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**Calendar of Services in the Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton  
April 2015**

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>Maundy Thursday 2nd April</b>			7.00 pm Passover Meal		
<b>Good Friday 3rd April</b>		2.00 pm A Service of music, readings and reflection.			
<b>5th April Easter Day</b>	6.30 am Sunrise at the Vedette 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30 am Easter Communion	9.30 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion And Egg Hunt	11.00 am Easter Communion	11.00 am Easter Communion
<b>12th April Easter 2</b>	11.00 am United Service at Trinity in the Community Hall	9.30 am Parish Comunion	11.00 am United Service at Trinity CH ML	<b>5.00 pm</b> Short Evensong + <b>Annual Parish Church Meeting</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>19th April Easter 3</b>	9.30 am Parish Communion + <b>Annual Parish Church Meeting</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  9.30 am Matins (BCP)	11.00 Matins (BCP)	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	5.00 pm Short Evensong + <b>Annual Parish Church Meeting</b>
<b>26th April Easter 4</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00 am JAM Club (Old School) 3.00 pm Scouts Parade	9.30 am Half Hour Service + <b>Annual Parish Church Meeting</b>	5.00 pm Short Evensong + <b>Annual Parish Church Meeting</b>	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	

**Regular worship in our sister churches:**

9.00am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell  
10.30am Trinity Church in the Community Hall Market Lavington  
11.00am & 6.00pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

**VILLAGE CARE**

**West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826**

***Dear Friends,***

Easter is almost upon us; and with it Spring and the hope of warmer weather. Hope too is at the heart of the Christian message. It seems very strange to many people that this hope is so closely associated with the terrible death of man on a cross in the Middle East over 2,000 years ago.

A well-known illustration may help to understand what Christians believe that Jesus achieved for us on the cross on that first Good Friday. Two men went to school together and then both went on to the same university; they became close friends. After that they went their separate ways, living in different cities, and lost touch. One went on to be a successful lawyer, eventually becoming a judge. The other's life spiralled down and down, he lost his job and eventually ended up as a criminal. One day he was caught, and shortly afterwards appeared in court. The presiding judge was his old friend. The man who had committed the crime pleaded guilty. The judge recognised his old friend; he faced a dilemma. He was judge and so he had to be just – he couldn't simply let the man off. On the other hand he wanted to be loving and merciful because he was very fond of his old friend. So he fined the man the correct penalty for the offence – that was justice. Then he came down from his seat as a judge, took off his wig and wrote out a cheque for the amount of the fine and gave it to his friend: he paid the penalty – that was an act of love and mercy.

The Christian belief is that God faces the same dilemma with us as the judge did with his old friend. In his justice God judges us because we are all guilty; but then in his love and mercy he comes down in the person of Jesus Christ and pays the penalty for us. Through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, God is both just and merciful.

Happy Easter!

**James Campbell**

**Rector: Revd Canon James Campbell**

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## PEGGY HOFFMAN

There are still several residents of West Lavington who will have been patients of our much loved doctor Arthur Hoffman who retired in 1977, dying 24 years later in 2001. His wife Peggy, also much loved, continued to live in the village until 2005 when she moved down to Cornwall. We have just received news of her death at the remarkable age of 102, just a few weeks before her 103rd birthday.

## CHANGE IN PATTERN OF SERVICES

Introducing the new Pattern of Services agreed by the PCCs for the five parishes. From the beginning of May, on the 1st Sunday of each month the five parishes will 'Worship Together' at 10.30 a.m.:

3 May	St Mary's, Market Lavington
2 August	St Peter's, Greart Cheverell
7 June	All Saints, West Lavington
6 September	St Peter's, Little Cheverell
5 July	St Barnabas, Easterton
4 October	back to Market Lavington

Full details are available in each Church.

James Campbell

## 2015 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

### St. Peter's, GREAT CHEVERELL

Sunday 12th April at 5.45 p.m., after 5.00 p.m. Short Evensong.

### St. Peter's LITTLE CHEVERELL

Sunday 19th April at 5.45 p.m., after 5.00 p.m. Short Evensong.

### All Saints, WEST LAVINGTON

Sunday 26th April at 10.15 a.m., after 9.30 a.m. Half Hour Service.

Do come and support those involved in your local Parish Church – find out what's been going on, what is planned and ask awkward questions!

## 1930s Dinner Dance ! at The Bridge Inn Friday, 8th May

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## LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the April meeting, which will be held in West Lavington Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. on April 15th, Dawn Collins will talk on The Path to Paradise (a journey through the Stourhead Landscape). The subject of this month's competition will be a vase of Spring Flowers.

# SPRING FAYRE 2015



West Lavington Village Hall

Entrance: Adults £1  
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Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 to 1.00pm



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## WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

**Annual General Meeting** The AGM of the West Lavington Village Hall will be held at 7.30pm on Monday April 13th in the Giles Room. We need to amend the Constitution, by updating the list of village organisations entitled to appoint representative members to the Village Hall Committee. The details of this change will be publicly posted 14 days prior to the meeting. Anyone who lives in the parish is invited to attend the AGM.

**Funds To Improve the Hall** We are striving to raise funds to improve the heating and lighting within the main Hall. We have approached Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council and potential commercial sponsors with some success. We are also organising the Spring Fayre.

However, there will still not be enough money unless we can raise some locally. The Village Hall was built 50 years ago on local donations of half a crown per household. The modern equivalent is probably about £5 but any amount, larger or smaller, anonymous or acknowledged, would be most welcome. Donations can be passed to any member of the Village Hall Committee, core members being Lynne and Paul Rayner, Mike May and me, or placed in a cash box installed in Cost Cutters. Any cheques to West Lavington Village Hall please. It is your Village Hall, please help us to make it better for you.

Thank you,  
Steve Barr, Chairman The Village Hall Committee.





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**West Lavington Group of Friends  
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## **Annual Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 9th May 2015**

**West Lavington Village Hall**

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**FRIDAY 10TH APRIL, THE PRIORY CHURCH, EDINGTON AT 7.30 p.m.**

The award-winning internationally-renowned choral ensemble The Gentlemen of St Johns come from Cambridge to sing anthems, motets, folksongs and close harmony arrangements.

Tickets: Advance price: £20/15/10. 18 and under come FREE. Please add £2 per ticket if you buy on the door.

Contact: Sue@edingtonarts.org 01380 871549 or Christine Allanson-Bailey 01380 831256

Full details of the programme and all other events on the website [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org)

**SATURDAY 20TH JUNE, THE PRIORY CHURCH, EDINGTON, 9.30am- 7pm**

International composer and choral director Bob Chilcott takes a day's workshop on his own St John Passion, finishing with a run-through performance at 6 p.m., with soloists from the Edington Music Festival and the CD recording which is out in March. Application forms and full information from

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Cost for the day is £20, £10 for students in full time education or training. Tickets for the run-through performance are available through the website.

Contact Anne Curtis at [anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org) or 01380 831454 for information.

### **WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB**

Monday	7 – 9pm	Seniors at West Lavington
Tuesday	6 -7.30pm	Young Members at West Lavington
Thursday	6.30 - 8.30pm	DROP IN seniors at West Lavington
Friday	7 – 9pm	Seniors at Market Lavington

**Eric Freeman - Chairman of The Management Committee West Lavington Youth Club**



## WOULD YOU?... COULD YOU?....

If you came across a family member, friend, neighbour or a complete stranger lying on the ground, and not responding to anything you do or say – **what would you do?**

After calling 999 and making sure you are safe – time to think of what you learnt if you came along to a public awareness session for BASIC

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Now you can do just that – come along to a free session for two hours on **Monday 27 April from 7.30pm in the Village Hall** and learn what to do, how to use the three defibrillators sited at Littleton Panel Bus Stop, outside the Village Hall and in the ex-phone kiosk at Rutts Lane, and give yourself the confidence to say – “Yes, I could!”

No need to book, just turn up – it's fun, interactive, and no need to learn bandaging!

This event is organised by West Lavington Parish Council, and is run for us by the Ambulance Service.

## COVER PICTURE

My thanks to Andrew and Ruth Doman of West Lavington Manor for the picture of a section of their lovely grounds, welcoming the arrival of Spring.

Jim Hodges

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The AGM of the Friends of Courtyard Surgery (FOCS) will take place at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 13th April at the Surgery. This is an opportunity for patients to put any questions to the surgery staff and to learn how the FOCS supports the surgery by raising funds in order to buy equipment that improves the quality of life for our patients. For example the surgery has recently been able to buy an Electrocardiogram machine to replace an older and less reliable version. A significant part of this money has been raised by the library in Reception which has very low hire charges, so I highly recommend if you have not given a thought to using it, give it a try and you might surprise yourself!

I look forward to seeing you on the evening of Monday 13th April!

Richard Matters. Chairman FOCS

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

All (briefly) quiet on the Western Front

I am pleased to report that there were no casualties from our villages during April 1915.

FORTHCOMING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
'OUR DAY' MARKET SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015  
IN AID OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS

AND

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In 1915 a market was held by the community of Market Lavington to raise money for the Red Cross appeal. All sorts of goods were on sale, sacks of potatoes, firewood, hay and home wares.

Lavington & District WW1 Commemoration Group and the Lavington and District Gardening Club would like to replicate this event, 100 years on and raise money for the British Red Cross.

The market will take place on Saturday 16th May 2015, 9am-11am in the Market Place, Market Lavington. We are inviting local traders and community groups to run the stalls. There are limited number of spaces available, please contact Emma on 07733 294440 to reserve a space and for more information.



Our Day, Market Lavington 1915

In order to put on this event we will need the support of those who regularly park in the Market Place. Notices will be put up asking for cars not to be parked in the area immediately outside the Co-Op rear goods entrance, from 8am – 12 noon that morning.

Following the market at 12 noon, there will be the official unveiling of the WWI commemoration stone seat, we hope to have good coverage of the event from local press and radio.

If you have any further information, please contact Lyn Dyson  
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### Do you need funding for your group?

Our challenge is to make a positive change in Wiltshire and Swindon by helping local groups make life better for their communities. We want to help you to support those who need it most. You can apply grants for project or core costs and overheads for:



#### Foundation Grants

Apply for up to £5,000 for one year's funding, or up to £3,000 a year for two or three years. Funding will go to projects where the majority of people who will benefit experience disadvantage either economically, socially, geographically or physically.

#### The Office of Police & Crime Commissioner Grants

Apply for up to £3,000 for one year's funding. Applications are welcomed from groups who seek to bring communities together to tackle local issues around anti-social behaviour, crime, drug and alcohol related crime, reducing re-offending, violence against women and girls or youth crime.

#### Comic Relief Small Grants

Grants available up to around £1,000-2,000 to support work where there is clear evidence of a sustained beneficial impact on people's lives who are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender. Priority is to be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs.

#### Public Health & Wellbeing Grants

Apply for up to £4,000 for one year for groups who can demonstrate a clear link to improved mental or physical health outcomes that will result from their project, for example, reducing childhood obesity or helping adults to adopt healthier lifestyles, helping to combat loneliness, isolation and other factors which contribute to poor mental health, supporting older people to have more active and fulfilling lives, promoting the use of community green spaces, assets and infrastructure for exercise and wellbeing or reducing drug and alcohol abuse.

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### THE DAUNTSEY LEGACY

In West Lavington we live in the shadow of the Dauntsey family. With Dauntsey's School, Dauntsey Academy Primary School, Dauntsey's almshouses, and Dauntsey House, you can't avoid them. So who were these people who have left their mark on our village?

Well I guess most of us will know about William Dauntsey who endowed us with a free grammar school and almshouses in 1543. But what else do we know about them? What were the people like?

Being totally ignorant myself, I decided to learn more, and found there was a fascinating and colourful history waiting to be told.

There are tales of murder, treason, incest, suicide, regicide, ghostly apparitions and executions, as well as love and romance, wealth and benevolence.

All this is available in my latest book, *The Dauntsey Legacy*, which is on sale for £10, all profits going to West Lavington Youth Club. The book is available from Devizes Books, or [Amazon.co.uk](http://Amazon.co.uk), or to order from me. I will have a table at the Spring Fayre at the village hall on April 11th when you can check it out.

Your continued support for the history projects which help fund the youth club, is greatly appreciated.

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## Mothers' UNION

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Rev Pat Strowger gave us a very restful Lent meditation with candles, guiding our thoughts through lighting and snuffing out candles to positive or unresponsive actions to challenges that face us. We were very

grateful to the thought and preparation she had given to this meditation.

We also prepared for our next meeting on Monday 13th April at the home of Jeannie and Terry O'Flynn, where we shall be entertaining friends to tea.

We have a table at the Village Hall Fayre on Saturday 11th April, selling Plants and Produce. If any one is interested in any of our activities do get in touch.

Janet Hodges (812467)

### Steeple Rocks!



Following the great success of last November's musical evening in conjunction with Opus One Big Band in St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton, we would like to announce a further concert on Friday May 1st in Warminster Civic Centre. This joint event will be in aid of the charity Help For Heroes and we hope to see as many local people there as possible. Details of how to buy tickets etc will be on our website [steeplerockschoir.weebly.com](http://steeplerockschoir.weebly.com) Tickets will be £10.

Adrienne Hale

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## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

### Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Historical anniversaries seem to be coming thick and fast. We are still in the midst of the WW1 centenary, but this year also marks the bicentenary of Waterloo, the 300th anniversary of the first Jacobite Rebellion and the 600th anniversary of Agincourt. All of those conflicts were seminal events for our country.

But perhaps the most influential moment that we are marking this year is the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. That document was a foundation of the emerging English Parliament and established the principle that the liberty of the people should prevail over the despotic rule of kings.

I cannot profess that Magna Carta proves that the pen is mightier than the sword as it has often been used to justify military action. Protagonists in the Civil War, the Glorious Revolution and the American War of Independence each cited Magna Carta to warrant their cause.

Edmund Burke, writing at about the same time as the American War of Independence (he was pro) and the French Revolution (he was anti), said, "Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it". If he was right, we should sit up and take notice.

Fortunately, tyranny has not recently prevailed in this country and we can take comfort that the liberty of the people will again be exhibited by a General Election in May. Sadly, however, despotic rule continues to be prevalent in some other parts of the world. The tyrants are rarely kings these days but they can be political dictators or, increasingly, cultural or religious oppressors who seek to deny freedom of thought or the right to debate. Burke, said "All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent", so we must not be complacent.

As for the lessons of the past, Henry Ford said "History is bunk". Of course, he was trying to suggest that we should not dwell too much on what happened before but we should live in the present and look to the future. He may have had a point. Easter is upon us and, of all the Christian festivals, Easter encourages us to look forward with confidence.

Happy Easter!

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

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## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy on the Parish Council has recently arisen following Trevor Jones' announcement that he will be stepping down. Trevor has been a highly valued member of the Council over many years, chairing the Council's Risk Committee as well giving personal time on the Footpath Working Group - which he will continue to do as a volunteer. On behalf of the community, I want to extend a huge thank you to Trevor for his years of service. His colleagues too send him their wholehearted thanks for his support and friendship.

If you wish to put your name forward for the council vacancy, please look for information on the Parish Council Notice Board situated beside the shop or on the Parish Council's website.

**Peter Baxter** too will be stepping down from the Parish Council at the end of June. Peter does an outstanding job as Clerk to the Council and as secretary to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. I thank him for the enormous support he has given to me in my role of Chair of both, and to the Council and its members over 5 years. All who know Peter will appreciate the huge contribution he makes to the community. He will be sorely missed but, luckily for us, he is not saying goodbye for a few months yet. Anyone wishing to put their name forward for the **Clerk to the Council vacancy**, please see "Vacancy - Clerk to the Council" elsewhere in this magazine.

The Council has signed a contract with BT to **adopt the kiosk** at the junction of Rutts Lane and Church Street for the purpose of installing the third **defibrillator** in the villages - the other two are already in place at the bus stop in Littleton Panell and at the Village Hall in West Lavington. **Training in the use of the defibrillators will take place in the Village Hall on Monday, April 27 at 7.30pm.** All are welcome to attend. This is something that could be important to know about, so please come along. For more information, please see the article on this training in this magazine.

**Littering and dog-fouling** have again been reported. Litter is visually unpleasant and affects quality of life. Dog fouling is harmful to the environment and can present major risks to health. We would ask you please to ensure that any personal litter is taken home for disposal or placed in the locally provided waste bins and that any fouling by your dog is cleared up and not left or placed on village pathways or grounds. A recent serious case of dog waste deliberately left in a public place required Wiltshire Council's services to dispose of it, only to see it repeated the next morning. The six dog waste bins around the perimeter of the recreation grounds are there for that purpose.

**Sandra Gamble, Chairman**

You can now follow the Parish Council on Twitter- find us at [www.twitter.com/westlavingtonpc](http://www.twitter.com/westlavingtonpc) and keep in touch.

If you have ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT The Clerk to the Parish Council, Peter Baxter on 07734 483883 or [clerkpc@sky.com](mailto:clerkpc@sky.com)  
Parish Website [www.westlavington.info](http://www.westlavington.info)

## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

The current Clerk, Peter Baxter, has announced his retirement for the end of June, and so the Parish Council is seeking to make an appointment to fill this vital role.

The job is for part-time employment, for an annualised average of 9 hours per week (including paid leave) conditioned to national terms and conditions and model contract. The pay scale is currently under review by the Council but will be in a range of between £10.00 and £11.00 per hour (subject to PAYE as applicable) and can depend on skills and experience.

With a home-based, flexible outlook, the successful candidate will need access to room/desk space, file storage space, personal computing/printing and a broadband/phone connection. A separate office allowance is paid monthly to support these facilities, together with expense re-imbursement for consumables as arising. Residing in West Lavington parish is not a requirement.

The Clerk, who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, is responsible for preparing meeting agendas and supporting papers, managing the Council's finances and accountancy, attending at and providing advice to its meetings, taking minutes and completing administrative actions arising from the meeting. The Council operates a website and twitter feed which are also managed by the Clerk, as is the High Street Notice Board.

The full Council meets 11 times per year in the evenings of the first Thursday of each month in the Village Hall (none in August) plus the Annual Parish Meeting usually in May. There are two committees, meeting a total of 6 times per year, and the Members also arrange for informal training and briefing seminars twice per year.

Applicants should have experience of spreadsheet accounts, minute taking, and correspondence. A working knowledge of Parish Council procedures and/or public administration is also desirable, as is a relevant qualification such as the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) but not essential as training will be given. Good literacy, numeracy and IT skills are essential to the position as are the personal qualities of integrity, discretion, objectivity, and impartiality.

This is an interesting and challenging position, where you would be supporting an active and community-focussed Parish Council. It would suit a person with an interest in community development and engagement.

There are no forms to fill in – just write a letter and include your CV and a personal statement on your suitability for the role and send to the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Sandra Gamble at 3, Duck Street, West Lavington SN10 4LG. For an informal discussion about the role do not hesitate to contact the current Clerk, Peter Baxter on 07734 483883 or clerkpc@sky.com .

Closing date for applications is 22 June 2015 with a view to appointment from 1 July 2015.

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## WEST LAVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

An update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

The responses to the community-wide Questionnaire a year ago enabled the Parish Council to collect your views on future potential development in the villages, and helped the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to devise a methodology for identifying potential development site options. The process followed a series of steps to identify appropriate and sustainable potential site options.

Before we can publicise any sites, our professional consultant is making approaches to relevant landowners to ascertain if they are minded to bring their sites forward. As I write, this exercise is on-going.

By a similar exercise, Wiltshire Council will soon also be looking itself to identify sites for development because the Core Strategy requires 210 more houses in the Devizes Community Area (outside the town itself) by 2026.

The Parish Council believes that only through a Neighbourhood Plan can the wishes of local people be achieved. The Parish Council is, therefore, working hard with a view to reaching harmonisation between this parish's views and Wiltshire Council's on site options.

Responses from the landowners approached by our consultant will be included in the first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan. Everyone in the parish will be consulted on it this summer.

**Sandra Gamble, Chairman Parish Council & NP Steering Group**

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## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### Planning

**Decisions received:** **14/06395/FUL** – Mill Farm Bungalow – Retrospective application for change of use of Dutch barns and cattle shed for storage undercover of caravans and small boat within redundant farmyard - No Objection. **15/00013/TCA** – Manor Farm House 9 Church Rd – Fell Conifer - No Objection

**Applications for comments:** **15/00920/FUL** – Treetops – 34 High Street – Side and rear extensions and internal alterations to layout. Reroofing part to extend room within loft space. No Objections raised. **15/01690/TCA** – 83 High Street – Fell one silver birch. The Council will accept the Tree Officers recommendation.

**Gladman Hearing report.** Cllr Wearn gave a report on the appeal hearing. She thanked Cllr Lumb for her statistical work and the residents of Great Cheverell and Little Cheverell for their support. She also advised that the response could be within 6 weeks which is normal practice but it could be 6-7 months or more. Cllr Lumb thanked Cllr Wearn for representing the case for Great Cheverell very well in such an intimidating situation.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** In view of the issues raised at the Gladman Planning Appeal, it was decided at this meeting to pursue further the Neighbourhood plan project which was first looked at in 2014. A working group will be set up including members of the Parish Councils of Great Cheverell and Little Cheverell and members of both villages. A meeting will take place in mid to late April.

**Dog Fouling.** Thank you to those residents who have taken notice of the report in last months News and Views regarding the issue of leaving filled dog poo bags on site or in hedges rather than taking to the nearest waste bin. The situation has improved but has not been eliminated. New signs are due to be installed around the village by the Dog Warden and they will continue to visit the village for spot checks whenever possible.

**Village Clean Up Day Saturday 18th April 2015.** Further to complaints of littering and dog fouling around the village, the council has decided to arrange a clean up day on Saturday 18th of April meeting at the Pavilion on Witchcombe close at 10.30 a.m. Please support if you are able.

**Annual Parish Meeting.** Don't forget to put the Annual Parish Meeting in your diary, **Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 7 p.m.** in the Pavilion on Witchcombe Close. The New Community Area Youth Co-ordinator Sally Willox will be the main speaker and the meeting will be followed by refreshments.

### Dates for your diary:

13th April 2015 7.30pm - Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, Pavilion, Witchcombe close.

18th April 2015 10.30am – Village Clean up Day – meet at Pavilion Witchcombe Close

23rd April 2015 7pm – Annual Parish Meeting – Pavilion Witchcombe Close

Parish Council contact details, Mrs Anita Whittle, Clerk to Cheverell Magna Council, 18 Southay, Bratton, Westbury, BA13 4RT. Tel 01380 830765 or email [parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org](mailto:parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org)  
Don't forget to take a look at your village website [www.greatcheverell.org](http://www.greatcheverell.org).  
Cheverell Magna Parish Council



## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### DAPS Book Week

The children have had lots of fun during our Book Week. The week kicked off with a visit from Steve Voake who is a children's author and a lecturer - on writing for young people - at Bath Spa University. He led a story-telling session with the whole school

and then class writing workshops with the children in Years 1-6.

The children took part in a fruit and vegetable book character competition. To enter the children had to make a book character at home out of fruit or vegetables. Our winning entry was the 'Enormous Crocodile' made from cucumber, baby corns, peppers and olives.

Children were also invited to come back to school for bedtime stories with their class. The children came in wearing their pyjamas and many brought a teddy too!

We ended our Book Week with a Book Character dress up day. Both children, teachers and staff came up with some wonderful costumes ranging from Pocahontas and Tinkerbell to the Very Hungry Caterpillar and Where's Wally.

### Solar Eclipse

The whole school went outside on to the playground to safely view the Solar Eclipse. All the children had made pinhole viewers. It was a lovely experience to share together.

### Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

Once again, DAPS have generously supported Comic Relief. This year we sold Red Noses, ran a "Make Mr Lakin's Face Funny For Money" competition and organised a coin trail that made its way from Birch Class all the way through the school to Oak Class.

All together we raised a whopping £428.63!

### Lavington School Movement Festival

Willow and Birch Classes attended a Movement Festival over at Lavington School. They had an afternoon jam packed with sporting activities. A great time was had by all.

### Waste Week 2015

As a school we took part in Waste Week. We looked at what waste is, where it comes from and ways of reusing and recycling. Please visit our school website for more information and resources. [www.daps.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.daps.wilts.sch.uk)



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## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

Although we are no longer subject to onsite Ofsted visits as our Outstanding performance has been sustained year on year and our performance is checked and analysed at central government each year, we are still subject to SIAMS. The SIAMS inspectors look at our academic results and make judgements on them but, more importantly in our opinion, they look at the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our children, they check on discipline in the school and on how happy children and parents are with the school. We were delighted when the inspection on 26th February confirmed that our school is outstanding in all criteria used for this inspection. The full report can be read on this link: <http://holy-trinity.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Holy-Trinity-SIAMS-March-15.pdf>. Some of the comments made by the inspector include the following:

- The clearly defined Christian vision and values are firmly rooted in this school, influencing every aspect of school life and leading to academic standards that are well above the national average.
- Behaviour is exemplary
- Pupils are enthusiastic about their school and its values, saying, "this is a warm, welcoming, wonderful school."
- Older pupils have a clear understanding .....that they are being given experiences and insights that enable them to form their own opinions and make their own choices.
- Pupils are questioning, outward looking and keen to pursue their knowledge and understanding still further.
- The spiritual and moral development of pupils is exceptional.
- They understand that their responses directly affect others and, as a result, are thoughtful and caring, applying the school's Christian values in a manner that ensures respect and harmony.
- [Worship] is exceptionally well planned and inclusive, giving a range of experiences that engage and interest all pupils, whether of faith or not.
- Quality provision gives the pupils many experiences to develop a range of skills and attributes such as empathy, reasoning, philosophical thought and the chance to develop their own opinions.
- ...the deeply embedded Christian vision and values are seen daily, both in actions and relationships across the school.
- Parents praised the school unreservedly, likening it to a family where everyone is loved and forgiven, giving pupils the confidence to make mistakes, to learn and to aspire.

It is a great privilege to work in such a wonderful school with such an outstanding team, where Christian values and teachings are the foundation for everything that happens and upon which all our success is built



## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, we have been investigating 'Bridges and Balancing' and we have made some fantastic bridges using the blocks in the class room; we also made bridges with yoghurt pots, clay and other junk modelling materials. We practised our balancing and made bridges using our bodies; we were also visited by Active Trowbridge who helped us with our balancing. The children have been fascinated by our pictures of bridges from all around the world, including the tallest

bridges and longest bridges; this prompted much discussion on the different shapes and types of bridges in the world.

In term 3 the children really enjoyed talking and learning about all the things around us that fly, and some make believe things too. Linked to this topic we have taken delivery of our Butterfly Chrysalis and they are growing in the class room; the weather has been perfect for them to thrive and soon they will develop into beautiful butterflies. On the last Thursday of term 3 we were visited by Wiltshire Police and the children took fingerprints and were able to look inside a police car and switch the siren on and off, it was a very exciting visit which we all enjoyed very much.

**SPONSORED TRIKE RIDE:** Our next fundraising event will be our sponsored trike ride on Wednesday 25th March at 9.15am. It is an event for all the family and it involves all the children on their trikes, scooters or pushing a pushchair around the DAPS playground, receiving stickers for completed laps and gathering. The trike ride will be followed by our annual Easter raffle. We already have some great prizes donated for the raffle including family tickets to Bowood and Cholderton Charlie's! Any donations to our raffle will be gratefully received.

**TOP TIP:** As part of our monthly entry we have decided to incorporate a top tip to help extend your child's learning and development. Our Top Tip for this month is from Mathematics: Shape, space and measure 30-50 months 'Encourage children to talk about the shapes they see and use and how they are arranged in constructions.'

**2 YEAR OLD FUNDING:** In April 2014 the Government broadened the criteria for 2 year old funding for up to 15 hours per week and you may now find that you fall into the eligibility criteria if you have a child between 24 - 36 months old. If you think you might be eligible, you will need to complete a funding form: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/early-years-better-2gether-funding.pdf>

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](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: [info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk)





Derry Watkins is energetic, enthusiastic and by her own admission 'mad about plants'. At our March meeting she gave a talk entitled *Unusual and long-blooming plants*. Derry confined herself to talking about just a small selection of the plants that she had growing in her own

garden. She had photographed them in situ in her densely planted borders. In these photographs we were given tantalising glimpses of Derry's famous gardens.

Derry was born in America. Her mother was a good gardener but Derry did not take much interest at the time. Later on she got involved in gardening in America when helping to run a biodynamic horticulture venture based upon the teachings of Rudolf Steiner. A regular volunteer on the project was a young English architect. He persuaded her to marry him.

Initially they settled in Cambridgeshire where Derry got to grips with gardening and the English climate. About twenty years ago Derry and her architect husband Peter purchased a derelict barn and a derelict field perched high on the south facing slope of a valley near to Bath. Having designed and built the house, Peter moved on to hard landscaping the garden. He introduced swirling shapes into the steep hillside. They now have ponds, topiary, lawns, paths, gravel gardens and borders full of carefully selected plants. Many of the plants are unusual and often the result of experiments to introduce plants spotted during Derry's plant hunting trips abroad.

Derry now has her own special plants nursery. She opens her garden to the public and she runs gardening courses. It all started when she found that she was producing a surplus of plants in her greenhouses and potting sheds. And she was collecting more seeds than she needed to repopulate her own borders. So she began selling a few plants and seeds at the local Women's Institute market. And gradually she started attending more markets and eventually, to meet the demand for and interest in unusual plants, she started her own nursery.

Our decision to hire a larger hall for Derry's talk was a wise one. It was a sell out event. And judging by the amount of plants and seeds that were purchased at the event Derry's enthusiasm for unusual plants was infectious.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be held on Tuesday 14th April. Marcus Dancer, from Marcus Dancer Plants, will be talking about Clematis. He will demonstrate pruning and cultivation techniques for the different types of clematis. There will be plants for sale at this meeting. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. New members are always welcome. There is a charge of £2 per meeting for non members.

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'The Badgers'

With the longer daylight hours and relatively dry weather during late Feb/March, the training venues for some of the teams are now changing to outdoor locations:

The Under 6's (year 1) have over 18 children turning up for training on Friday afternoons after School, at Worton Five Lanes School site, followed by training for the Under 9s and 10s. Whilst the Under

7/8s and Reception year who were training at Lavington School Sports Hall, will be changing to an outdoor location

The Under 12 group have had a 100% success record so far this year, with a recent win at home against Melksham Harriers - well done to all team members.

At the Adult level of the Club, the Saturday team who are in the Trowbridge & District league have not fared so well this season picking up only 9 points at the time of going to print. The Sunday adult team who are in the Chippenham League have so far put in a great seasons performance, currently in 2nd with 38 points.

#### Team contact details:

Reception Year (tasters) + Under 7 & 8's: Dave 07843678781 or Mark 01380-813160  
**U- 6 & 9 & 10 – Jason 07590-427999**; U-11: Ian 01380-848437; **U-12: Jake 07741-306303**; U-14: Neil 01380-818193. **U-16's : Mike 07854-320605**; Adults: Paul 01380-727242 or Chris 01380-812339

Steve Dagnall (Everton Supporter) 01380-72796

### WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our Race Night was a great success. The next fund raising event is a "Roaring Twenties" night on 22nd May. More details for this in next month's News and Views.

Also its not too late to join the Twinning Association and join our trip to France in June.

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## FUNERALS

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**Mrs Betty Jean SAMPLE** of Easterton died on 21st January aged 93 years. Her funeral at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 10th February was followed by burial in Drove Lane Cemetery.

**Mr David BURT** of Market Lavington died on 5th February, aged 74 years. A service took place at the crematorium on 17th February.

**Gwendolene Ruth KAVENEY** of West Lavington, died on 7th February aged 95 years. Her funeral and burial at All Saints' Church, West Lavington was on 19th February 2015.

**Norman David FRANKLIN** formerly of Market Lavington, died on 14th February, aged 88 years. After cremation on 2nd March, his ashes were buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Market Lavington on 4th March.

**James Henry CAVEY**, died on 12th February, aged 90 years. A service was held at West Wiltshire Crematorium on 2nd March.

**Brian George HUNT** of Market Lavington, died on 25th February, aged 63 years. A service was held at West Wiltshire Crematorium on 12th March 2015.

## WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

**Jemma Louise ARNOLD** and **Jake Alexander LANGTON** were married at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 7th March 2015. Their daughter **Florence Louise LANGTON** was baptised also, making it a double celebration.

## BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The draw was done by Gordon Somerville of Easterton. Quite by chance and entirely independently he drew out my own ticket number as the winner of the £40 first prize. The second prize of £20 goes to Anji Scofield also of West Lavington.

**Quentin Goggs, Benefice Treasurer**

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*Jesus: A Reason for Hope*

'Well, you can always hope' we sometimes say. Especially when things look quite hopeless. Hope can sometimes seem such a fragile thing when set against the stark reality of life with its disappointments and disasters. But the situation is not hopeless. God promised that he would send someone to rescue us from sin and suffering. And that someone is Jesus.

Jesus' followers hoped that their Master was the One who would make the world a better place, where kindness prevailed over cruelty and love over hate. But people turned against him. They took the very embodiment of hope and nailed him to a cross. As he hung and suffered there Jesus cried out, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

On the first Easter Sunday morning some of Jesus' disciples went to visit his tomb. To their surprise and amazement they found it empty. Some thought that his remains had been stolen away. But Jesus had not been a victim of grave robbery. Rather, he had been raised from the dead. Later that day he appeared to his followers and showed them the marks of crucifixion in his hands. Jesus explained that his death on what we call 'Good Friday' was not a tragic accident. It was all part of God's plan that Jesus would lay down his life for the sins of the world.

Jesus lives. He has broken the power of death by his death and resurrection. The Christian has been 'born again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.' (1 Peter 1:3). Life in this world can sometimes seem quite hopeless, but those who believe in the living Lord Jesus have a reason for hope.

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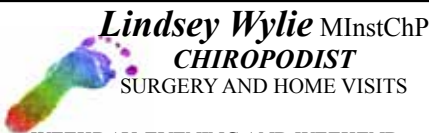


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