts, so all those tenors and basses out there will be particularly welcome!

Singers of all abilities are welcome; requirements are only that you have enthusiasm and can read music. If you’re a bit rusty, or unfamiliar with the music, there will be plenty of experienced singers to help you out. You can listen to the Parsons Ave Maria, and follow the music, on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on/choral-workshop.

Any non-singers are warmly invited to come for tea at 4pm and to stay on to hear the results of our hard work – no tickets needed.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on/choral-workshop, or phone Anne on 01380 831425; the cost is £20 plus £2 for music hire, and includes welcome and morning break refreshments.
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Rates (including Heating) per hour
FREE WIFI, Projector and Screen in Hall and Giles Room

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- Daytime hourly rates apply from 8am until 6pm, evening hourly rates apply from 6pm until midnight.
- Weekend rates apply to Saturday and Sunday bookings.
- Bookings are accepted and charged in half hour increments. Bookings must include event preparation and clear up time.
- Changing Room rates are day rates. Actual times required must be entered on the booking form to avoid conflict with Hall bookings.
- The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked on the booking form even if the Changing Rooms are not used.
- Local rates are for village clubs and societies, registered charities and local private hire only.

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.

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

Welcome to my Message for May! Actually, I have been asked not to write about May, but that may be a misunderstanding.

Correct use of language is, of course, important. If a stranger says “I can drive your car”, that could be a simple statement of their ability. On the other hand, if the person says “I may drive your car”, it would be a matter for concern.

Similarly, a child may ask “Can I eat five bars of chocolate?”. The answer may be “Maybe” (but it would be wise to add “You’d probably be sick!”). However, if the child asks “May I eat five bars of chocolate?” the answer, of course, is “No!”.

Thus, strictly speaking, CAN is an auxiliary verb that is used to express mental and physical capability. MAY is an auxiliary verb that is used to express permission.

However, the sharp distinction between the use of “can” and “may” has eroded due to the English language’s seeming evolution toward informality. Today, a child might ask a teacher, “May I have an apple?” as the child is asking a superior. The child might ask another child, “Can I have an apple?” as he is speaking to a peer.

And, in that phrase, there is another linguistic anomaly – the word PEER. “Peers of the Realm” are members of the House of Lords and are thus our (nominal) superiors. Our “peer group”, however, are people of approximately the same age, status and interests and are thus our equals. It’s all rather confusing for me (which could also be said, linguistically speaking, of the name of “Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition”).

If that’s not enough contradiction, May Day is also International Labour Day – but it is a holiday - so you are not supposed to work!

Finally, I should mention that the word “can” can also refer to a metal container, (as you probably know). Apparently, in these times, a can is mainly used for kicking down the road.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.
Dear Residents of Littleton Panell and West Lavington

This is my last report to you as chairman of West Lavington Parish Council. After 4 years as chair and 7 years as a councillor, I am stepping down at the Council’s Annual Meeting on May 2nd. It has truly been a privilege to serve you and the parish during this period, to get to know many more of you, and to work with my fellow councillor colleagues and friends.

In my time as a councillor, I have also been chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. So it is with great pleasure that I am also able to announce at this time that the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will take place on June 6th. It has been a long process indeed but now every resident on the Parish Electoral Role will have the opportunity to express his/her final view.

Voting will be at the Village Hall from 7am to 10pm. The Referendum will ask: Do you want Wiltshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for West Lavington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area? Yes/No.”

The Referendum is administered by Wiltshire Council. Voting can be by attendance at the hall or by postal vote. Proxy votes are also available. Please be sure to use a postal vote if you are likely to be absent from the parish on June 6th. If you are not an existing postal voter, you will be able to apply for a postal vote. For information on when and where to apply, please visit the Parish Council Notice Board or Website or email the Clerk.


The Neighbourhood Plan covers our two villages of West Lavington and Littleton Panell and the overall parish area. It was not an option to have no growth so the Plan picked the housing site chosen by members of the community as their preferred site for development and let Gaigers for the site Gaiger Bros.’ housing proposals.

Between 5pm and 8pm you will be able to view the notices and documents at : http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood.

And the Parish Council Notice Board or Website or email the Clerk.

We had a really good event on April 12th, the first of what we hope are many coffee/soup sessions once a month, where anyone can meet. Whilst it is essentially, perhaps, for some of the older Parishioners, younger people came as well, and it created a friendly, happy atmosphere with a lot of chatter. For the next two months, tea, coffee, cake and soup is free, thanks to the support of the Parish council, AgeUk and donations. Please remember to come to the next one, Friday May 10th, 11.00am to 1.30pm. Leaflets and details are being sent around the village, but please also visit our website for full information - westlavingtonvillagehall.org

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Those who came could see the beginnings of the book exchange/library, indeed several books were borrowed. The ladies changing room is being converted into a sitting area, with bookshelves accommodating donated books. We also intend to display other old village items of interest, maps etc, and the first item is the original minute book for the village hall, which incorporates the original first meeting minutes recording the hall being planned. We hope that in the future, there may be a way to open this regularly on Thursday and Saturday mornings, when anyone can visit the “Library” regardless of other events going on.

I am also delighted to say that bookings have increased. Whilst, in order to survive, this is an essential process, the committee feels it also has a clear mandate to involve as much of the village as possible, in new and social activities. Hence FoF and a Book exchange/library. Please do send in your suggestions for new events and activities to Michelle Duckworth, Hall Manager, at villagehallwestlavington@gmail.com.)

We look forward to seeing you on May 10th.

Mike May
Chairman West Lavington Village Hall

PS Have you looked at our Facebook site yet?

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.

THE VILLAGE HALL’S FRIENDS ON FRIDAY ("FoF")

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I am delighted to say that when you google “West Lavington village hall”, our website appears first. At the same time, we must thank a number of helpers and cake bakers, it couldn’t happen without you. Thanks also to the Blossom Tree in Market Lavington for flowers/décor.

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Hello Fellow Villagers,

For those who have yet to meet me, my name is Andrew Alexander and I am the Chair of Cheverell Magna Parish Council.

Over the past year we have seen some changes within the Parish. All my Councillors have been working hard to keep the village running as smoothly as possible and without their dedication, hard work and support, I am sure things would quickly take a turn for the worst. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts over the past 12 months. I would also like to thank you, the residents, for your continual support. Without your input and feedback we cannot achieve our goal to make our village the best place in which to live.

The start of the month saw the Village Clean Up, organised by Cllr Nick Bland. Residents from our Village turned up in force in record numbers and managed to collect nearly half a tonne of rubbish. Hopefully you will agree that the village is looking a lot cleaner and our plan is to hold this event twice a year.

Cllr Beth Morillo-Hall has also done some outstanding work on progressing the future development of the park outside the Pavilion. The ideas will be presented at our Annual Parish Council Meeting, open to the public on 28th April at 19:30.

Finally, I would invite you to get in touch if you have ideas on how to improve our village, report an area of concern or just give feedback. Without you, we can only maintain not improve.

Thank you once again from all the Councillors and myself. I hope to see you at a Parish Council meeting soon.

Andrew Alexander, Chair of the Parish Council.

What a wonderful Easter break it has been. The sunshine and warmth have been a welcome visitor and have hopefully allowed and encouraged time spent as a family in the great outdoors.

Just before the term ended we were reminded again about how generous people can be with their time and thoughtfulness. At Christmas, our PTA (POD – People Of Daps) organise and run a ‘Secrets room’ which is non-profit idea which is run just for fun, out of kindness and to complement the magic of Christmas. The Secrets room is where the children can come in and select a small gift for their parents, siblings or someone special and a member of POD are there to wrap it beautifully and enable the children to have that feeling of pride and excitement that they have bought something, out of love, which is going to be a surprise for their loved ones. It’s a long-standing tradition and one that is cherished by all.

This year they created an adaptation of that idea and enabled the children to make something for Mother’s Day. Personalised tote bags, planted pots of flowers…fabulous things! With over 170 children choosing to take part they had their work cut out. Several parents gave days of their time and the children took home beautifully made, stunningly wrapped treasures for their mothers or special person.

I am undeniably proud of the academic success we have here at DAPS and the rich and exciting curriculum experienced by all our pupils. But…our community and those little extra things are what add to the experience of being a part of Dauntsey Academy Primary School.

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**

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, we are delighted to have 2 new starters, Kitty and Jake and we welcome them and their families to our Pre-school. Everyone has settled in well after the Easter holiday and has come back refreshed and ready to have fun!

We ended last term with our annual Sponsored Trike Ride, the children cycled their socks off around the playground and were covered in colourful stickers by the end of it. We are now asking the children to collect in any sponsorship money they have raised, and we will be able to report our grand total soon. We are hoping to use the money raised to buy safety equipment which will enable us to take the children out and about around the village more often, especially as the weather gets better and we go into the summer months. We would like to thank all the children and their families and friends who have worked so hard to raise money for our Pre-school.

We always listen to the children and their interests so this term our investigations will be focused around dinosaurs and mini beasts. We will be looking at fossils and reading some dinosaur stories; we will be going on bug hunts in the field and painting dinosaur prints along with lots of other exciting activities.

This term, we will also have regular visits from our fantastic visitors from Blue Butterfly Yoga and EB Sports Coaching, the children love the opportunity to get involved and have fun with the different activities.

**TOP TIP:**

Our Top Tip for this week is from Understanding the world: The world in the EYFS, 30-50 months “Use the local area for exploring both built and the natural environment. Provide opportunities to observe things closely through a variety of means, including magnifiers and photographs.”

**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

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**NEW FOUNDATION STAGE CHILDREN**

It is always great fun to start the induction work with our new children who will be joining our wonderful school family in September. We all love to find out who is coming to our school, to meet them and get to know them. The new children are offered three afternoons in school during June to help them settle in before the summer holidays – and we make contact with their nursery settings to make sure we are doing all we can support a good transition into our school.

Our new families are welcomed into the community as well so that they have a support network which will last for their time at our school and beyond.

**Music Concert**

We are all preparing for the Summer Music Concert to be held at our school on Tuesday 21st May at 5.00pm. The standard of performance from such young children is very high and we are always very proud of the courage and commitment which enables them to stand up in front of an audience and perform so beautifully. We shall hear from brass instrument players, ukulele club, recorder players, pianists and guitarists, playing solo and ensemble.

**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)
Organisations & Committees

We were delighted that Revd Jennifer Haynes could be with us at our meeting on Monday, 8th April. She led us in a special Easter Communion Service.

Sandra Gamble reported on the recent Spring Council Meeting which had been held on 27th March and gave details of upcoming projects which she encouraged members to support. Further details to follow.

Janet Hodges wished to express sincere appreciation on behalf of members, to David Coxhead for the beautiful flowers he had provided for Mothering Sunday and which were so very reasonably priced. This enabled the provision of flowers for the Benefice.

Our next meeting will be held by kind invitation of Ann Janes at 54 High Street, West Lavington on Monday, 13th May at 2.15pm. Our speaker will be Caroline Spindlow who will be talking about “What it’s like to be an Ordinand”.

Val Noviss, Branch Secretary

Crossword and Brain Teaser Solution

**Easter Bunny**

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At our recent meeting we discussed two very different books. The first was “A Town like Alice” by Neville Shute which most of us had read many years ago and could remember the films made- one featured Peter Finch and the other Brian Brown. The story starts after the Second world war when Jean comes into some inheritance and decides to use it to provide a well for the woman of a village in Malaya where she was imprisoned during the war. We then go back and learn what had happened to her and a group of women taken prisoner by the Japanese. The story now moves to Australia and her search for Joe Harman who had helped the women and suffered because of this and was thought by Jean to be dead. We agreed that it was a good story and although a little dated in style it is still an enjoyable read for anyone who has not come across it.

The second book “Cartes Postales from Greece” by Victoria Hislop was the second of her books set to be read by our group. The novel opens with a series of post cards which arrive at a flat where Ellie is a new tenant. The cards come from different places around Greece. Ellie cannot forward them as she does not know who the previous tenant was. She begins to look forward to their arrival and decides to take her holiday in Greece to see if it is as the post cards picture it. About to leave, Ellie finds a parcel in her pigeon hole and takes it with her without opening it. On arrival and opening the parcel she finds it is a diary by Anthony the sender of the post cards. He had planned a holiday in Greece with his girlfriend but the relationship ended and so he had travelled around on his own sending post cards to the ex-girlfriend from each place he visited. The novel consists of short chapters telling stories from all the different places where Anthony had stayed. Ellie eventually meets Anthony in Athens and returns his diary to him.

We all had slightly different opinions on this novel, while agreeing it was easy to read and gave an interesting picture of Greece today. We didn’t think this was as good as some of her other books especially “The Island”. Nevertheless, Cartes Postales is an enjoyable read.

Wendy Wilshin
Heritage vegetables were the subject of our April meeting. Sally Nex, writer, professional gardener and garden designer, was our speaker. Sally confessed that one of her favourite things to do was to grow things that she could eat. She had become nearly self sufficient in providing vegetables for her family. She also confessed to enjoying growing different varieties in terms of the look of the vegetable, the taste and history.

Sally said that during the 1970’s the national vegetable list came into being as a result of EU legislation. In order to prevent unscrupulous seed merchants from selling poor quality seed, and also to promote food safety and increase the export of seeds to other countries, rigorous, and expensive tests, were introduced in order to certify seed as fit for sale. Because of the expense, it was mainly seeds that were intended for commercial farming that got registered. Many heritage varieties (bred before the 1970’s) became extinct or significantly declined in availability as the legislation meant it was illegal to sell seed of unregistered varieties.

Gardeners wanted to grow varieties that they had seen their grandparents grow or that tasted delicious even if they were not suitable for mechanical harvesting. They also wanted the fun of growing odd looking vegetables or varieties that had stood the test of time, perhaps introduced by the Romans or earlier civilisations. Sally said that to cater for these gardeners, organisations such as The Garden Organic Seed List and The real Seed Company came into existence. They collected and propagated, and collected seeds of heritage varieties in danger of extinction. They disseminated them amongst gardeners by ruling that membership entitled members to receive several free packets of seed to trial and grow and perhaps to collect seed for their own use or to give to friends. These organisations are supporting the conservation of vegetable varieties for future generations.

They are increasing biodiversity in our gardens and helping to maintain genetic diversity. Sally talked about some of the quirky names she had come across. For instance, the Brightstone bean, a speckled variety, was named after the area on the Isle of Wight where it had been washed up on a beach and used by local gardeners. The Trail of Tears bean was one brought across America by Cherokee Indians when they were displaced from their territories by settlers in 1838. Drunken Woman lettuce has a great taste and was probably thus named because of its prostrate habit! Sally illustrated her talk with pictures of some odd shaped, peculiarly coloured or quirkily named vegetables that she had grown for fun. I am sure Sally’s enthusiasm and sense of fun will encourage many of our members to join the ranks of gardeners preserving our heritage varieties.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 May. Garden club member Elizabeth Morillo-Hall, an animal behaviour biologist, will be talking about the wild animals that come into our gardens. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. Our plant sale will be held on Saturday morning 18 May. Details can be found on local notice boards.
WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.
The season is heading towards the end of league play and into tournaments. A number of our teams throughout all ages will participate in these Festivals.

On 11th May teams will be participating in Sponsored Run to raise club funds, along with a professional photo shoot and official opening of Northbrook, so a fun day to be had. Please help by sponsoring a badger!!

Our teams from U7 to U11 all play non-competitive matches and have been successful in experiencing games vs other teams and developing that teamwork that stands them in good stead as they go through the ages into competitive football. Teams are always looking to add more players to teams so if you have someone who is interested in learning and enjoying football then contact any of the managers below.

U12 – Wizards are still top of the league with a few games left to play.
U12 – Badgers – Still battling away losing a few matches by the odd goal. Both Wizards and Badgers are also lining up 11 a side matches in preparation for next season. Contact Dave.
U13 – Team managed to secure second place in league which will hopefully yield promotion for next season. Contact Neil.
U16 – Catching up with league fixtures, currently 6th in top U16 league. Contact Jake.
U18 – Currently 4th in league with 6 games to go. 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 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. Congratulations to Aden Allmark for completing his FA Level 1 Coaching Qualification in April.

Teams are looking out for sponsors so if 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
U16 – Jake Davis – 07741 306303
U17/18 – Debs Minty – 07877 361470
Adults – Pete Drew – 07885 527546

Lavington Ladies – Emma Cheetham 07733 294440

Follow us on Facebook – Worton and Cheverell Youth Football Club (No other pages are approved by the club)

Steve Dagnall (Everton Supporter) 01380-72796
http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/
TRINITY CHURCH
in the Community Hall, Market Lavington

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

Services for May:
Sunday 5th. 10:30am. We are joined by St Andrew’s Church, Devizes, for a united service in The Community Hall. Led by Revd. Ray Adams.
Sunday 12th. 11am. We join with our Anglican friends in St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington, for a united Service. Led by Revd Gary Gotham.
Sunday 19th. 10:30am. Service is led by Izzy Smears.

Minister:  Revd Gary Gotham. 69 Queens Road, Devizes, SN10 5HR
Tel 01380 724264 / gary.gotham@gmail.com
Church secretary : Julia Garraway-Jones. 01380 81840
jgarrawayjones@gmail.com

Services are followed by coffee and refreshments, giving those who want to stay, an opportunity to talk. There is always an opportunity to also receive prayer at the end of each service. The Community Hall is very accessible for wheelchairs and buggies.

St. Arbucks

(01380 816145) Opening Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 am – 4.30 pm
Saturday 10 am – 1 pm

Casual Cuppa – Friday 5th April 10.30 am to noon. Drop-in for coffee and company.
Breakfast@St.Arbucks - Saturday 6th April 9.00 am – 1 pm. Bacon, Sausages, toast, marmalade etc.
Tuesday mornings 10.30 am - Wool Crafters and friends. Escape for an hour or two and get creative. Knitters and crocheters of all ability welcome.
Thursday opening is now extended 11.30 am – 4.30 pm.
Look out for Summer Cream Teas in June and July.
Closed Bank Holiday Mondays 6th and 27th May.

Beth Warren

FUNERALS
Charles Henry William WIMBLEDON of West Lavington, died on 5th March 2019, aged 96 years. His funeral and burial at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington was held on 21st March 2019.

Jean O’DONNELL of West Lavington died on 23rd March 2019, aged 90 years. Her funeral and burial at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington was held on 11th April 2019.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The winners for the month of April are for 1st prize Stephen Brown of Market Lavington and for 2nd prize Debbie West from West Lavington. Thank you for taking part.

Thank You, Bonnie Matters
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Valuing freedom of speech is a fruit of Britain’s Christian heritage. As a Christian I don’t just insist on my own right to free speech. I believe that people of other faiths and who have no faith should also be free to express their convictions. We should have the freedom even to disagree with and criticise the beliefs of others. You can strongly disagree with someone’s views, and yet treat them with respect as a person. I’m glad I live in a country where I am free to follow my faith. In places like Afghanistan, China and North Korea Christians are actively persecuted by the State. (See Open Doors’ ‘World Watch List’: https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/countries/). Jeremy Hunt the Foreign Secretary has recently spoken out about this outrage. Good on him. Religious freedom should be a basic human right for all people across the world.

Jesus did not come to bind the human race with a new set of burdensome rules and regulations. He came as a liberator to set us free from the dark forces of evil and sin. That is why he died to pay the price of our freedom and rose from his tomb to release us from the power of death. God exalted Jesus above all rule and authority, yet he does not use his power to enslave or exploit his followers. Jesus promised all who believe in him, ‘you will know the truth and the truth will set you free’. (John 8:32).

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