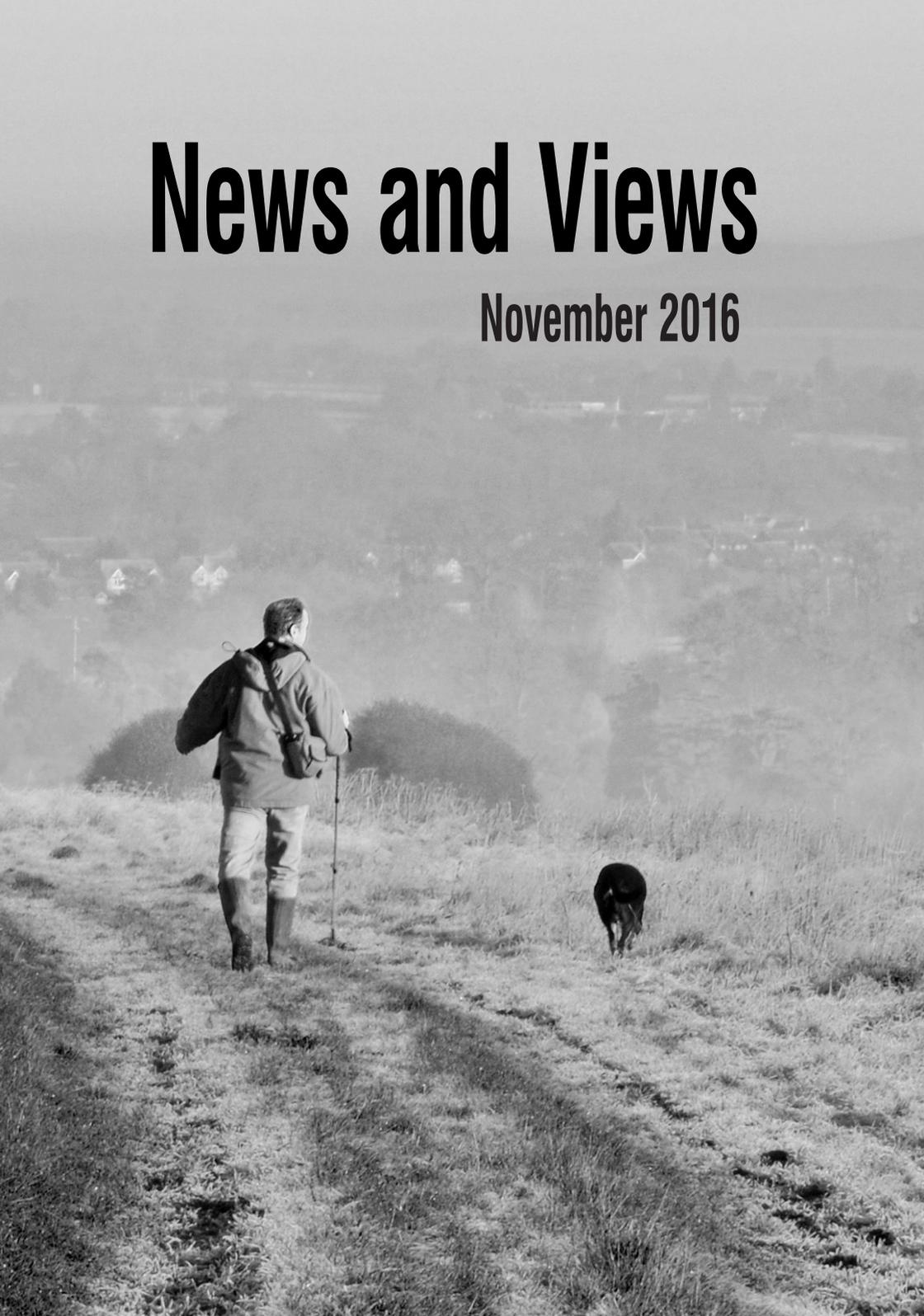


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Calendar of Services - November 2016 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
6th November	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Mary's, Market Lavington ★ Fr John Hawthorne				
13th November Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am	10.45 am	10.30 am	6.00 pm	12.15 pm at War Memorial
20th November	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship ★	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
27th November	9.00 for 9.30 am Breakfast Church (at the old school) ★	6.00 pm Advent Carols	11.00 am Parish Communion (CW01)	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
4th December	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Peter's, Little Cheverell Rev David Johnson				

Suitable for all ages. Families welcome

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

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

The other day I was standing around watching cows eating grass. As you do. They seemed contented enough, munching away on the green stuff. What more could a herd of cows want? I mean, so far as we can tell, cows don't bother their heads with questions like, 'why do we exist?' or 'what's the purpose of life?' Never mind that malarkey. All cows seem to want is a meadow full of lush green grass to graze.

Human beings are different. We don't simply live to eat. Hopefully. We seek a sense of meaning and purpose in life. Children are for ever asking their parents, 'where are we going?' and 'why is this, that, and the other?' Our curiosity about the world has driven philosophers to ponder the meaning of life and scientists to explore the wonders of nature.

Yet this quest for meaning and purpose can often seem frustrating. Gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson sighed, "All my life I have sought something I cannot name." Some people try and find meaning in life by seeking fame and fortune. Few find those things. Those who do are often left feeling empty and disappointed by what they have achieved. Witness the messed up lives of many pop stars.

Others throw themselves into education, work, their hobbies, or what have you. Such things are good in themselves, but they cannot give us what we seek. There is something about human beings that longs for something bigger than anything this world can offer.

The Christian thinker, Augustine of Hippo, put his finger on it. He prayed to God, "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you." Don't spend all your life seeking something you cannot name. God has reached out to us through the One who came to give rest to our restless hearts. His name is Jesus.

Guy Davies
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church

CHURCHWARDENS

All Saints, West Lavington:
St Peter's, Great Cheverell:
St Peter's, Little Cheverell:

Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)
Ian Christie (813940)
Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

St. Peter's Great Cheverell Meeting re Servery and W.C.

St. Peter's is a very old church, much loved by its congregation and villagers, but has no water, catering or toilet facilities.

Over the past two years a working group of the P.C.C. has consulted, investigated options and obtained initial approval from the Diocese for a new servery and W.C.

An open meeting will be held at 11:00 on Saturday 12th November at St. Peter's Church, Great Cheverell where representatives of the P.C.C. will explain the proposals and invite comments.

For further information please contact Robin O'Neill at robin.oneill@btinternet.com.



Benefice Advent Service

All Saints' Church,
West Lavington

Sunday 27th November at 6 p.m.

Join us for a candlelit service of readings and hymns with singers from across the Benefice to celebrate the coming of Christmas

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY West Lavington, November 13th

The Parade will muster in White Street from 10.15 a.m. and will set off at 10.30 a.m. The service itself commences at 10.45 a.m.

If you are serving personnel or ex-service, please feel free to join the parade and service. The parade will include the local Guides and members of the Army Cadet Force.

West Lavington Branch,
Royal British Legion.

THE NESTLING TRUST QUIZ NIGHT

**When? Wednesday, 9th
November at 7.30 p.m.**

Where? Devizes Sports Club

**Cost ? £10.00 for team of four
Light Supper (donations invited)**

For tickets please contact
Sue Hamblin (01380 813571)
Or Mike Gaiger (818500)

THE LAVINGTONS HOME GROUP

Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. at 46 High Street, West Lavington (Mark and Caroline Spindlow) Contact us on 01380 813445 or cwood772@btinternet.com.

The Home Group has now been a regular meeting for over 3 years in term times. We are a group of Christians, or interested people, who meet for a chat and tea/coffee. We are very friendly group and would love to welcome anyone who is likeminded and would enjoy the discussions. If you can come for a complete course that's great, but you are also welcome to come when you can. Michael Challinor, Mark and Caroline Spindlow share leading the courses – but are always happy for others to take a turn too!

HOME GROUP DATES

- Dates for the next term:
- 2/11 Discerning the True Voice of God
 - 9/11 Wise Practices
 - 16/11 Cultivating true friendship with God
 - 23/11 tbc
 - 30/11 tbc

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Following the success of our Concert last year, we are organising another one this year on Wednesday 14th December from 2.30-4 p.m., in West Lavington Village Hall with a Tea Interval. It will follow the same format as last year, with the same musical group.

Tickets will be £6.50 and will be on sale at the end of October.

Eileen Hinton

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Nov 3rd - Room on the broom
Nov 10th - We're going on a bear hunt

What's On

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**Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.30pm
in the Memorial Hall**



Dauntsey's

A full school concert at Dauntsey's School with Chamber Orchestra, Junior Concert Band, Female Voices and other ensembles.

Programme will include an orchestra medley from "Frozen", a Gershwin and Stevie Wonder Medley from the Concert Band and the Choral Society with school choirs singing

Bob Chilcott's Salisbury Vespers

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Market Lavington Community Hall

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Saturday 10th December, 2:30pm
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Refreshments available prior to the film and in the interval
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EDITOR'S NOTES

My thanks first of all to Paul Rayner for the evocative and aptly seasonal cover (Strawberry Hill), selected from the various attractive photographs taken by him that now hang in West Lavington Village Hall.

We do not necessarily have to confine our use of photographs just to the cover, so we are always glad to receive them, especially when they serve to illustrate the content of a report or of an article.

Jim Hodges

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100 years ago**Lance Corporal Dean Shore 19215 Died of Wounds 20th November 1916**

Dean was born around 1890, the son of George Shore, a farm labourer, and his wife, Louisa Cooper.

The family lived in Duck Street, West Lavington in the home in which George grew up, a thatched cottage next to the Old House. George and Louisa had four children, and also appear to have adopted a grandchild, George born in 1911.

In 1911 Dean was working as a Gentleman's domestic servant.

Dean served with the 6th battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment and achieved the rank of Lance Corporal. He was wounded at the Somme and taken to the 49th Casualty Clearing Station at Contay where he died of his wounds on 20th November 1916. On that day four soldiers of the battalion were killed and a number wounded when they successfully attacked the German trenches.

WEST LAVINGTON IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Available About Now!

My latest local history offering is a collection of WW1 photographs mainly from an album belonging to Jackie and Gillie Holloway. It gives us an idea of what life was like in the village during the turbulent years from 1914-1918. The book should be available in October at Devizes Books, Amazon.co.uk, or from me at £6. All profits will go to the youth club and the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

I have also produced a little book about the chequered history of the Shaftesbury Fountain, better known as Eros, in Piccadilly Circus. This is called "Forever Eros" and is available at £4.99. (I should point out that this one is not part of my charitable local history project, but I really enjoyed researching it and I think it makes an interesting read.)

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Do please sign up now and help us raise money for your young people

Eric Freeman Chairman - West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

The Tuesday Club Old E School Path - Update-October 2016. WE'RE NEARLY THERE!

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The Work to restore the Grade 2 listed path

We plan to start stage 1, which is work to adjust the levels of the tarmac footway adjacent to the main road, in late October. It may have started by the time you read this.

The Donations Book : A Book has been started, containing the names of contributors to the project, it will be presented to the Museum when all the work is completed.

To everyone who has contributed so far - we would not be this far ahead without you.

From the Trustees - **A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!**

DON'T PANIC !!

We have been asked to inform you about Exercise Wessex Storm, a joint military exercise involving British forces which will be held between the 3rd and 20th of November. Keevil airfield will form part of this exercise and will be used by up to 15 Apache, Chinook, Puma, Merlin and Wildcat helicopters during this period. These aircraft will be supporting The Highlanders (4 SCOTS), a Mechanized Brigade, on Salisbury Plain and will be flying from Keevil airfield by both day and night. The anticipated periods during which exercise flying might take place are:

9 – 14 November	0800 – 2359
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19 November	1200 – 1700

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We are most grateful for information of this nature. Doubtless Walmington-on-Sea and Captain Mainwaring in particular will also have been informed - Ed

FREE GOLDFISH !

As has already occurred a couple of years ago, we now have many more pond bred goldfish, than we have pond. Therefore they are available free of charge from 3 Fieldside, West Lavington.

Please ring 01380 818782 to arrange for the fish to be caught, then collected or delivered.

USUAL BAD NEWS FOR DOGS

A warning and reminder that November 5th is almost upon us and that Dauntsey's School will be having a Firework Display at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, November 6th at Dauntsey's Manor House.

It is to be hoped that elsewhere Firework activity in general will be confined to that weekend, unlike some previous years when dogs with sensitive ears must have felt they were enduring some kind of daily retribution for the crime of dog fouling.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Communicating with you - Email DATABASE.

West Lavington Parish Council aims to be as effective as possible and wants to communicate with the community using a variety of means.

At this time we use our website, a twitter site, display information/noties on the village notice board, and give regular updates in the widely distributed News and Views in addition of course to talking to people.

There is always more we can do such as being both more proactive and timely with the provision of information to the parish.

One way to do this is to compile a database of e-mail addresses of anyone who wishes for the Parish Council to send information directly to their e-mail inbox. This would enable very timely circulation of information across the parish without you having to wait several weeks for the minutes of meetings, delivery of the News and Views, or go to the notice board.

This system will not replace the existing and highly praised News and Views or our web-site, but those who sign up to it will start to see information from the council pop up in their 'in box' in a very timely fashion.

The Parish Council is registered with the Information Commissioner for this purpose. By law your details must and will be held in strict confidence and will be protected, it will not be shared with any third party without your written consent; and you can have your details removed from the database at any time by making a written request to the Clerk of the council.

If you would you like to receive information directly from the Parish Council by e-mail then please e-mail the following information to the Parish Council at clerk@westlavington.org.uk.

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- E-mail address you prefer us to use
- Subjects of most interest e.g. Neighbourhood Plan, general news, planning etc
- Confirm you live or work in or near the parish
- Confirm that you have read and agree with the following notes:

Notes:

1. I would like West Lavington Parish Council to inform me by email about planning matters, local issues and news, from time to time as it sees fit.
2. I understand that this service is free.
3. I am over 16, and consent to the holding and processing of my personal contact details, provided for the above purpose only.
4. I understand that I can unsubscribe at any time by informing the Parish Council in writing.
5. The reporting of issues to the Parish Council should be by the normal means of letter, telephone, or email.
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Sandra Gamble, Chair of West Lavington Parish Council



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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Mystery tours can be quite exciting but, generally speaking, if you are on a journey it's probably good to know where you are going.

The same is true about money. Most of us have at least some idea of what to expect next month or next year, even if the exact amount could vary a little. None of us, I assume, would wish to be in the situation of not knowing where our next meal was coming from.

For Wiltshire Council, there has always been a degree of uncertainty about how much income the local authority should expect for the financial year ahead. Government has often left it quite late in the budget-setting season before disclosing how much the council will receive in grants so planning expenditure on all sorts of services has been a matter of guesswork.

Of course, quite a lot of the government money that passes through Wiltshire's hands is ring fenced for specific purposes so the Council does not have any direct influence on the income or the expenditure. Of the annual budget of about £900 million, £558 million is already committed for schools, benefits or the Housing Revenue account. The remaining £342 million comes from Council Tax and something called the Settlement Funding Assessment. The SFA (you may think the initials are apt) is what government gives us back from the rates paid by businesses on their properties in the county (they take it all and we then get some back) or as Revenue Support Grant.

Now, for the first time ever, the government has offered the Council the opportunity to sign up for a settlement that covers the next 4 years. You might reasonably think that is not exactly exciting news, but it actually marks a substantial change. For the first time, Wiltshire Council will know how much it will receive from government not just next year but up until 2020.

Good news? Well, yes and no. On the one hand, Wiltshire will be able to plan its budgets with certainty. On the other hand, the government will continue to cut its contribution under the Revenue Support Grant until, by 2019/20 it disappears altogether. They will give us back a little more of the business rates collected in the county but a large chunk of that money will still go to support poorer areas (Scunthorpe is often used as an example, but I don't know why they are singled out). The net result will be we have to find another £30 million savings over the next few years.

The Council is experienced at becoming leaner and fitter. I wish I was the same.

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

Autumn Tasks

We are now again in the throes of Autumn with Winter approaching. Could I, therefore, remind all:

- to keep drains clear of autumn leaves and straw so they will not become blocked
- that some hedges and overgrowth still need cutting back
- that any blocked footpaths requiring urgent attention, for example from fallen trees, should be advised to the Clerk to the Parish Council and
- to watch driving speeds – roads can be treacherous (Community Speed Watch continues to register some high levels of speeding through the villages).

As always, many thanks for your co-operation and attention to these matters.

Bonfire Night

It is the season of bonfires and fireworks. If you are intending to celebrate with either, please think "health and safety" and "noise". Consider your neighbours and alert them in advance if you are planning a fireworks' display. Consider too how fire and smoke from bonfires can give rise to dangerous conditions if let to get out of control.

Activities for the Elderly

The first session of the free starter computer course, for those who have no or minimal computer skills, took place at the village hall on October 17th -, organised by the Parish Council. Also, a trip to Blooms near Wroughton, a garden centre with craft shops, a butterfly house and a good restaurant, will take place on Wednesday, November 23rd leaving at 2 p.m. This is part of a series of outings, the costs, or part of which, will be funded by the Parish Council. They are organised by the Friendship Club but are open to local non-Friendship members as well.

Lavington/Panell Streetscene

The Council wishes to thank Streetscene for their red, white and blue patriotic-themed summer planting. Their team leader Bonnie Matters must also be applauded for her energy, enthusiasm and expertise in all things horticultural. Great appreciation too is extended to residents who produced wonderful front gardens and put out their own vibrant pots, tubs, hanging baskets etc. and to John and Lesley for their colourful displays at The Churchill. The Streetscene team is now meeting to discuss winter planting, Be sure to watch out, when spring comes around again, for details of Streetscene's first floral contest.

Communications

The Parish Council would like to make more use of e-communication to provide timely circulation to you of council information. To do this, we need to be able to contact you by email. Please look out for details elsewhere in this edition on how to register your email address. The Parish Council is registered with the Information Commissioner and will protect your personal details.

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.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Residential trips

Our children in year 3 and Year 4 had their first school residential trip this term – 49 children went to Hooke Court in Dorset and had a wonderful time raft building, den building, orienteering, working on low ropes and other amazing activities. Children love the independence of managing their own possessions, sleeping in a dormitory, waking up with friends, team building, meeting new challenges and learning new skills. As ever, our children behaved beautifully – this is why we enjoy taking them off-site. We know that we can rely on them to understand exactly how to behave, showing compassion and courage at all times. We are always very grateful to our wonderful staff and volunteers who put so much effort into making these trips fun and safe for our children.

School Council

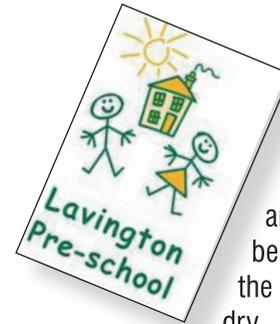
Each class elects two counsellors to represent their views at our school council meetings. These councillors help us to decide how to improve our provision and come up with really creative and innovative ideas. Some are a bit impractical (they would love a school dog but it would not be manageable and would not be fair on the dog!) but many others are excellent and we act on every suggestion that is within the realms of practicality. It was the school council's creative ideas that started the massively successful outdoor classroom project. And their views on improving collective worship have resulted in much more outdoor worship, more meditation worship, more worship led by the children themselves and improved choice of hymns and songs.

The Emmanuel Collaboration

Holy Trinity has entered into a formal collaboration with Five Lanes CE Primary, St Barnabas CE Primary, St Thomas a'Beckett CE Primary and Urchfont CE Primary. By sharing resources, good practice and economies of scale, we hope to raise achievement of all children in the local area. The name, Emmanuel, means "God is with us", reflecting our determination to ensure that every child is valued and challenged to be the best they can be within the Christian ethos of our schools. We have decided that, at this stage, we will not be joining any Multi Academy Trust (MAT), and will rather retain our autonomy and control of our own finances whilst enjoying the benefits of closer collaboration.

Come and see our school

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



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Last term the children enjoyed learning 'all about me' when we all got to know about one another for the beginning of the new school year and everyone has settled in so well. This term at Lavington Pre-school we have been basing our investigations around 'winter and the weather'. As part of our topic we have been looking at the changing season and talking about how when the weather changes we change what we wear to keep us warm and dry. We have been enjoying the colours of autumn and winter and getting creative with leaves and pine cones. As always, if you feel you have something relevant to our topic, perhaps about the local area or history, that you would like to share with us please let us know, it is always lovely for the children to have local visitors!

We are delighted to say that we have recently applied for the Co-op local community fund and we have been successful. Every time Co-op members choose Co-op branded products and services and use their Co-op Membership card 1% of what they spend will go to their chosen local cause. If you have a Co-op membership card we would be very grateful if you would please select us as one of your local causes, thank you.

Please remember that if your child will be 4 by the 1st September 2017 you will need to apply for your primary school place by 15th January 2017, applications can be made online on the Wiltshire Council website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning/schoolsandcolleges/schooladmissions/admissiontoprimarieschool201718.htm>

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Literacy: Writing in the EYFS, 40-60 months "Talk to children about the letters that represent the sounds they hear at the beginning of their own names and other familiar words."

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 or contact our Manager, Becky Gray, on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk



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CHRISTMAS IN MELLSTOCK

The Mellstock Band return to Edington Priory Church on Saturday 26th November to give a rambunctious concert of rural Christmas music from Thomas Hardy's Wessex AND a Gallery Carols workshop in Bratton during the afternoon.

The show is built around the descriptions of Christmas festivities in the works of Thomas Hardy and his friend, the Dorset dialect poet William Barnes. As always the band perform in period costume, with village band instruments of the nineteenth century including fiddle, concertina and serpent.

The programme consists of West Gallery carols, harmony songs and rousing dance music, all linked together with spoken extracts, and incorporating a Dorset Mummers' Play.

The Gallery Carols Workshop from 2.30 to 5.30pm at Bratton Church Institute will be given by Dave Townsend, who plays concertina and fiddle and sings, and who has been a leading light in the rediscovery and teaching of this old tradition. These carols are a fascinating window on rural church music of the late 17th, 18th and 19th centuries and will be easy to learn – Cathedral music they are not! The workshop is open to everyone, and there is a special deal for those who do the workshop and go to the concert.

Workshop places are £10; concert tickets are £15, but £10 if you do the workshop as well. For information and to buy your concert and workshop tickets, phone Maggie Atterbury on 01380 830452 or email her at jmda1@btinternet.com.



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We are now fund raising for the next visit of our French friends from St Pierre 2018.

Future events are planned as follows: Le Petit Dejeuner Francais (member only) on November 12th, a Christmas meal on December 9th and a Chinese New Year evening on January 8th 2017.

Note that membership is only £12 per year for over 60's.

Contact Myself on 818510 or our chairman Malcolm Johnson on 818147 or blocker38@hotmail.com to join in time for our visit to France next year.

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Organisations & Committees

Schools News

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our Meeting on 10th October was a Planning Meeting as unfortunately our speaker from the Women's Refuge was unable to be with us due to a sudden emergency.

Enrolment of Members: Two new members, Hazel Jennings and Caroline Spindlow, were enrolled by our Branch Leader, Janet Hodges, and were warmly welcomed.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence: Violence against women and girls is tackled across the world in different ways and one of the most important is to raise awareness of the issue. This is why the Mothers' Union in the Diocese will again be holding a service to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence - the international campaign that calls for an end to all forms of violence against women. It will take place on Tuesday, 29th November at 12 noon in the Trinity Chapel at Salisbury Cathedral and will be led by the Revd Jo Naish. Non-members as well as members are welcome to attend to send a message of support and solidarity.

Angel Tree Project: Christmas is fast approaching and it is nearly time to start wrapping presents for the Angel Tree project. The aim of this project is to make it possible for children of prisoners to be able to receive a gift at Christmas. Wrapping of presents will take place toward the first week in December and anyone interested in helping should get in touch with Sandra Gamble whose contact details are:
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At our October meeting two of our members, Janine Fanshawe and Caroline Wilkinson shared their enthusiasm for pelargoniums with us – and it was a really generous sharing, with beautiful photographs interspersed with fascinating facts, more than a dozen cherished specimen plants for us to have an envious look at and even shoots from their collections so that we could take our own cuttings following one of those expert demonstrations which makes it look so easy.

Many of us knew that the plants which some of us were brought up to call geraniums are more properly pelargoniums, with the geranium name really belonging to the hardy plants related to our native cranesbill. But it was news to most of us that the name pelargonium derives from the Greek pelargos – stork – a similar reference to the shape of the seed head which we see when we dead head our summer bedding.

All single pelargoniums have 5 petals, arranged with 2 above and 3 below, but the shape of the petals varies from the blowsy regal pelargonium flowers through the rounded shape of the zonal petals to delicate narrow stellar shapes. The leaves vary too; the zonal pelargonium has rounded leaves which may be blotched, veined or variegated; the name of another type, ivy leaved, speaks for itself. Some have scented leaves and inconspicuous flowers and the regal pelargoniums have large leaves on woody stems. Sometimes the name will give you a clue: Black Velvet has very dark burgundy coloured leaves and stems and Arctic Star has a delicate white stellar flower. Who could resist a type known as Angel Eyes? But the blotched flowers are easier to picture if you know that elsewhere this type is known as pansy faced. If you buy a pelargonium the label may carry a code – one labelled ZDB will be the zonal type with double flowers and variegated foliage, but if they are different letters you'll have to ring Janine or Caroline. We learned how to over winter pelargoniums safely. If you want them to carry on flowering put them somewhere warm and carry on watering and feeding them. Otherwise trim them back, water only very sparingly and keep them cool but frost free – they are not hardy, so need a greenhouse, conservatory or perhaps a room you don't heat. Increase your stock by taking cuttings from the trimmings and if they are left undisturbed to root over the winter they should be ready to go next spring. In the meantime, although most pelargoniums flower from late spring to summer, Cordifolia flowers from November to April, so maybe it's one for your Christmas list. Our next meeting is on 8th November when Sara Gruzelier, a renowned garden designer, will talk to us about pruning hardy shrubs and roses. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 - all welcome, non-members £2.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.
'The Badgers'

As we approach the winter season, some of the training sessions will move inside – please contact relevant team coach. (see website for details)

Team summaries:

U6/5's Their training has started well and lots more children welcome. We will look to move inside during the winter months, at Lavington School.

U7/8 have been playing several games and performing well so far. Good progress being made with focus on good passing, tackling and ball control. Training will move to the Sports Hall (inside) in Lavington School hall from 6.00-7.00pm from 11 November.

U9's who have 2 teams are playing well with both teams showing great potential for the rest of the season.

U10 still progressing well under coaches David Kiddle and Peter Crozier. League matches well underway with some great performances to date and recently they participated in a trophy event at Stanley Park /Chippenham. Floodlit training still on Fridays 6:00 - 7:30pm at Northbrook.

U11 : Doing well in matches this season and developing well. Squad numbers increased to almost capacity. Training to continue at Northbrook on Fridays from 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Note: NO TRAINING on Friday 4th November, due to Fireworks Display at St Barnabas Primary School.

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From The Parish Registers

WEDDINGS

Elizabeth Jayne TYE and James Edward HEATH were married by Rev Paul Richardson at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Saturday 24th September 2016.

Esther Jill RUSSELL and Daniel John WOODISON were married by Rev Paul Richardson at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Saturday 1st October 2016.

FUNERALS

A memorial service was held for **Roger FROST** at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Friday 30th September. The attendance reflected the regard Roger was held in by his friends and neighbours. Over £1000 was given for the Museum and Dorothy House Hospice Care.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

October's winning tickets were drawn by Jean Penfold from Worton. 1st prize goes to Fred West of West Lavington and 2nd prize goes to Pat Morrison of Easterton. Enjoy spending your winnings.

Bonnie Matters Organiser

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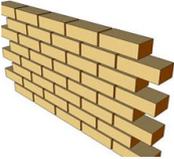
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