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Calendar of Services - November 2017 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton					
Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Holy Communion At St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell				
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>12.15 pm Act of Rememb'ce</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.00 am Breakfast Church in the Old School	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December Advent Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm Advent Carols St Mary's Church Market Lavington</b>				

**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.

**CHURCHWARDENS**

All Saints, West Lavington: Robert Giles (813256) Bronwen Matters (816133)  
St Peter's, Great Cheverell: Stanley Long (818330) Pauline Jenkinson (813775)  
St Peter's, Little Cheverell: Peregrine Rawlins (816315)

**VILLAGE LINK**

**West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell  
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**FROM THE RECTOR**

**November reflection**

There have been several funerals recently in our Benefice. Each of course, has been significant for the families involved and in some cases, had a wider impact than on simply the close families.

And when later this month on Remembrance Sunday we hear the names read out of the people who gave their lives for their country and their fellow men, it is difficult to imagine their funerals - some were buried with great ceremony and circumstance, others' graves were simply marked with wooden crosses in a corner of some foreign field, others still remain dreadfully anonymous. But all funerals great and small are interesting events.

We often want to remember our loved ones for all that they gave to us. Their love, their time and their support. We feel the loss keenly. And no matter how much time passes, that sense of loss is not diminished. In his writings Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers us hope of continued love even through that pain of loss.

"Nothing can fill that gap when we are away from those we love and it would be wrong to try and find anything. We must simply hold out and win through. That sounds very hard at first. But at the same time it is a great consolation since leaving the gap unfilled preserves the bonds of love between us. It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap. He does not fill it but leaves it empty so that our communion with another may be kept alive, even at the cost of pain."

If you wish to remember those that have died in service of our country come and join us at one of the Remembrance Services on Sunday 12th we would love to welcome you. So, enjoy this November with its highs and lows before the start of the Christmas season, which begins with our Advent Carol Service on Sunday 3rd of December in St. Mary's Market Lavington starting at 6.00pm. All are welcome to this traditional start to the Christmas season.

**Revd. 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

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A Huge thank you to all who came, donated and helped on the day without whom we couldn't have raised the brilliant sum of £350.

**A big thank you!**  
Sally and Derek Hale

### NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

Dauntsey's School Manor House will be holding a firework display on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m., and should like to apologise in advance to those within earshot of the Manor House on that evening.

St. Peter's Church, Little Cheverell  
**COFFEE MORNING  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
10.30 - 12 Noon**

Come and enjoy meeting your friends over cakes and coffee. Bring and Buy food items for cake and produce tables most welcome. Pottery as well as Christmas Cards for sale **RAFFLE** etc. Proceeds for the running of the Church.

### DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL MERCERS LECTURE

Unfortunately the lecture by Steve Backdhal on November 7<sup>th</sup> is already fully booked. There will be further lectures in the Spring Term, details of which can be found on the website, to be found on Dauntsey's School lectures.

### CAKES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR!

**Calling all cake makers!**

We need lovely homemade cakes and treats of any size for our Soldiers' Charity Cake Stall at the Christmas Country Fair on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you enjoy baking and/or would like to donate something delicious to the Cake Stall, please contact June Wright on 01380 818794. Your support is very much appreciated. (see opposite....)

### GREAT CHEVERELL VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Book Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 - 12.00 a.m. in aid of the Village Hall. Come along and browse a wide selection of paper back novels and enjoy home made cakes and coffee.

There will also be a Bingo evening on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. Lots of prizes to be won.

There is also a Whist Drive in the Village Hall every Friday and new players are welcome.

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**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** at the

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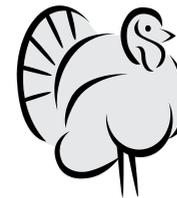
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**G. R.**  
  
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**Names/numbers by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, please, to: Louise Pye:  
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**GOING TO PRESS – AFTER A FASHION**

As the monthly edition of properly presented and neatly stapled copies of *News and Views* arrives through everyone's letterbox (not without difficulty in some cases) it is worth reflecting on the transformation of the methods and the efforts of producing them that have occurred over the past 25 years.

A 1990 contribution would have been typed or handwritten and delivered by post or through the editor's letter box/ It would then have been passed on to one of a band and willing typists who would have converted them into a succession of stencils, ready for printing. It is worth remembering that even the smallest mistakes would have been remedied by the application of a pink fluid on each error and the wait for it to dry before typing in the correct letter – no quick flick on the Delete button as we enjoy now.

The next stage required extensive labour on the part of Bill Parish who worked untold hours rolling off each page of the publication 850 times on an ageing Gestetner previously discarded by Dauntsey's School. The problem was then how to assemble these. This process was achieved by a monthly ritual of a dozen or so volunteers collating the various pages in the right order. The operation was carried out each month, in the living room of Spike and Janice Barker Wyatt; by the willing and talkative helpers who would circle the dining table, picking up a page at a time until they had a complete magazine – or nearly so. The pages had still to be united, as it were, and thus they would be passed to a stalwart Betty Tremlett who would hammer away at the ancient stapler at the left hand edges, more or less at the middle, so that they were as good as aligned sheets of A4. The potential tedium of the various tasks was greatly mollified by the genial conversation that accompanied it.

At some point in the 1990s Bill Parish was offered relief at different stages, thanks to the generosity of Devizes School and then Lavington School until a noble offer from a printer made us aware that a neatly folded and stapled A5 version was simpler, more economical and easier to handle as well as grappling with a letter box - unlike the old A4.

There is a sense of nostalgia perhaps at the loss of the amiable company that assisted during the preparation, but in every other way there is so much to be grateful for. And if one acknowledges the contribution of these volunteers, one should also bear in mind the selflessness of those who still nowadays produce articles for the magazines and above all those who each month deliver them. On this matter I shall have more to say next month.

**Jim Hodges**

### GEORGE LIGHT (1929-2017)

George passed away quite suddenly on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> while playing a card game with his grandson Corey. He was taken the way he wanted to go as he did not want to be a burden to anyone . .

George was born in Darlington and visited Market Lavington in the course of baby sitting his beloved granddaughter Hannah. He joined us at Hedges House 19 years ago. He was often seen cycling to and fro to Market Lavington until he lost son Gregory 7 years ago.

He was a kind person, friendly to all – people and dogs, helpful to residents here in Hedges House.. He was a handyman, great gardener and as washer up at Coffee Mornings will be missed by all of us.

On a personal note, both I and my three granddaughters (known as the girls) have lost the best friend we ever had. For the cards, letters, telephone messages and “hugs”. They are very much appreciated.

R.I.P.. George, now united with Mildred'.  
Betty Mitchell

### 100 Years Ago

#### Lance Sergeant William Smith 66599 Killed in Action 1st November 1917

In 1901 he was a police constable living in Blackley but by 1911 William had left the police force and was working as a poultry manager in Crosby Liverpool. Sometime later the family moved to Bush Bottom Farm, West Lavington, from where William enlisted on 27th September 1915 at Salisbury. He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, and served with the 99th Field Ambulance. He was sent almost immediately to France, arriving there on 16th November 1915, just a week after his son. When he enlisted William declared that he had served eight years with the Hampshire Regiment. In April 1917, William was awarded the Military Medal. At that time he was a Private, but acting Corporal. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for 48 hours directing stretcher bearers and accompanying them through heavy shellfire over difficult ground. He carried in a wounded man under heavy shellfire. His coolness and energy inspired all ranks.

William was killed by random German shellfire when showing an officer of the medical staff around the field ambulance near Wulvergem, south of Ypres on 1st November 1917. He was buried in Kandahar Farm Cemetery.

Ada, having lost first her eldest son in July 1916 on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, and then her husband a year later, returned to Crosby in Liverpool shortly after the end of the war.



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### ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The arrangements will be as usual for Remembrance Sunday, November 12th. Those wishing to participate in the parade will gather from 1015 in White Street by the cemetery gates and the parade will set off at approximately 1030. The Guides and ACF cadets will be taking part, as has been the norm for several years now. Anyone wishing to join us in the short march is most welcome.

There will a short period of remembrance and silence at the war memorial at 1100 on November 11th – again all are welcome.

**Michael Challinor, Royal British Legion.**

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- » **28th October to 11th November**      **House to House/static collections**
- » **11th November**                              **Armistice Day/Poppy Day**
- » **12th November**                              **Remembrance Sunday**

Our wonderful RBL approved volunteer collectors will be conducting house to house collections in your local area over the above dates. There will be resources for both adults and children within the collection boxes promoting the Poppy Appeal, so please give as generously as possible to this worthy cause.

If you require any additional Poppy Appeal items or further information on Remembrancetide, then do contact Steve or Bridget on 01380 813099

**Steve and Bridget Herniman**  
**Joint Poppy Appeal Coordinators for the RBL**



### LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

We donated just over £400 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance from our summer concert profit.

Northern Harmony Choir came to Market Lavington on 26th September and it was all great fun. There were more than 40 participants for the workshop and the evening concert included music from a 6 piece group. The visit was only possible because of the incredible help given by LCC. They provided publicity, accommodation for the visitors on Tuesday night, made a pot luck supper for the visitors, hosts and workshop members. They also set up and cleared the hall and ran the bar.

The choir is performing at West Ashton Church on 1st December

**Since the summer, we have lost some of our bass and tenor singers and so the main message for this month is-**If you're a bass or a tenor we need your voice!!! You will be enthusiastically welcomed and if you don't read music, do not be deterred as we spend time learning each part, and some of the music is backed up by learning tracks to help you practise in your own time. We meet on Thursdays at the Market Lavington Community Hall at 8 for 8.15pm. There is a weekly fee of £3.50 and there is a bar available for refreshments at the break. More information is available from paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com our musical director.



**Lavington Community Choir**  
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Advent Concert, starting at **7pm**. The conductor is Tim Wakerell. This choir of men and boys is one of the most respected choral groups in the world, known for their distinctive style and tone, especially the trebles, and they have an enviably wide repertoire of sacred music from plainchant to contemporary compositions. The full range of music for Advent and Christmas will be included in the programme, including plainchant, traditional folk tunes and pieces by Matthew Martin and Kenneth Leighton. The College's Organ Scholars, Josef Laming and Charles Maxtone-Smith (who will be familiar to Edington Music Festival goers as the Festival's Assistant Organist) will also contribute. Add to the mix of superb music the now traditional interval refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies, and you have an unbeatably wonderful start to the Christmas season! Demand for tickets is already strong, so don't delay getting yours; ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org). Prices are £20 front nave, £15 rear nave, and £10 sides, with 18 and under coming free. If you buy on the door on the night you will need to add £2 per ticket.

*\*Please note also that for logistical reasons your seat is not guaranteed until you have paid for your ticket, except for bookings taken less than 48 hours before the concert.*



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[phil.0727@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:phil.0727@hotmail.co.uk) or Anita Holness, Committee Secretary  
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**Eric Freeman - Chairman of West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee**

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- On cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited unless we are able to rebook that date.
- **Heating is now included in the above rates.**
- The Playing Field (including pitches), for which there is no charge, must be booked even if the Changing Rooms are not used.

## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

**Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division**

The elections may be long over, but that doesn't mean you should sit back and leave decisions to be made in our county without your voice being heard. Your opinions matter and there are three consultations that need your response.

First, you can have your say on the future of Waste and Recycling. Changes are already underway at our household recycling centres - Devizes HRC will be closed for improvements from 27 November until 9 December (when other locations will be open for your needs). In addition, from next summer, all recyclables except glass can be put in the blue topped bin and the range of recyclable plastics will be wider. But the Council is looking to see if there is more that can be done to reduce waste and improve recycling. The survey can be found here [http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/waste\\_and\\_recycling/waste\\_and\\_recycling\\_survey\\_2017](http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/waste_and_recycling/waste_and_recycling_survey_2017) and the consultation is open until 14 November.

Probably more contentious is the Parking Review. This is not just a matter for car drivers. Surplus revenue from parking charges supports essential non-commercial bus services, so bus users too should have their say. The Council's parking service is facing significant cost pressures, including business rate payments, essential equipment upgrades and maintenance works as well as inflation costs. Demands are also increasing for extra enforcement. The Council has identified a number of charging options on which your views are sought. I suspect most interest locally will be directed at the possibility of charges in Devizes Market Place. The survey and background papers can be found here [http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/parking\\_and\\_transport/car\\_parking\\_charges\\_consultation](http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/parking_and_transport/car_parking_charges_consultation) and the consultation is open until 23 November.

Finally, work is starting on the long process to review and update the Wiltshire Core Strategy (now to be renamed the Wiltshire Local Plan), which is the basis on which most planning decisions are made. At this stage, it is only the scope of the plan which is being considered, not the detail, but it does provide a chance for you to say what the review should cover. This time the review is being undertaken simultaneously with Swindon. The consultation opens during the week commencing 6 November and lasts for 6 weeks. At the time of writing I cannot provide a direct link but for more information on this or other consultations, visit <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>.

Your views on these matters can be very influential and helpful. But, as they say at weddings, "Speak now or forever hold your peace".

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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Wiltshire Council

News & Information

## WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors were delighted at their October meeting to welcome two new members to the Council. **Hazel Freeman** has been a resident of Littleton Panell for 20 years and is a trustee of West Lavington Youth Club where her fundraising skills are greatly valued. **Tony Morton** is also a resident of Littleton Panell having moved to the village recently after living for many years in West Lavington. In the community, Tony has been a governor of DAPS for nearly 20 years, is a member of the Care/Link Committee and audits All Saints Church accounts. At a very busy time for the Council, we are grateful to Hazel and Tony and their offer to help us in serving the community.

West Lavington Parish is a speedwatch area and we are fortunate to have a Speedwatch team of 10 volunteer members. They undertake regularly vehicle speed-monitoring along the A360 with a view to improving safety in the parish. Speedwatch volunteers are authorised, trained and equipped by the police. I regret to report, therefore, that three female team volunteers, while carrying out a monitoring session recently at Rickbarton, were subjected to an interval of sustained anti-social behaviour from nearby residents. As reported, it appeared designed to provoke and intimidate the volunteers in their duties. The Community Speedwatch Administrator of the Crime Prevention Department has condemned the reported behaviour. A discussion of the incident will take place at the next full council meeting on 2 November.

As reported in October's News & Views, a grant of £2753 matched funding has been made available to the Council by Devizes Area Board. This is to help purchase **CCTV cameras** for installation at the Village Hall. The aim is to stop any further vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the area, or to detect and catch perpetrators. The equipment is on order. It will comprise five high definition cameras installed around the hall and a further long range high definition camera which will provide cover for the far end of the playing fields in the vicinity of the BMX track. All cameras will have built in infra-red ability for night-time cover.

Wiltshire Council's Housing Needs Consultation closed on 25 October. Surveys delivered door-to-door were designed to provide the council with information on affordable housing requirements and aspirations in the parish. The results will also inform the **Neighbourhood Plan**, on which "pre-submission" community consultation is scheduled to begin on 24th November and run through the Christmas period. This will allow householders, businesses and landowners to comment on the details of the proposals and policies of the second draft of the Plan, which have built on those of the first draft and the 2015/16 public consultation. The Plan will then go to an Independent Examination and will finally be subjected to a local Parish referendum requiring a majority "yes" vote of all those voting in the referendum for it to be accepted. Once accepted, the planning policies contained in it will then form part of Wiltshire's wider statutory development plan.

Please see the Wiltshire Councillor's report regarding **consultations currently being undertaken** in relation to waste, parking and planning policy.

**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](mailto:clerk@westlavington.org.uk). The Parish Council website is at [www.westlavington.org.uk](http://www.westlavington.org.uk).

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 2 October, and will meet again on 6 November and 4 December – 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Witchcombe Close. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Having published a Casual Vacancy Notice for the vacant position on the Council, no formal applications were received. This means that the Council is now free to co-opt any suitable person. If you want to join the Council, in order to help YOUR village thrive, please contact the Chair or the Clerk. It isn't an onerous task (honest !), but hopefully it's a rewarding one.

The contract for our new website has been awarded following a competitive tender exercise, and is currently under development. It's hoped to have it up and running during November. It would massively benefit from local input – business adverts., club activities and, in particular, nice photos of village features. Let's make it the go-to site for all things related to Great Cheverell ! If you have anything of use, please contact the Clerk.

As well as the consultation on the Mobile Library service (see last month's News & Views) Wiltshire Council has also opened a consultation exercise on car parking, details of which can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/parking-charges-consultation-now-live>. This is open until 23 November. This will be of particular interest to people who shop in Devizes, especially at the Thursday market !

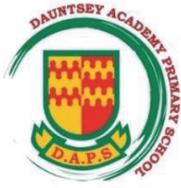
The Council continues to focus on the state and usage of our roads, in particular the crossroads on the B3098 at Pear Tree Lane, Green Lane and the High Street (C40). Regular discussions are held on these important issues with Wiltshire Council.

The position concerning Victoria Park seems much more positive, following meetings between the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Wiltshire Council, our local MP and house owners. It is possible that necessary repairs to the roads will be funded via the sale of brownfield land for housing. Repairs to drainage and streetlights have also been promised by the MoJ. The Parish, with the active support of local house owners, may take over the maintenance of recreational green spaces.

Finally, the Council has commenced the process of calculating its budget for 2018/19, which needs to be completed by January so that it can be included in Council Tax bills. Regrettably an increase is inevitable, due mainly to increased website costs and statutory Audit charges, but the Council will work to keep any increase to a justifiable minimum.

**Chris Hall, Parish Clerk**

**Phone: 01380 816983 Email: [parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org](mailto:parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org)**



## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Autumn Term

Term 1 at Dauntsey Academy has been busy and fruitful! Our Harvest festival saw a generous food donation from families for the local Food bank. Each class developed a Harvest themed assembly contribution and family members came to watch and take part. Classes sang, recited poetry and showed their artistic talents, demonstrating that the Arts are alive and well at DAPS!

We have had lots of new children join us this September and with our Buddy system and nurturing environment all have settled into our DAPS community already. The Early Years class benefitted from the Summer school run this year and within days of beginning the new term were settled beautifully. Home visits were taken up by all of the parents and children loved having their teachers to their homes. Mrs. Kerr has been very impressed with the support of parents as their children settle in.

The new Friday routine has been a great success with the children. Sports coaches from PH Sports come into school to coach the children in a variety of sporting activities. These also run over lunch time for different groups and the feedback has only been positive. It's great to see our children loving being so active.

As we head towards Christmas the whole school will look forward to the Christmas Market, which is increasingly successful each year. We have visiting stall holders, warm food and mulled wine lit up by twinkly lights and the sound of children's laughter and singing. The hustle and bustle of our Christmas Market on the 1st December at 4.30pm is not to be missed and our local community are warmly welcomed to join us. The market begins the exciting lead up to our festivities, including Christmas plays, carol concerts and the Church service at the end of term.

We have spaces in a few of our classes and would welcome the opportunity to show you around our beautiful school. Every Tuesday in November is an open day where you can visit and judge for yourselves. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Dauntsey Academy Primary School.



## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Last term, at Lavington Pre-school, the children enjoyed learning about our 'health and keeping well' as we all started the new school year. Now we have all got to know one another and everyone has settled in so well. As part of this topic we have been talking about exercise and eating healthily, we have looked at the clothes we wear as the weather changes and the things we do to help us stay well, such as washing our hands before we eat. We have had regular visits from Active Trowbridge which is a great opportunity for the children to play new games and meet different adults. The children have created some incredible artwork, printing with vegetables and creating our very own fruit and vegetable stall. We have been busy trying new foods and talking about what we like and sometimes don't like and we have made some lovely new foods with our Parent Volunteers, for which we are really grateful that they gave up their time. As always, if you feel you have something relevant to our topic that you would like to share with us then please let us know as it is always lovely for the children to have local visitors!

At the end of the term we collected a 'Harvest Box' of non-perishable foods and this has been collected by the Devizes Food Bank when they came to meet the children, we would like to say thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

In Term 2 we will be starting off by focusing our investigations on 'space and the galaxy' before we move on to some more festive celebrations as we get nearer to December. At the beginning of term we will be helping the children to understand the Diwali Hindu Festival by trying some Indian food and creating some 'Festival of Light' artwork.

Please remember that if your child will be 4 by the 1st September 2018 you will need to apply for your primary school place by 15th January 2018, applications can be made online on the Wiltshire Council website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>

**30 HOURS FUNDING:** All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. If this is taken during term-time only, this would work out as 15 hours a week over 38 weeks of the year. From September 2017, the government has increased the free early education or childcare for families who meet certain criteria to 30 hours a week (if used over 38 weeks a year). More information regarding 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. There is more information regarding 2 year old funding and eligibility at <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](http://www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk) or contact our Manager:

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Weds 10-11am Green Dragon

Friday 10-11am The Old School

#### Devizes

Mon 10-11am Wyvern Club

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## NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Special Interest Clubs

We aim to give children the opportunity to take part in an interesting mix of extra-curricular activities. Most of these clubs take place after school and a few take place in lunch times. This term, we are offering fencing, judo, winter sports, netball, ukulele, gardening, handbells, chess, choir and crocheting. (The crocheting club is surprising popular and it is lovely to see boys and girls sitting outside in their spare time, crocheting items which many of them hope to sell for charity. This is a most unusual playground “craze”!) Some of the clubs are short courses and others will run through the year. Our netball team won an interschool tournament recently – played against some schools much larger than ours, so this was a real achievement. And our Gardening club ran a “Tallest Sunflower” competition - won by a truly gigantic specimen which measured over 3 metres in height! We are very grateful for the teachers, parent volunteers and specialist coaches who run these clubs.

### Competition

Children enjoy a bit of healthy competition and they have fun with our regular times table championships, number bond competitions and performance poetry competition. For the poetry competition, we ask a specialist from our local secondary school to come and judge the finals once the “Heats” have been completed.

### Residential Trips

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 have returned from their school residential trip – they spent at two days at Braeside in Devizes, where they took part in activities such as canoeing, low ropes and pond dipping. As well as becoming more skilled in the activities, the children also hone their team building skills and learn more about independence and resilience. 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.

### Links with our community

As well as having strong links with Old School Nursery in Great Cheverell, we have very good links with Lavington Secondary school and Dauntsey’s Secondary school. These relationships help to ensure good transition of our children from one phase of their schooling to the next. We also reach out into the community with projects such as our Harvest Donation day - we take food donations to the Devizes Foodbank where families in crisis can access support. Our links with local churches are fruitful and enriching – we often have worship led by local Church of England clergy, by youth workers and by ministers from other Christian denominations. Children of faith and those of no faith enjoy the time to sit quietly in reflection and engage in their own philosophical and spiritual journey whatever form that takes.

### Every day is an open day

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](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk) and our phone number is 01380 813796.

**Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)**

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On Monday, 9th October we were delighted to welcome our speaker for the afternoon, Anna Spear, who spoke on the topic of ‘A Dementia Friendly Church’.

Anna’s career began as a general nurse and this broadened into the dementia field when she worked with families in our local area. She then became a Dementia Trainer. Anna explained the meanings of the different types of dementia. It is a progressive condition in which the brain cells die more quickly than happens with the normal ageing process. This results in a person struggling to remember things like names, dates, etc and becoming confused. This then leads on to difficulties with communication, as well as with mobility and perception.

The four needs to be addressed in a person with dementia are physical; emotional; social; spiritual and going to Church fits all these. Anna shared extracts from a book written by Bob Davis, an American Pastor, who himself had dementia. He explained that a person with dementia can feel lonely, rejected and full of darkness. For a Christian with the condition, they may no longer feel God’s presence and feel deserted like an orphan. Their fellowship with the Holy Spirit is broken. They feel robbed of their faith and peace. In a Church Service they can feel “out of it” as their minds are unable to comprehend sermons and modern thinking regarding faith. They forget how to pray; lose their former ability to reach up to God; unable to absorb the Christian message as their mind is troubled. How do they feel emotionally? – fearful, weepy, angry, deserted. So what can the Church do to help people with dementia to have their spiritual needs met? Treat them with love and care as Our Lord would do; provide positive appropriate social interaction and make them feel accepted and treat them with dignity. Communication is very important – not just verbally, but by eye contact, smile, listening, touching, etc. People with Dementia rely heavily on their family and friends and some will also need their CHURCH Family.

We were very grateful to Anna for coming along and giving this very interesting and thought-provoking talk. It is hoped that it may be possible to put plans into action in the near future to start developing Dementia-Friendly Churches in our community.

Next Meeting: Monday, 13th November, at the home of Ann Janes, 54 High Street, West Lavington. This will be a Planning Meeting.

**Val Noviss**



## WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

The new season is well underway – updates from teams below:

Badger Cubs are growing in numbers and enjoying, lots of space for more little ones to join in – Friday at Northbrook at 1730. Contact Mark for information.



- U7 – Team on look out for players to enable a team to be entered in league after Christmas – contact Sharon
- U8, U9 – teams having fun, also looking to boost numbers – contact Sharon
- U10 – Both teams playing well and enjoying being back in matches against other teams.
- U11 – New players welcomed and settling in well. Teams scoring freely and improving. Enjoying new home at Elisha Field.
- U12 – Great start, unbeaten since first league match. First ever competitive cup match due this month.
- U14 – Started season well winning 4 out of 5 games. On lookout for goalkeeper – contact Stuart.
- U15 – Team played some tough opposition in early games of season but playing well.

We are still looking to boost numbers in the lower age groups and include players of all abilities, so if you are interested in taking up football or getting involved in football coaching, please talk to one of the relevant managers whose information is below:

- U7/U10 – Mark Goddard – 01380 813160
- U8 and U9 – Sharon Black 01380 818193
- U11 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781
- U12 – Neil Black – 01380 818193
- U14 – Stewart Swann - 01380 812329
- U15 – Jake Davis – 07741 306303

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For our October meeting we had a return visit from Marcus Dancer, owner of Marcus Dancer Plant Nursery in Fordingbridge. This time his talk was about scented plants.

Using actual specimens and coloured photographs he described the attributes of a wide range of plants that can be used to provide scent in the garden at various times of the year. He pointed out that not everyone can smell the scent of all plants. But bees and other insects will be attracted to scented plants so it is worth planting them even if you cannot smell them all.

Many of the plants he described were familiar to us such as honeysuckles, viburnums, mock oranges and daphnes. Usefully, he also identified varieties more suitable for small gardens or that flowered later in the season or evergreen versions. And there were some surprises too such as an evergreen fragrant clematis, some heavily scented dwarf phloxes and a paper bush with a cinnamon coloured bark. Marcus also gave instructions about when and how to prune the plants that he was describing.

There were many questions from the audience and a few debates about whether some plants required full sun or were frost hardy. Much to the delight of the audience Marcus had brought plants to sell. These were soon snapped up by the audience. Judging by the amount of plants purchased the Cheverells will be heavily perfumed throughout the coming year and bees and other insects will feel very welcome there.

In November Sally Nex, a freelance journalist, will be giving us some unique behind the scenes anecdotes, insights and photos of the Chelsea Flower Show. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start on Tuesday 14 November. The charge for non-members is £2 per meeting. New members are always welcome.

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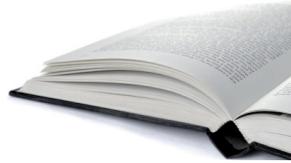
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## GREAT CHEVERELL BOOK CLUB

At our latest meeting we discussed two "Crime" novels. *Under The Harrow* by Flynn Barry and *The Crime Writer* by Jill Dawson. Under the Harrow begins with Nora taking a train to visit her sister in the country, expecting to be met at the station or find her at home cooking dinner. However when she gets to her sister's house Nora finds her sister has been the victim of a brutal murder. Stunned, Nora cannot return to her normal life. An unsolved assault in her past has shaken her faith in the police and she can't trust them to find her sister's killer. As Nora's fears turn to obsession she becomes as unrecognizable as the sister her investigations uncover. A novel of exploration of the fierce love between two sisters, damaged by their childhood and the power of the past to influence life. Nora is not particularly likeable and is obviously viewed with suspicion by the police. We agreed that it was well written, very descriptive of emotions and not the usual "Crime" novel. We would certainly recommend to other readers.

The second novel by Jill Dawson is unusual in that this features the American novelist Patricia Highsmith. She is hiding out in a country cottage in Suffolk to concentrate on her writing and to avoid her fans. She also has another motive - a secret romance with a married lover based in London. Unfortunately it soon becomes clear that all her demons have come with her. Prowlers, sexual obsessions, frauds, imposter, suicides and murderers- the cast of her novels clamour for attention and intrude into her Suffolk retreat. After the arrival of Ginny, a young journalist bent on interviewing her, events take a catastrophic turn. A dark atmospheric book you either enjoy or dislike and we were divided! It is interesting and well written but not for everyone.

Wendy Wilshin



Saint-Pierre d'Autils

## WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our next event is a American "Thanksgiving" evening at 7pm on Friday 24th November in West Lavington Village Hall. Open to non-members, tickets are £12.50 from Mike Page (818510). The evening includes dinner, raffle and wine bar.

In January we plan a repeat of our very successful Burn's Night.

You can join us by calling me on 818510, or emailing our chairman on blocker38@hotmail.com and simply asking for a membership form.

Membership is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages.

Michael Page, Secretary

## Lavington & District Gardening Club

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

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

Gardening Tip

To put in your diary

Wednesday January 17th  
Ray Broughton will speak about Daffodils and other Spring Bulbs.  
Full details of speakers and events for 2018 will soon be on our Website and our Facebook page

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Next Meeting: Wednesday  
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**November**

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 Sunday 12th November Remembrance 10.45 am at St Mary’s Church, Market Lavington  
 Sunday 19th November 10.30 am - Rev Gary Gotham - Holy Communion  
 Sunday 26th November 10.30 am Rev Tom MacMeekin  
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**Breakfast@St.Arbucks** - Saturday 4th November 9.00 am – 1 pm. Bacon and sausage baps. Toast and marmalade etc.



**BAPTISMS**

**Royce Robert Jennings** of West Lavington was baptised by Rev Marion Harrison at All Saints’ Church, West Lavington on 23rd September 2017.

**Wilfred Alexander Stanford LLOYD** and his sister, **Beatrice Carmen Lavinia Lloyd** were baptised by Rev Marion Harrison at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 24th September 2017.

**FUNERALS**

**Diana “Beryl” JONES** of Market Lavington died on 10th October 2017, at BUPA Market Lavington, aged 87 years. Her funeral and burial at St Mary’s Church Market Lavington was held on 25th October 2017.

**BENEFICE 200 CLUB**

Last month’s winner, Dereck Bailey, drew the two tickets for October. They were for Rona Bushell for 1st prize who attends the Tuesday Club in Market Lavington and Rachael Wright from Great Cheverell who won 2nd prize.

Tickets for 2018 will be on sale during November and December for £12 each (£1 a month) which gives you the chance of winning £40 or £20 each draw. The surplus goes into the Benefice Fund which is used to help with the running costs of the five churches in the Benefice.

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You might think that events as momentous as two World Wars would need no special season of remembrance. But in the business of life it is all too easy to forget things of great importance. The human race certainly doesn't seem to have learned the lessons of the terrible conflicts of the twentieth century.

On the night before he was crucified Jesus gathered his followers together for a special meal. It wasn't so much what they ate was special, as the meaning Jesus attached to that meal. He shared bread among them and said, "Take, eat, this is my body". Then Jesus passed around a cup of wine with the words, "For this is my blood of the covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins". Our Lord knew that he would soon be betrayed by one of his friends and then be sentenced to death on a cross. As he offered his followers bread and wine Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me". He wanted his followers to never to forget what he had done for them.

For almost 2,000 years of church history Christians have observed the Lord's Supper. This simple meal helps us to recall what is of central importance to the Christian faith. Jesus Christ was willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice. He gave his body to be crucified. His blood was shed. That is what it cost for him to secure forgiveness of sins for those who believe in him. Eating bread and drinking the fruit of the vine reminds us of the love of Jesus for his people. As he said, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

But Jesus' sacrifice for sin is not the only thing we need to remember concerning him. The apostle Paul wrote to his friend Timothy, "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel". And who can forget the very last words of Jesus recorded in the Bible, "Surely I am coming quickly"? The Lord's Supper reminds us that Jesus will return. As Paul wrote, "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Jesus died for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is coming.

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