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

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
3rd March Sunday before Lent	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Barnabas Church, Easterton				
6th March Ash Wednesday	7 pm Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints' Church, West Lavington				
10th March Lent 1	11.00 am United Service at Easterton	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service Lunch and Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
17th March Lent 2	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)
24th March Lent 3	10.00 am Half Hour Service	9.30 am Parish Communion (Traditional Language)	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion (BCP)	
31st March Mothering Sunday	10.15 am Family Worship	10.15 am Family Worship	10.00 am Family Worship	10.15 am Family Worship	
7th April Lent 5	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Mary's Church, Market Lavington				

From the Rector
Reflection for March

"Now is the healing time decreed
for sins of heart and word and deed,
when we in humble fear record
the wrong that we have done the Lord." (Latin, before 12th century)

This year early March sees the start of Lent. That period of time with its characteristic notes of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, preparation for Easter and, since the Victorian era, almsgiving.

Here in our Benefice we start our Lent with a Service of Ashing on 6th March in All Saints, West Lavington at 7.00pm. Following on from this with a Service of Reflection and Compline on each of the Wednesdays and in each of our churches in turn, throughout Lent leading up to Holy Week. There will be traditional services for Mothering Sunday with flowers for our children to take home for their Mothers and services of celebration for Palm Sunday. These services are family friendly and you are invited to celebrate with us (See Service times and place). In Holy Week itself we are offering services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

And who in our benefice is not looking forward to Easter? Simnel cake, chocolate eggs, daffodils and new born lambs. We may even see the sun to warm our tired bones!

Rev. Marion Harrison

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

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

Regular worship in our sister churches:

9.00 am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell
4:30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church West Lavington.

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

From the Rectory

GREAT CHEVERELL WHIST CLUB

Whist has commenced every Friday evening in The Village Hall and new members are always welcome.

It starts at 7:30pm.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

All Saints' Church, West Lavington are planning to run their famous Progressive Dinner again this year. This is a truly gourmet event where those taking part walk from one end of the village to another for starters, main course, desserts and cheese and wine. For the main course and the dessert course you will be with a different group of people so it is a brilliant way of getting to know people in the village. This year it will be on the evening of Saturday May 13th. If you are able to host a main course or a pudding course for 6 people plus and would like to be part of this fund-raising activity please contact Caroline Spindlow on 01380 813445. All expenses for your meal can be reclaimed. If you would like tickets for the event then please also contact Caroline with your email address to express your interest - she can then let you know final details!

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Dauntsey's School recently created Athletics' Track and planning application 18/11759/VAR

The Parish Council wishes to bring to your attention Dauntsey's School current planning application which is seeking retrospective permission to install a red-coloured synthetic athletics track, with white fencing, which has recently been built by the school on the west playing fields known as the Mercers Field. The school already has permission for a grass track on this site.

The key material planning consideration, in the application, is the impact on landscape character and visual amenity of the proposal for the red - coloured track and white fencing.

A number of concerns have been raised with West Lavington Parish Council, in particular the visual impact of this new facility on the views across the landscape of the Vale of Pewsey, notably from Strawberry Hill and the ridgeway above Market Lavington.

If you have a view on this matter, and wish to comment, you can do so via the Wiltshire Planning Website by 6th March 2019 (a direct link can be found on the West Lavington Parish Website at www.westlavington.org.uk), or alternatively please let the Parish Council have your views, either in person or via the Clerk, at the next West Lavington Parish Council meeting at 7pm on Thursday 7th March in The Giles Room of the Village Hall.

West Lavington Parish Council

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Wiltshire Council Section
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Our produce is grown, cards and wooden goods made, and bikes refurbished by the prisoners at Erlestone, and the shop is staffed by volunteers. The Erlestone House Farm Shop project is run by the Erlestone House Community Interest Company (EHCIC) for the men in HMP Erlestone, helping them to gain skills together with fully accredited NVQ qualifications, while providing a unique outlet for the results of their work. The profits from the Farm Shop are reinvested and used to buy further supplies (such as seeds and wood), which ensures that the project is self-funding. We also fund family days at the prison, when prisoners can spend time with their children. We are easy to find on the road between Little Cheverell and Erlestone, and there is plenty of parking. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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The former Royal Harpist Claire Jones is returning by popular demand, and will be joined by her percussionist husband Chris Marshall who will be bringing a marimba and various kinds of small drums. They are a lively and talented pair, and together they will play a mix of classical and traditional music which will sound lovely in the church. Full details of the programme are now up on the website, www.edingtonarts.org/our-events and ranges from Bernstein and Vivaldi to folk and classical dances.

Tickets are £20 front nave, £15 rear nave and £10 sides, and 18 and under come free. Get yours now by emailing sue@edingtonarts.org or by phoning Chrissy on 01380 831256.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Friday Youth Club will continue at West Lavington.

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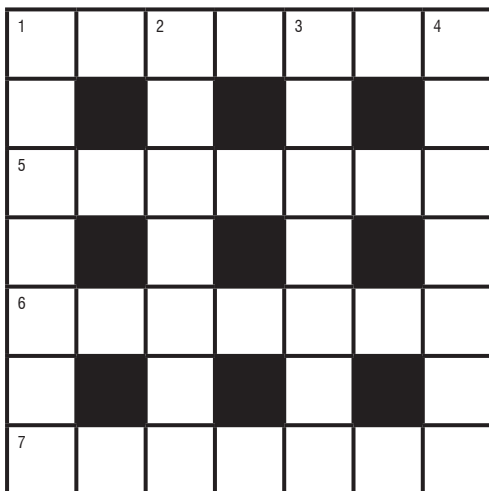
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A couple who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1995, were both born on August 16th, seven years apart. The man is 2,555 days older than his wife. In what years were they born?

Answers on Page 22

PUZZLES



Across

1. Move deeply
5. Upstart
6. Bombastic
7. Ring-shaped

Down

1. Course Certificate
2. Cut of meat
3. Poorly balanced
4. Embarrassing mistake

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West Lavington Village Hall

We have already mentioned the coming of our new website, now up and running (Westlavingtonvillagehall.org) which not only provides full information on booking the hall and Giles Room, but also highlights a number of initiatives we are undertaking, some of which, please support, relating to fund raising. In terms of improvements, we are conscious that anything we do should not conflict with any longer term plans we may have, so most of the facilities we have added, or will add, are in the main hall itself. For some years the stage has not been "legal" to hire and use, but we have serviced the disabled lift and are arranging for front access safe stairs, moveable, to allow people to walk up to the stage. The Giles Room has screen and projector, also available for the main hall, but we are also investigating the sound problems in the main room, with a new PA system, as well as fixed projector and screen. This will happen if we are lucky enough to obtain an Areas Board grant.

As part also of our wish to move into community activities, we are, in conjunction with Ageuk and funding from the Parish Council, intending to run free monthly coffee mornings followed by light lunch for older village people. This will run on Friday mornings, the first is booked for April 12th. More to follow, but we are looking for volunteers to help run this.

And finally, our plans for major works, including new entrance, bigger kitchen, another meeting room plus bar area, are progressing, again more later.

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Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

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And that's only the minor part of the budget! Most of the money goes on adult care and children's services. If you are a beneficiary, or involved with one of those areas, you know how vital they are. Some people's lives depend on them and, one day, that may include you and me. Overall, believe me, your Council Tax is well spent!

But while I think that Wiltshire Council is one of the best in the country about such services, I have to admit that some people grumble. Not you, obviously. But there are those who complain about pot-holes or pavements or verges or white lines or weed control or similar matters. And the grumblers have a good point. These matters affect the quality of life and can even be risky if, for example, they impact upon road safety.

For the grumblers, and for you, I have good news! The government has given Wiltshire Council £7,358,000 to spend on Highways and associated matters and the Council has increased this to £8 million for the next financial year. So we are going to spend:

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- £500,000 on verge overruns that erode the sides of roads
- £500,000 on road markings in towns
- £300,000 on road markings at rural roads and junctions
- £300,000 on road signs
- £50,000 on high friction surfaces at traffic signals and crossings
- £50,000 on pedestrian guardrails
- £30,000 on other street furniture
- £30,000 on weed removal (by hand!) in towns
- £120,000 on weed spraying in rural areas
- £30,000 on chewing gum removal
- £50,000 on graffiti removal
- £170,000 on enhanced gully emptying
- £70,000 on ditch clearing, and
- £50,000 on sweeping, especially on blossom and leaf fall.

Good news! Enjoy!

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERNDUM - further delays!

I am sorry to report that further to my Parish Council Chairman's report in the February edition of News and Views that Wiltshire Council was likely to announce their decision that West Lavington's Neighbourhood Plan could proceed to Referendum in April - **there are now more delays!** The examination of the 'West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2026' was completed in November 2018 when Wiltshire Council received the Examiner's Report. The Council was due to make its decision re the Referendum by 31 January 2019 and the signs were distinctly positive. However, while considering the Examiner's recommendations Wiltshire Council unexpectedly very late in the day identified the new need for them to **review the Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment** that they had produced in November 2017 to support West Lavington's Neighbourhood Plan and which had concluded:

"...Neighbourhood Plan would have no likely significant effects and no appropriate assessment is currently considered necessary by Wiltshire Council as competent authority."

The **reason now for this revisit of the Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment**, produced by Wiltshire Council for our Neighbourhood Plan in November 2017, is a European Court of Justice judgement in April 2018 which resulted in the Government enacting Regulations that came into force on 28 December 2018 and changed the process for Habitats screening assessment.

Importantly, **Wiltshire Council as the ultimate decision maker on the 'making' (i.e. adoption) of any neighbourhood plan**, considers that it needs to satisfy itself that due process is followed and European obligations, as incorporated into UK law, have been met.

The review has now also led to Wiltshire Council undertaking an 'Appropriate Assessment' (dealing with any significant effect at the Habitats screening stage not taking into account mitigating factors – which they did in their original assessment) and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) (to consider any likely significant environmental effects).

To allow them to do so, Wiltshire Council propose a revised date of 29 March 2019 (replacing 31 January 2019) within which to make their decision on the recommendations in the Examiner's Report. **Wiltshire Council's Appropriate Assessment and SEA go for 5 weeks consultation on Friday, 15 February.** Should Wiltshire Council's decision then be for the Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to Referendum, we are informed that it should take place within 56 working days following Wiltshire Council's decision to proceed.

FOOTPATHS: Councillors have requested that any concerns relating to our extensive footpath network should be reported to the Clerk to the Parish Council and not individual councillors. She will then be able to deal with any issues between meetings.

WWI COMMEMORATIVE COPSE NAMING: The Council thanks all those who suggested names for the copse of trees that the council intends to plant near Gore Cross to commemorate our fallen First World War parishioners. The suggested name that obtained the most votes was "The Remembrance Wood".

SPRING CLEAN: The annual Great British Spring Clean will this year occur from March 22nd to April 23rd. This longer period should help us to get our local street, signs, bus shelters and playing fields ready for spring. Details will follow.

Sandra Gamble, Chairman

If you have ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kaye Elston, on 07782 251464 or at clerk@westlavington.org.uk. The Parish Council website is at

www.westlavington.org.uk.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Council last met on 4 February. The Approved Minutes of the previous meeting (in January) are available to see on the website and the Council's Notice Boards. The next meeting will be on 18 March (7.30pm at The Pavilion).

Wiltshire Council has been undertaking a series of roadworks recently, especially along the A360 towards Devizes. This has unfortunately meant that our High Street has been used as a diversion during those times. No unacceptable increase in traffic has been noted (although, of course, HGV's driving through our village is always unacceptable!) but, if you feel you have been inconvenienced, the best advice is to complain to Wiltshire Council's Highways Department.

With regard to possibly taking over areas of Public Land from Wiltshire Council, the (Parish) Council has made an application to take over the parking area outside The Bell, and is awaiting a response. A consultation exercise is underway with residents of Weavers Mead about the two areas of green space there – we've had some responses, but we'd like to receive more!

Following the recent snowfalls (now hopefully over, as it's delightfully Spring-like as I write this) the Council received some requests for gritting salt from the housing estates in the village. Unfortunately the Council does not have any stocks of salt – Wiltshire Council no longer provides it. However the Council is revising its Emergency Plan so, if there are any truly vulnerable residents, please let us know who they are so that emergency procedures can be considered under such circumstances.

Work continues on planning the new playpark. Designs and quotes have now been received from a range of suppliers, and funding sources are being evaluated. This is likely to be the subject of a presentation at our Annual Parish Meeting on 25 April. But your comments are always welcome.

Finally, the Council is keen to support the National Spring Clean, running from 22 March to 23 April. Let's tidy up Great Cheverell! Previous exercises of this nature have not been well-supported, but we're hoping that the campaigns in the national Press will generate more interest. The Council intends to run a clean-up on Saturday 23 March, with another one in mid-April if that's successful. We're considering a number of 'rewards', including bacon butties for participants! More details will be published soon around the village but, as usual, we can't do it without you, and "many hands make light work".

Chris Hall, Parish Clerk

Phone: 07570 093151 Email: parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term, at Lavington Pre-school, we are delighted to have 2 new starters. We welcome Jack and Olli, and their families, to our Pre-school.

This term the children's investigations will be centred on "New beginnings and Growing". As part of this we will be getting very green fingered in our garden, we have been creating new life from seeds and talking a lot about growing, how we grow, how all living things grow and what we need to grow! The children are really enjoying the topic and it has tied in nicely with the start of the spring season and it has proved a useful way to cover all aspects of the Early Years Curriculum from mathematics, when we count seeds, to understanding the world, as we watch it grow. If you feel you have something relevant that you would like to share with the children please let us know, or if you are particularly green fingered, we would love your help in the garden! Last term we talked about the celebration of the Chinese New Year, the year of the Pig, and the children tried and really enjoyed Chinese snacks and Prawn Crackers. We made a Chinese dragon by painting paper plates and sticking them together.

Now we are busy practising for our annual sponsored Easter Trike Ride which will take place on Wednesday 3rd April. All our children will be looking for sponsorship so please give generously if you can, thank you.

TOP TIP: Our Top Tip for this month is from Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Managing feelings and behaviour 22-36 months "Help children to recognise when their actions hurt others. Be wary of expecting children to say sorry before they have a real understanding of what this means".

30 HOURS FUNDING: All 3 to 4-year-olds in England are entitled to 570 hours childcare per year but can get up to 1140 hours if eligible. More information regarding what funding for 3 to 4 year olds is available at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-for-3-and-4-year-olds>

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING: If you have a child between 24 - 36 months old you may be eligible for 15 hours a week of 2 year old funding. For more information see: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-funding-for-2-year-olds>

We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website

www.lavingtonpreschool.org.uk or contact our Manager:

Julie Langlands, on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@lavingtonpreschool.org.uk



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Music at Holy Trinity: Our children are great music lovers and performers. It was a joy to take the whole school to Central Hall in Southampton for a wonderful orchestral experience in January. The concert was designed for children and gave them an introduction to the works of Albinoni, Rameau, Strauss and many other great

composers. The children were enchanted by the experience. We provide a variety of music lessons within the curriculum and also offer peripatetic specialist instrument tuition in piano, brass, guitar, recorder, choir, handbells and ukulele. The children enjoy performing at various school concerts and do well in the Devizes Eisteddfod with our school choir. We are supported enormously in our work to give our children a great musical education by the very generous annual donation from Edington Station Yard trustees – this enables us to continue to provide for our children the quality of musical experience which they deserve and which we would otherwise struggle to afford out of our straitened budget. We are very grateful to them.

Farming Talk: It was a real treat to have Robert King, a farmer in Edington, come to talk to our children about farming in the 21st century – a great thing to consider after our children had grown, harvested by hand, ground on a millstone and baked into bread their very own wheat last season. He told the children about the use of technology in farming, including the use of satellites and robots which help to produce our crops nowadays, and of how this technology can help protect the environment as well. We were fascinated to learn that Bob is taking part in a trial using special robots to look after crops – this technology is being developed in our own area but will eventually be used across the country and indeed the world. We are always very grateful for the support of our local community in helping to educate our children especially in these specialist areas.

Fire!: As well as having the fire service in school to talk to our children about fire safety this month, we also took our two younger classes to Salisbury to the fire station there. They got to watch some model Tudor Houses being burnt (as part of their Fire of London topic) and used the fire hose – what an experience! They then went to Salisbury cathedral, and to Salisbury museum to find out about the history of firefighting through the ages. We are very fortunate that our families support us so strongly in our work to take children out on field trips – nearly all our families will help us pay for the coaches and entry tickets, so that we are able to afford to take the children to exciting places.

Letter from the Director of Education, Wiltshire: We received a letter of congratulation this week from the Director of Education in Wiltshire, for our outstanding results in the 2018 statutory assessments. She writes, “I congratulate you on the recently validated outcomes achieved by your pupils in 2018, which are amongst the best primary schools in Wiltshire. I would like to offer my thanks to you and all at your school for your pursuit of the highest standards of educational achievement.”

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

Mercedes Henning (Headteacher)

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.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th March
Subject: Butterfly Conservation
Guest Speaker: Maurice Avent
Competition: Pot of Marmalade

Gardening Tip
Honey Honey
Use honey to propagate cuttings. Honey contains enzymes that promote root growth, and you can use it as “Rooting Hormone”.

THE MONDAY CLUB

Market Lavington Community Hall
2:15 - 4:00pm including Afternoon Tea for £2.50.

If you didn't know, the club is made up of the older members of the community
BUT there are NO age limits.
We meet on the first and third Monday(s) of the month (excluding Jan & Aug).
Have free time?
Do come along to have a natter, hear a speaker (a variety of topics covered),
learn a new skill or discover a new place and good company.
Please contact Jo on 07936278533 or Elizabeth on 01380 812249
with any questions you may have.

The month of March
Object Quiz on Monday 4th and then Board Game Fun on the 18th.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

It was very apt that as our meeting fell on 11th February, a few days before Valentine's Day, the topic for the afternoon should be "Marriage". We were delighted that Revd. Marion Harrison could be there to lead our discussion. She firstly gave a brief history about marriage before a general, lively discussion followed. The various types of marriage were discussed, e.g. arranged marriages, civil marriages, etc. Marion reminded us of the fact that the difference between a civil marriage and one conducted in church is that in civil marriage it is a legal contract between two people, but when a couple marry in church they are taking part in a covenant under God. One of the aims and objectives of the Mothers' Union is to promote and support married life and the Mothers' Union prayer, which we say at the beginning of every meeting contains a section which says "Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life...."

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 11th March at 2.15pm at 54 High Street, West Lavington, by kind invitation of Ann Janes. This will be a talk by Alex and Janet Irvine from the Devizes branch of Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

Val Noviss, Branch Secretary

LAVINGTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Whether swimming for fun or lane swimming our club caters for all. Using the lovely Dauntsey School 25 metre Swimming Pool we swim during the school term on Sundays and Tuesdays.

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

The last swim being Tuesday 26th March.

No swim on 27th January as it is school exeat day.

The club swimming times are Sundays, 3.30pm to 5pm.

Tuesdays, 7pm to 8pm. As a non-profit-making club, we can offer very good membership fees. For an individual it is £37.50 a term and for a family it is £75.

Members are welcome to bring Guests who can swim for £2.50 for a child and £5 for an adult.

Not sure? Taster sessions are available, with the cost being offset against your membership fee if you decide to join.

For further details about joining the club or taster sessions please contact Phil Richardson Membership Secretary on 01380 813485 or email:- Phil.0727@hotmail.co.uk or contact Club Secretary Anita Holness email:- anita@kholness.plus.com

Crossword and Brain Teaser Solution



Did you work it out?
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Saint-Pierre d'Autils

WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our next event will be the second in our "Desert Island Disc" series. This is on 22nd March at 7.30pm at West Lavington Village Hall. Tickets are £12.50 for members and £15 for non-members. This includes a four-course meal. There will be also be a wine bar and a raffle. Tickets can be obtained from the email address below.

Membership rates per year are:
£10 per person (£8 for over 60s) or

£15 per household (£12 for over 60s)

To join simply email lpandwltwinning@gmail.com with your name and telephone number and we will contact you.

Membership is open to residents of West Lavington and surrounding villages. You don't have to speak French, you don't have to go to France and you don't have to host unless you want to. You can simply take part in any of our wonderful events throughout the year!

West Lavington is Twinned with St.Perre d'Autils, France
Michael Page, Secretary



At the start of our meeting we had a timely reminder from our chairman about our forthcoming annual plant sale in May. Members were encouraged when planting seeds to put in a few extra to produce plants for donation to the plant sale. Then the speaker, Terry Baker from the Botanic Nursery at Atworth, was introduced. Local garden nurseries usually know what plants are suitable for local soils. And when there is an enthusiast for a particular species of plant running a nursery it makes sense to go to them to purchase that plant. The Botanic Nursery in Atworth is well known for its foxglove collection. But at our February meeting we learned that the owner Terry Baker is also a self confessed compulsive propagator of trees. As a result he has a great collection of trees and is very knowledgeable on the subject of trees. Using photographs of his own trees at the Nursery, and also trees in parks, gardens and arboreta where he has acted as a consultant, he waxed lyrical on the subject of 'Trees for the garden'. During the evening he spoke about a selection of trees and by describing the leaves, fruits, seeds, flowers and scents gave us some ideas about what to choose for our own gardens. In his definition of trees he included some shrubs which had lower branches removed to concentrate the growth on a single or a few stems. He tended to use the Latin names for everything and not the common names. Terry does buy in root stock but all his trees are propagated by him and none are bought in from suppliers. This means that trees he sells will be used to a limestone rich soil and will be likely to be hardy to the local climate. At the end of the talk there were questions from the audience. In answering these questions Terry once again demonstrated his immense experience and knowledge. To the delight of the audience Terry and his wife had brought in lots of plants for sale at the end of the evening. These included some of their famous foxgloves and some hellebores.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 March. The topic will be 'Interesting bulbs'. Gill Hazel who runs the Great Western Gladiolus Nursery, where they specialise in gladioli, but also have unusual bulbs from South Africa, will be the speaker. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.

We have a varied and interesting programme for 2019 with talks on a wide range of topics, and some garden visits. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome. Our annual subscription is just £10 per person or £18 for a double membership. The charge for non members is £2 per meeting.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.



Not much football was played over the last month due to the snow and rain making most pitches unplayable. We do have two new FA Level 1 Goalkeeper coaches with Sharon Black and Mark Goddard completing their qualifications, so watch out for future sessions to develop our keepers. Badger Cubs – Numbers continue to grow indoors at St Barnabas School and the players are improving in confidence each week. Training Saturday's at St

Barnabas Primary School starting 9:30am. The Badger Cubs would like to thank Easterton fete for their donation for new equipment. U7/8 – Friendly matches for both teams are being planned and training will be at Lavington School from 1730-1800. Contact Mark. U9 and U10 – Both team's playing resumed and they played well in their matches. The teams do need additional players for matches. Training is on Fridays 1800-1900 at Lavington School. Contact Sharon. U11 – Both teams have played well this season. Training is on Fridays at 1800-1900. Contact Mark. U12 Wizards- League is going well. They lost out in the Cup Quarter final 2-0 to Bradford Town. U12 Badgers - Limited league matches due to weather, but are playing well and have added new players. Training for both teams is at Northbrook and Lavington School from 1900-2000. Contact Dave. U13 – One match played and it was a 6-1 victory away to Westbury. Friendly and league matches are scheduled. Training Fridays 1730 - 1830 at Northbrook. Contact Neil. U16 – Lost their match in the League Cup 7-6 on penalties after extra time. They have a number of league matches to catch up with. Training is at Northbrook on Fridays 1900-2000. Contact Jake. U18 – Currently sitting 4th in the league. Training Thursdays at Northbrook 1800-1900. Contact Debs. Teams are always looking for more parents to get involved with helping teams in either supporting roles or in coaching roles. The club will enable training for those who wish to get involved. Please speak to your managers to help support them. Teams are always on the look-out for more players, so if you would like to take up the sport, have some fun and learn new skills, contact one of the managers below. Teams are also looking out for sponsors to help with costs, so if any companies interested in helping then please contact Dave. Work is almost complete on the clubhouse at Northbrook with internal painting to be completed volunteers required! If companies would be interested in advertising at Davis Field then please contact Dave.

Contacts

- Badger Cubs – Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781
- U7/8/U11 – Mark Goddard – 01380 813160
- U9 and U10 – Sharon Black 01380 818193
- U12 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781
- U13 – Neil Black – 01380 818193
- U16 – Jake Davis – 07741 306303
- U17/18 – Debs Minty – 07877 361470
- Adults – Pete Drew – 07885 527546

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Sunday 10th March at 11am. UNITED SERVICE, at St Barnabas Church. Easterton. Revd. Gary Gotham.

Sunday 17th March at 10:30am (St Patrick's Day). Locally arranged service in The Community Hall.

Sunday 24th March at 10:30am locally arranged service in The Community Hall.

Sunday 31st March at 10:30 am (Mothering Sunday). Jackie Williams.

Minister: Revd Gary Gotham. 69 Queens road, Devizes, SN10 5HR
Tel 01380 724264 / gary.gotham@gmail.com

Church secretary : Julia Garraway-Jones. 01380 81840
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From The Parish Registers

BAPTISM

Arabella Holly WOODISON of Devizes, was baptized at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on 26th January 2019.

Dexter Frederick LINCOLN of Market Lavington, was baptized at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington by Rev Marion Harrison on 9th February 2019.

FUNERALS

Mrs Hazel Kathleen DARK. Died 3rd Nov 2018 peacefully at her home in New Street, Market Lavington aged 89 years. A service and burial was held at All Saints, West Lavington on 27th Nov 2018.

Mrs Veronica Marjorie THYNNE of Market Lavington, who died aged 94 years on 24th December 2018, was buried after a service of thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on 17th January 2019.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Ann DAVIDSON** was held at St Barnabas Church, Easterton on 24th November 2019.

Mrs Muriel ILLINGWORTH of West Lavington died on 13th January 2019 aged 100 years. Her funeral took place at All Saints' Church, West Lavington on 25th January 2019.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Joy of Les Miserables

My mum has seen the musical version of *Les Miserables* twice. It's one of the longest running productions on the West End. Apparently, the show has been seen by 70 million people in 52 countries and 22 languages around the world. I saw the film of the musical when it came out a few years ago. But it was only in watching the BBC's recently screened *Les Miserables* that the power of the drama really came home to me. If you missed it, you can probably still catch it on BBC iPlayer. The story follows the twists and turns in the life of Jean Valjean, a convict who became a respectable businessman. The prison chief, Javert did not believe that it was possible for Valjean to come good. He vowed to hunt him down when he was released from jail.

As a former convict, Valjean could find nowhere to lay his head until a kindly bishop gave a bed for the night. True to form, Valjean stole the bishop's silverware and headed off into the night. The police hunted him down and were about to force the thief return what he had taken from the bishop. Then something unexpected happened. The police wanted Valjean to face justice. Back to the prison hulks. But the bishop did more than show mercy; forgive the thief and let him off. He gave Valjean two silver candlesticks, explaining to the police that he must have forgotten them when he left in the night. That was a moment of grace.

Such grace is a rare thing in today's world. Look at what happened after Liam Neeson confessed to revenge fantasies the other week. Yes, what he thought about doing was wrong. He said as much himself. But many were quick to pounce on his remarks and label the actor as an unforgiveable racist. Social media has turned us into merciless little Javerts for whom there is no conception of grace and no hope of redemption for those who have done wrong.

With grace there is always hope, for grace gives us what we don't deserve. Valjean certainly didn't deserve a second chance. He knew it, and the grace shown him by the bishop turned his life around. That's the joy of *Les Miserables*. The Christian faith is all about grace. God sent Jesus to satisfy the demands of justice by dying for our sins upon the cross. In his mercy, God offers us forgiveness for the wrong things we have done. Grace goes beyond even that. Those who believe in Jesus are welcomed into God's family and given the hope of eternal life. In the BBC drama, when Valjean lay dying, his eyes were fixed on the silver candlesticks given him by the bishop. Grace enabled him to die in peace.

Pastor: Guy Davies

www.providence-ebenezer.org.uk

Events:

First Friday of the month: Pop-up Coffee Shop, 10-11.30am. Join us for a cuppa and chat.

Sunday 24 March: Grace Baptist Mission meeting, 4.30pm. Speaker: Jim Sayers of GBM.

Sunday 31 March: 'Time for Tea Plus', 4.30pm. A traditional Sunday Tea, followed by a short service.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The February winners are Moira Armstrong from Easterton for 1st Prize and Stephen Westley from Great Cheverell for 2nd Prize. Congratulations to both of you.

Thank You, Bonnie Matters
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