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Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
2nd June Sunday after Ascension	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell				
9th June Pentecost	11.00 am United Service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton	9.00 am Breakfast Church	11.00 am United Service at	11.00 am Simple Celebration	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
16th June Trinity Sunday	11.00 am Parish Communion	9.30 am Parish Communion	10.30 am Welcome to Worship	11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	
23rd June 1st after Trinity	10.00 am Half Hour Service	9.30 am Sunday Praise and Worship	11.00 am Parish Communion	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	
30th June 2nd after Trinity		9.30 am Parish Communion		6.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	
7th July 3rd after Trinity	10.30 am Benefice Worship Together Simple Celebration St Peter's Church, Great 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.

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Reflection for June

The winter is well and truly gone and the spring is firmly here and work for the coming summer is in all our diaries. Many of our church family are in full fund raising swing. Whether it is making cakes or scones and jam, preparing gardens to be opened and plants to be sold or working hard on the planning, organising and advertising of the many events to be found in our benefice this summer. Of course all this work is extra to the day to day running of our lives. Add to that the many family commitments we all have, and life is hectic. Time to stop and take a moment or two for ourselves can so easily be lost in the rush.

For many Christians and especially clergy, a time of prayer first thing in the morning, not only follows the pattern of prayer given to us in the example of Jesus, but makes such a difference to our busy lives. With time and continuity, this practise of centring ourselves each day helps with our focus on the day ahead and gives us the energy we need to accomplish our work. To my mind the poem below sums this up very well.

The Difference by Grace L. Naessens

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
 I had so much to accomplish, I didn't have time to pray.
 Problems just tumbled about me and grew heavier with each task;
 Why doesn't God help me, I wondered; He answered, "You didn't ask."
 I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
 I wondered why God didn't show me - He said, "But you didn't seek."
 I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock;
 God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."
 I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day;
 I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

And why all this hard work? Just to raise funds? No. It is to reach out to our friends, our neighbours and our fellow villagers, offering our time and gifts in fellowship and joy. So, please do come and enjoy our offerings. Who knows, you may find old friends and make new friends joining in the FUN!

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THIS MONTH'S FRONT COVER

Many thanks to Will Harley for this month's front cover.

He said: 'The photo was taken on 21st May 2016 on the railway bridge on The Green at the northern edge of Great Cheverell. It was taken at a time when the Flying Scotsman had just been refurbished and there was trouble with huge crowds turning out to watch it. This was an unannounced run, so there were only me out for a walk, someone on a horse and a cyclist there to see it!'

DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

Dauntsey's School wish to give notice of fireworks being set off at the Summer Ball on Saturday 6th July at 10 pm. The fireworks will last for approximately 8 minutes and are being set off from an aerial display. If anyone would like to view how this works, please visit the link below.

<https://airbornepyrotechnics.co.uk/>

Thank You

An enormous Thank You to everyone who sponsored my granddaughter and her skydive. She raised an amazing £1773 on line.

My love to you all and every blessing

Pat Strowger

West Lavington Fete

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BABADITOVF !

**Buy A Bottle And Donate It
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Our collecting Team will be making house to house calls across Littleton Panell and West Lavington from the 8-18th July to accept any donations of unopened and in date alcoholic or soft drinks, (bottles or cans) for the ever-popular Bottle Stall. Please be generous and do come to our stall on the 20th July for some fun and to support our village organisations.

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Great Cheverell Village Feast

Saturday 29th June

Our roving feast returns, locations around the village including, The Village Hall, Church and The Bell Inn.

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Party at the Pavilion

Saturday 13th July

The Pavilion, Great Cheverell

Come and dance the night away with local bands including "The Cheverellites" and the renowned "Purple Fish".

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PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

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

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

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

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

HOW TO HELP IN YOUR VILLAGE

There is a Village Organisation which is dedicated to providing assistance to those of our neighbours who are unable to get to hospital or doctor's appointments easily.

We are called Village Care & Link aka ("The Care Group"). We were founded in 1982 by a group of individuals who realised that there was a need for such a service in the village.

Many of the volunteers who joined at that time are now getting elderly and our pool of willing drivers has dropped to almost unsustainable levels. This also goes for our "driver coordinators" who find a driver able to take someone to hospital.

This is a plea for you to join us. It would be a great shame if this long-established and much appreciated facility was lost to the village.

The work is not onerous and there are no fixed time commitments. If you are not available for a particular journey, our coordinator will simply phone the next driver of their list. At present each driver makes a journey on average once or twice a month. Fuel expenses are paid and drivers are covered by third party insurance.

We also desperately need coordinators who are willing to have client phone calls re-directed to their phone for 2 or 4 weeks at a time and to phone round for an available driver. You do not have to stay in. Clients will leave messages on your answer phone if you are out.

Please call me on 818510 to offer a little of your time to either or both of these important roles. I can also be reached on villagecareandlink@gmail.com. Just send your name and telephone number.

We desperately need your help.

Michael Page, Chairman

LEISURE MEMBERSHIP

Wiltshire Council have launched a 3 month leisure membership offer this summer to help people get fit without the commitment of a long term membership. Including unlimited fitness suite usage, a gym induction if required, swimming in public sessions and health suite usage (where available) this membership is available for £119.99, helping you to save over £20 on the equivalent monthly price. There are cheaper direct debit options available but with no contract and nothing more to pay each visit, this gives you a great way to work on your fitness, whatever your aims or goals through the summer.

For more information visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-promotions or drop into your nearest Wiltshire Council leisure centre.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

As members of the village hall committee are aware, we have appointed an architect to set out possible redevelopment plans for the building. Before doing so, we had discussed possible requirements and prepared a long brief highlighting the areas which might improve the building. It will not be cheap and will rely on obtaining suitable funding.

Any plans and suggestions must, and will be, shown to the whole village, and although this may be some months away, it is never too early, or indeed too late, to receive suggestions from the community as a whole. We are of course trying to create a building which can be widely used by the village, but at the same time can generate income to support that use. Whilst we consider that the main hall, with minor improvements, can create a first class facility, especially with the stage, other aspects of the building need significant upgrades. These could include a lounge/bar area leading off the hall, in turn with views towards Salisbury plain, a new and larger kitchen with significant catering facilities, completely new and upgraded toilets and a second meeting room, equipped specifically for commercial lettings.

You will note that these plans do not provide facilities for changing areas. We feel that this aspect, which generates little or no income for the hall, is not something which would justify a large capital input from us, especially as footballers, for example, could have access to capital from the football associations. Following consultations with the Parish council they have supported this view, but at the same time would be favourable disposed to any suggestions for freestanding developments put forward by footballers themselves. As we say, any plans would involve consultation with the community, and we would be showing those plans at a later date.

The second FoF (Friends on Friday) took place on the tenth of May, where the new projector system was demonstrated as we showed a series of old village photos. As last time, there was a good turn out, and the reception class from DAPS came, saw and conquered us with their singing and impressive behaviour. They were a delight. The next coffee/soup morning, free, is on June 7th. If you would like to come, but would find it difficult to get there, please contact us and we will arrange transport for you.

(Contact Michelle Duckworth Hall Manager on 07435046984)
Mike May, Chairman

West Lavington proposed residential housing off Lavington Lane

West Lavington's Neighbourhood Plan is wide-ranging and sets down a series of planning policies concerning the built environment, housing, economy, community facilities, the natural environment as well as non-use planning issues.

It further provides that the site, the preferred choice for residential development during previous public consultation, must be accompanied by a Masterplan in which views of the community are taken into account.

The opportunity to know those views arose on Monday, 20 May at the Village Hall when Gaiger Bros, owners of the site, afforded members of the community the opportunity to influence site design. With illustrative material and key consultants present to explain and answer questions, Gaigers displayed their draft Masterplan proposals for the site and invited feedback.

The proposals include:

- landscaping and open/central green space
- a new school drop off point and parking (intended to reduce Sandfield traffic movement and congestion)
- improved pedestrian links to Lavington School and Market Lavington with a safe Lavington Lane crossing point
- predominately small to medium sized family (1,2, and 3 bedroom) homes (72%)
- accessible properties for the less abled or flexible accommodation for down-sizing (11 dwellings)
- affordable housing, including shared ownership and rental, (30%).

Also highlighted was the potential level of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) available, if the Plan is accepted at referendum on 6th June, which would likely be in the region of £100,000 - £115,000.

Underlined as well, in Michael Gaiger's concluding words, is Gaiger's desire for a Lavington Lane access to the site, considering that access via Sandfield presents a serious safety issue in view of the additional vehicular traffic which would be created adjacent to the school.

The tremendous turn-out over the full three hours of the event and the evident desire of residents to be involved and play a part in shaping development of our two villages was very good to see. For that, very many thanks! And also to Michael and James Gaiger and their consultants for their highly professional and informative two-way consultation.

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The choir was sad that he had made that decision but did understand his reasons.

We couldn't let him go without a party to celebrate his massive contribution to the choir so we held a special evening of song and the famous 'potluck' supper.

A presentation of a photograph and an engraved silver Friendship Bowl was made and Yvonne gave a thank you speech from us all, highlighting the contribution made by Chris over the years.

We really hope that Chris will continue to be part of the choir in some way for years to come.

SUMMER CONCERT

Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert will be held on Friday July 5th at 7.30 in Market Lavington Community Hall.

Tickets £7 which will be on sale at Market Lavington PO and Devizes Books in June.

The programme will include music by Fauré and Mozart. Also, a selection of African and Motown songs.

Edington arts

MUSIC OF THE SPIRES

On Saturday 22nd June, Edington Priory Church will echo to the sound of one of the premier a capella choirs to have emerged onto the choral scene in the

past few years – SANSARA. Some of their number have been choristers in the Edington Music Festival.



The concert, which starts at 7.30pm, is part of the choir's 'Music of the Spires' series, based on some of the extraordinary music held in the Oxford University libraries. They will sing early music by Tallis and Sheppard, sections of the Missa Regali by Fayrfax, and will contrast and compliment these with contemporary compositions by Judith Weir and the young composer Marco Galvani. Marco is one of SANSARA's Associate Composers, and was commissioned by the Edington Music Festival to write 'Tantum Ergo' for the 60th festival in 2015. Some of you may recognise it -it's really exciting. Anyone who loves unaccompanied choral music should consider this concert a 'must see, must hear' event and secure your tickets soon. They are as always £20/15/10, with a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and free to 18 and unders. (If buying on the night you will need to add £2 per ticket.) Ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email sue@edingtonarts.org for tickets; more information about the choir is at

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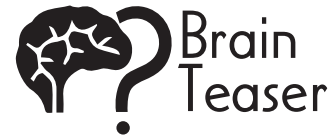
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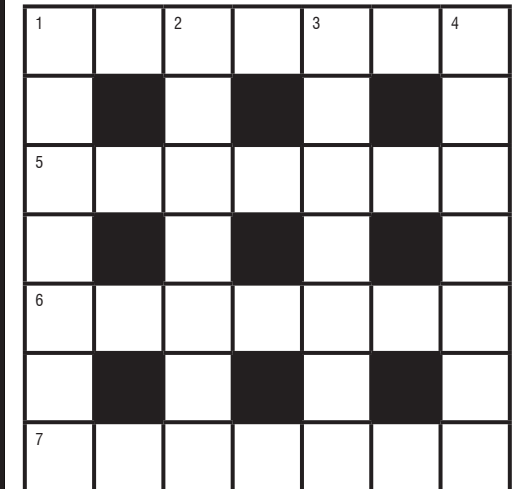
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There is a pack of cards numbered 1 - 60. If these cards are thoroughly shuffled, what is the likelihood that the first four cards dealt will be dealt in order of ascendancy?

Answers on Page 30

PUZZLES



Across

1. Procedure
5. Spire
6. Paradigm
7. At the end of each day

Down

1. Part between the fetlock and hoof
2. Gap
3. Make good use of
4. Part of a stage set

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Additional Rates: Kitchen Cooker - £5.00 Stage & Stage Lights - £10.00				

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

CANCELLATIONS

Please contact Michelle Duckworth, West Lavington Village Hall Manager in the event of a cancellation.
Please note that cancellations given with less than 48 hours notice, will still be charged.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is still very much in need of more Committee Members the role is not very demanding and you can contribute as much or as little as you wish. Contact me via the West Lavington Youth Club messaging on the Parish Council Website. We need you know!!

The Youth Club opening times are: Monday 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Thursday 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Friday 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Eric Freeman
 Chairman, West Lavington Youth Club Management Committee

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

It's flaming June! The phrase is redolent of the arrival of summer and gives the strong idea that the month will be dry and hot. In fact, that is often far from the case and some Junes have been noticeably wet. Farmers, I understand, like a spell of fine, sunny weather at this time of year so they can cut the grass for silage. But the grass won't grow unless there is some rain. Hence the old country saying, "June damp and warm does the farmer no harm".

Apart from the weather, what else could go wrong? Well, of course, there are always problems and some of them may rest with Wiltshire Council. If you have a problem in any of these areas, then go to MyWiltshire on the council's website and all will be resolved (probably):

- Highways and Street Scene issues
- Environmental Enforcement
- Trading Standards
- Car parks
- Weather emergencies
- Waste
- Fraud

Better still, if your rubbish or recycling has not been collected, please report the missed collection using the on line portal <https://ilforms.wiltshire.gov.uk/missed-collection/> form. If you report by noon of the day after the missed collection, then the contractor has to go back to collect the containers at no extra cost to the council.

And as far as Trading Standards is concerned, the Citizens Advice Consumer Service provides free, confidential and impartial advice for most consumer issues, energy and post complaints via their helpline (03454 040506) or their online service <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer>. The advice is:

- Get three quotes from different businesses for every major job you need doing – cheapest is not always best
- Get a written agreement on the work to be done – including materials that will be used and how long it will take as well as how much it will cost
- Don't hand over money upfront (although a small deposit is fine). Don't go for the tempting option of cash payments. Only make the final payment once you feel the job has been completed to your satisfaction. Make sure you receive an invoice for all agreed work.
- Traders who want to display the Buy With Confidence logo should go to www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

And Flaming June? It is actually a searingly colourful painting of 1895 by Frederick, Lord Leighton of a beautiful young woman drugged into sleep by the simmering heat of midsummer. I hope she will dream on!

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



What a difference a month makes.

cleaned the front of their properties or who helped out on the day. It makes such a difference and we hope to have further clean ups.

I took over as Chair of the Parish Council from Sandra Gamble on the 2nd May, with Cllr Steve Coxhead stepping in as Vice Chair from Mike May, the latter having done sterling work and remains a councillor.

On behalf of the Parish Council and the community, we would like to thank Sandra for the incredible amount of work that she put into her role as a councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council and especially for tirelessly driving forward the Neighbourhood Plan agenda which, if adopted, will shape the future of our Parish's developments in the coming years. We wish her and her husband Richard well.

You will see the notices, leaflets and banners around the parish to highlight the importance of voting in the **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum on June the 6th**. Voting will take place in the Village Hall from 7am to 10pm (that's if you have not already arranged a postal or proxy vote) **PLEASE VOTE!**

I am very much looking forward to leading our Parish Council and to reaching out to our communities to ensure that we truly represent the needs of parishioners.

I have lived in the village with my family for over 20 years and have really appreciated the excellence in our local educational provision, in our health care and in the wider services offered within the parish. Using the influence of the Parish Council and its limited funds we will be working on your behalf, to protect, develop and enhance our community, infrastructure and environment, for the benefit of all who live, work and visit our parish.

If you need information about the Parish Council, want to get in touch with us, or are interested in finding out about the history of the Parish or village organisations, including our parish diary, then do explore our website at www.westlavington.org.uk.

On a final note; thank you so much for the wonderful work that our volunteers do, in so many ways throughout our communities, which goes a long way towards making this a better place to live, work and visit.

More from me next month which I expect will include yet another reminder to the small number of dog owners who still seem to be unaware of the impact that not cleaning up after a dog can have on crops, livestock and the environment, but maybe if we are really lucky, I won't have to!

Bridget Herniman, Chair

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.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on 1st May 2019 in Little Cheverell Village Hall.

This is a summary of the business at both meetings. The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village and on the website <http://www.kennetcommunityweb.com/site/Little-Cheverell-Parish-Council/>

Annual Parish Meeting

The evening began with an informal gathering, which gave village residents a chance to chat to councillors and to enjoy a drink with them.

The Parish Council was delighted that 12 members of the public came to this part of the evening and stayed to contribute to the Public Forum.

1. Wesley Parfitt was elected chair for 2019-2020 and Sue Ivey was elected vice chair. Other councillors will fill the following posts: Dennis Heather - Responsible Financial Officer, Wesley Parfitt- Clerk and Sue Ivey will provide liaison for the Parish Steward scheme.
2. Issues raised during the public forum related to speeding along the B3098 where the speed limit is 40mph and ways to address this. The possibility of signs along School Lane, emphasising that the road is used by adults with children. The clearance, a couple of times a year, of the build-up of mud down the centre of School Lane caused by badgers.
3. Kathryn Rodgers submitted the Village Hall Trustees' Annual Report for the year up to May 2019
4. The chair gave his annual report for the year 2018-2019.

Parish Council Meeting

1. B3098 – The Council will attempt to set up a Community Speed Watch group but it will need volunteers. The Chairman has twice reported the damaged 40 mph sign to MyWiltshire. The councillors all favoured a Speed Activated Sign to be placed on the approach to Little Cheverell from the Erlestoke direction.
2. Defibrillator refresher training is to be held on Wednesday October 16th at 7pm in the Village Hall.
3. HGVs in Low Road – please can people note down the registrations of any HGVs that use Low Road, and then send them to the Chairman littlecheverellparishcouncil@gmail.com
4. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Please do come along to the public forum which is item 3 on the agenda to help the councillors focus on what is important to Little Cheverell residents

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Hello all,

This month has been a busy one for us all. At the Annual Parish Meeting, I was successfully appointed as Chair for a second year. Additionally, we have completed, and comply with, the legal requirements regarding our accounts and all is in order.

Moving forward, we have several things in the pipeline I would like to make you aware of. Firstly, the extension to the park is now coming to the stage where we will vote on the final product and look to get funding. I would invite anyone to get in touch if you would like a say in what we choose or how we implement it.

As requested, we have also re-investigated the possibility of getting a defibrillator in our village. When we looked a few years ago, the price was not stainable with the limited funds we had. However, I am now pleased to say that the cost has come down considerably and we are now pushing forward to having a defibrillator installed within the next few months.

You will also be pleased to know that we have now received the planning application for the works on The Bell Inn; this is for the village shop to move to the garage under the pub. We will be discussing this at the next Parish Council meeting held at the Pavilion on Monday 3rd June 19 at 7:30pm. Please come along if you have any comments you would like us to consider.

I have been made aware of the issue with dog mess on Green Lane (this is the most prolific area for it). I would kindly ask all dog owners to please pick up after your dogs! Our villagers have a right to live in a clean and safe environment so please, don't be lazy, it takes no time at all to clean up after your dog! Additionally, it's not Christmas and the bushes and trees don't need poo bag decorations; these can be extremely harmful to horses and other wildlife. They can be safely deposited in dedicated bins or your own bins.

I would like to thank everyone who has provided feedback and reported issues to us, and I hope we will continue to make our village a better place for all. If you have any questions or would like more information on what's been happening in our village, please head to the website. We are here to support you and without your feedback we can only maintain, not improve!

Until next time.

Andrew Alexander, Chair

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.



SUMMER TERM starts **Sunday 28th APRIL 2019** and includes 7 Sunday swims and 9 Tuesday swims.

The last swim being Tuesday 2nd July.

No swim on 5th May 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



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Wow, what a busy time we have been having here at Lavington Pre-school since Easter! On the children's suggestion we have been focusing our activities on dinosaurs and mini beasts. The children have been fascinated by the arrival of some caterpillars which then cocooned, and we have watched and talked about each stage of their development. We have made dinosaur fossils with clay, visited the mobile library looking for books about dinosaurs and we have been measuring and comparing different dinosaur sizes and comparing dinosaur bones.

Later in the term we switched our focus from dinosaurs to mini beasts. We were able to set our hatched butterflies free on a lovely sunny day, letting them fly off into the wild. We have made some ladybirds in our craft corner using our sticking and gluing skills and we have been digging in the mud in our garden and mud kitchen looking for any little bugs we can find.

This term the children have been really busy collecting in their sponsorship money for their Easter Trike Ride, the children cycled their socks off around the playground and raised an outstanding £488, we would like to thank all the children and their families and friends who have worked so hard to raise this money for our Pre-school. We will be using the money raised to improve our garden equipment, to enhance our outside experience and increase activity opportunities for everyone.

It has been an action-packed term that all the children and staff have enjoyed. In Term 6 the children who are preparing for school will be having lots of induction visits to familiarise themselves with their new chosen setting. We will also be practising for our Sports Day and Leaver's Graduation Ceremony at the end of term on Friday 19th July, we cannot believe how quickly this time of year comes around! As always we will be holding a Summer Raffle on our last day of the school year, tickets will be available to buy in advance, so please let us know if you would like some.

TOP TIP:

Our Top Tip for this week is from Mathematics: Numbers in the EYFS, 30-50 months "As you read number stories or rhymes, ask e.g. When one more frog jumps in, how many will there be in the pool together?"

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 for the full 30 hours funding. 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>

If you would like to find out more information about us please visit our website www.lavingtonpreschool.co.uk or contact our Manager, Julie Langlands, on (01380) 812551 or Email: managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com
We would love to hear from you.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Residential Trips

All our children from Year 3 upwards are given the opportunity to go on a residential trip at some point in the year. At the end of this half term, the children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be going to the Forest of Dean for a residential trip. They will take part in caving, climbing, orienteering, the Leap of Faith and many other great outdoor activities. This is a chance for them to test themselves, to gain independence and to learn more about working as a team. The trips are great fun.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

We are fortunate to have a wonderful PFA at our school – a team of volunteers who aim to enrich the experience of our children and their education. As well as great fund raising events such as the Quiz evening, Christmas Fayre and Summer Fayre, they also organise the school Disco, help with Pancake races and Sports day, support with refreshments at school performances and much more. Joining the PFA helps our parents to become part of a warm and supportive community.

Creative Curriculum

We make sure that children really enjoy their learning as much as possible. They are taken on many trips each year, have many great visitors and engage in exciting topics and themes for their learning. Children in Year3/Year 4 have recently been on a trip to Devizes to find out more about the English Civil War (their topic for this term). Whilst in Devizes, they also carried out a traffic survey and a survey of the population of Devizes. They have used lots of maths skills, history and geography skills and literacy skills as they have completed this work.

Music Concert

Our very popular Summer Music concert takes place this term, with the children dressing in best clothes and performing both solo and ensemble work. We have very talented musicians in our school and the performances are always excellent. We are, as ever, very grateful to the Edington Station Yard trustees who provide a generous donation each year to help us keep the standard of music high, with both curriculum work and peripatetic music teachers supporting music making.

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)



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

When your Year 6 class smile and laugh their way through their SATS week you know that you have done something right. It may have been the delicious breakfast that was served to them every day as a team, it may have been the support they felt from the whole school community, it may have been the calm confidence they felt that their best was what we were looking for or it may have been the afternoons of outdoor learning. Whatever it was,

in the times when the papers are full of frightening statistics about children's poor mental health and the huge pressure put on them to perform – We feel really proud that our pupils approached their SATS in a calm, relaxed and purposeful manner wanting to do their very best but also knowing that the SATS measure their competence in Reading, Writing and Maths. They don't measure how resilient, kind and compassionate our pupils are, how inquisitive, brave and thoughtful they are or how well they sing, draw and create as well as perform and compete in a huge variety of sports.

My Year 2 class, last year, hatched 4 delightful chicks who have grown into four very different chickens. Two are large and two are small and the eggs look very different too. We have pupils who every day, go to collect the eggs in anticipation waiting to see how many there are. Last week, to the surprise of all we had an egg the size of a Cadbury's mini egg! It was tiny and the excited chatter goes on about who could have laid it. Thank you to our Year 2 team for looking after the chickens so well.

Buddy, our school dog is now ten months old and has surprised us all with his calm and gentle nature – despite being a puppy! The pupils love to see him around school and take him for walks; he has even been to story club where the pupils in KS1 read to him and shared their story telling skills.

After the half term break our Year 6 class are off to Devon for a week's residential, where they will experience mountain boarding, surfing, high ropes and all sorts of challenges that really push them out of their comfort zone. Grit and determination are life skills and what a way to further develop them being away from home, experiencing new activities and conquering fears! Our Year 4 class are also off on their residential, which is three days, in Wales. For some of our pupils it will be the first time they are away from home and the first time they have to make their own bed! Putting on pillow cases and duvet covers can be rather tricky when you are 8 and 9...but they use their resilience and manage it in the end. It's a wonderful opportunity and they always come back ten feet tall from pride in all that they have achieved.

Having enjoyed the fun and success of the Urchfont and Keevil Scarecrow trails we are excitedly planning ours ready for September so watch this space for the dates, times and themes!

If you would like to see for yourself what happens at DAPS and think that your child would like to attend our vibrant school then please do get in touch. Our website also has information that could help you find out more. www.daps.wilts.sch.uk

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher

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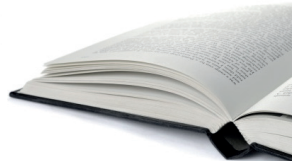
2:15 - 4:00pm

Additional Information

Please contact Jo Perkins on 07936278533 or Liz 01380 812249 if you have any questions.

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOKMARK

As a change from reading novels, this month, we read a factual account by John Steinbeck entitled "Travels with Charley- in search of America".



In 1960, John Steinbeck, having spent many years in Europe, set out to rediscover his home land. He left his wife at home in Maine and, with their French poodle, started a journey across America, avoiding the major towns and cities, to discover what changes might have occurred in the previous thirty years. He was very familiar with England for he noted that houses in Deer Island, Maine were similar to those in Lyme Regis and that people had a West Country style accent. He notes the depopulation of the country side and on his travels laments the loss of regional speech and idiom, language was becoming standardized. Steinbeck gives a vivid picture of small town rural America, its landscapes, weather and the varied characters he encounters-such as the actor who tours constantly giving readings where ever he can of the Seven Ages of Man.

Charley, his constant companion, is both a watchdog (who is frightened of a bear in Yellowstone Park) and a diplomat (who breaks the ice with many people). Taken ill, Charley is nearly killed by an incompetent elderly vet but is saved by treatment from a young vet in Texas.

Steinbeck arrives in New Orleans at the time of the integration battle when two little black girls are escorted by National Guardsmen to a white school. He is so appalled by the demonstrations and the reactions of the local people towards the coloured population that he cuts his trip short and he returns to his home in Maine.

We all enjoyed this book and, if you have only read his novels, do read this and learn about Steinbeck and America in the early sixties.

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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At our meeting on Monday, 13th May, Caroline Spindlow, one of our members, gave a fascinating talk about "What it's like to be an Ordinand". Caroline is halfway

through her two year training for ordination. She told us all about the highs, lows and challenges encountered in the journey to ordination. We wish her all the very best in her final year as she looks forward to being ordained next year in July 2020.

Sandra Gamble gave us further information about the two Mothers' Union Diocesan partnership projects our Branch had agreed to support. The MU is now in formal partnership with Spurgeons which is a children's charity. The project consists of making up bundles of baby items for new mothers leaving hospital with nothing. The MU Branch puts together a so-called "Bundle" with baby items contributed from members.

The other project is the Clewer Initiative. The Clewer Sisters were an Anglican Augustinian Order of Nuns, established in 1852 at a Convent in Berkshire. Their role was to support vulnerable women caught up in trafficking and prostitution. When the Convent was sold the proceeds were used to continue their work. This now includes modern day slavery in the UK. The MU is now in an official partnership with Clewer and our role is to raise awareness about incidences of slavery within our communities and assist in reporting them to the authorities via a helpline. There are more than 136,000 potential victims of modern slavery in the UK! Further information can be found on their website: www.theclewerinitiative.org or the MU website: www.mothersunion.org Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 10th June at 2.15pm at the home of Jeannie Gye, by her kind invitation, 76, High Street, Littleton Panell. Our Guest Speaker will be Anji Scofield who will be talking about her walk so far on the Comina de Santiago.

Val Noviss, Branch Secretary



WEST LAVINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our final event before some of us visit St Pierre in June was a "Dingbats" evening with our AGM. This was very successful, and we were the first to use the new electrically operated screen and projector at WL Village Hall.

Our next scheduled event will be in September 13th and will be a Latin American evening. This is followed on 9th November with a forties evening. Period dress would be welcome!

Membership rates per year are:

£10 per person (£8 for over 60s) or

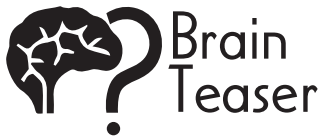
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To join simply email lpandwltwinning@gmail.com with your name and telephone number and we will contact you.

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

Crossword and Brain Teaser Solution



1 in 24!

There are 24 ways 1-2-3-4 can fall, only one of which is in ascending order.

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E	P	I	T	O	M	E
R		N		I		R
N	I	G	H	T	L	Y



As country dwellers we live alongside a wide range of wildlife. As gardeners we can sometimes get exasperated when things get grazed or uprooted. During our May meeting, our speaker, Beth Morillo-Hall encouraged us to find out what wildlife visited our

gardens and she gave us some hints on how to encourage or discourage certain species. She also pointed out that we have some legal responsibilities concerning protected species that might be found in our gardens.

Beth moved to the area recently and joined our garden club in the hope of learning more about gardening. An animal behaviour biologist by training, Beth began to keep records of the local wildlife for her own interest and also to give to local and national wildlife groups. She told us that knowing what wildlife is in and visiting our gardens is a first step toward planning how to coexist with the current incumbents or to encourage a wider variety. To test our knowledge she had designed a fun quiz. We had to identify birds and mammals by sound, footprints, faeces and other clues.

Beth said that we can encourage wildlife by what we plant in the garden. For example, if we plant hawthorn and hazel, moths will lay their eggs on these bushes and their caterpillars will drop to the ground and provide a food source for hedgehogs. Having a pond will help to encourage frogs, toads and newts. Having a succession of flowering plants will encourage butterflies and bees. And we can also discourage some wildlife simply by planting things that they do not like to eat. Sources of information on what to plant to encourage or discourage are plant catalogues, gardening organisations and wildlife organisations.

Beth gave us some warnings about protected species such as slow worms, bats, crested newts and crayfish. Sometimes they are protected because they are rare or because they are important in the life cycle of another species. The penalties for illegally trapping or removing certain species are very high so it is always worth doing your homework. As an example of what could get you into trouble locally, Beth pointed out that you need a licence to capture crayfish in the local stream. The licence does not cost anything but, without one, the fines are huge. When you get a licence you have to agree to certain rules, including keeping and submitting records. Perhaps it came about as a way to monitor the progress of the invasive signal crayfish in our waterways.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 June. Weather permitting, we will be visiting a number of local gardens. As there will be some uneven surfaces please wear suitable footwear. Meet at Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.00pm.

On Tuesday 9 July we will have a visit to a Potterne based business which supplies flowers to local florists. Here you will have a chance to look round and to create your own posy. There will be an earlier than usual start time of 6.30pm.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

On 11th May we officially saw the opening of the renovated Northbrook clubhouse and we celebrated with a club sponsored run, fun day and football matches against Aster who helped drive the renovation. Many thanks to all who came along and also who sponsored a Badger in the run.

The season is heading towards the end of leagues and into tournaments. A number of our teams throughout the ages will participate in these

various festivals.

Our end of season presentations will be taking place on Saturday 29th June at Lavington Community Hall, followed by the Badger Bash for all to come along and enjoy.

At the time of writing, we have a number of team successes to announce. The U9 team and the U11 Badgers teams have both reach the end of season cup finals. The U12 Wizards have won their league. The U13 team finished 2nd in their league and the mens team finished as League Winners in the Chippenham and District League.

Our Badgers Cubs are still enjoying their football and we are opening that up for people to come and try free for a couple of weeks, so if interested in coming along and trying, contact Dave Kiddle.

Calling all girls and Ladies, the club are working closely with Lavington Ladies to try to introduce more girls and ladies to the sport. The Ladies team is mixed ability and enjoy playing purely for fun, next season they will meet on Sunday afternoons for fun training and occasional matches. If this stirs your interest in trying out Ladies football, then please contact Emma below.

We will be looking to increase girl numbers in teams throughout the club next season so watch for initiatives that may run to help do that.

Teams are always looking for more parents to get involved with helping teams in supporting roles or in coaching roles, the club will enable training for those who wish to get involved. Please speak to your managers to help support them.

Teams are looking out for sponsors so if interested in publicity by sponsoring a team then contact Dave. If any companies would be interested in advertising at Davis Field then please contact Dave.

Contacts

Badger Cubs – Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U7/8/U11 – Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U9 and U10 – Sharon Black 01380 818193

U12 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781

U13 – Neil Black – 01380 818193

U16 – Jake Davis – 07741 306303

U17/18 – Debs Minty – 07877 361470

Adults – Pete Drew – 07885 527546

Lavington Ladies – Emma Cheetham 07733 294440

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TRINITY CHURCH , MARKET LAVINGTON

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

Services for JUNE:

Sunday 2nd June at 10.30am - Jeannie MacMeekin

Sunday 9th June at 11am - United Service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton

Sunday 16th June at 10.30am - Father's Day - Revd. Maree Farrimond

Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am - John Saunders

Sunday 30th June at 10.30am - We join with St Andrews Church, Devizes, for a sector service led by Revd. Gerald English

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Brenda Mary MARCH of Market Lavington died on 8th April 2019, aged 71 years. A private service at the crematorium was followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington on Friday 3rd May 2019.

William George Valentine HALL of Clyffe Hall, Market Lavington died on 25th April 2019, aged 79 years. His funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington was held on Wednesday 8th May 2019.

BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The May numbers were drawn by last month's winner, Stephen Brown from Little Cheverell. First prize for May was won by Caroline Spindlow of West Lavington and second prize goes to Linda Alcock who lives in Great Cheverell.

I have an apology to Stephen Brown when I said in last month's issue that he lived in Market Lavington. This leads me to a huge thank you to Jack of the famous Roses the Butcher who returned the prize money and saved my bacon! Oooops! and thank you so much Jack.

Thank You, Bonnie Matters
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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Fellowship

The last bedtime story book I read to my children before they decided they were too old for that kind of thing was *The Hobbit*, by J. R. R. Tolkien. You may well have read it yourself, or at least seen Peter Jackson's film trilogy based on the book. I don't think the *Hobbit* movies were anywhere near as good as the earlier *Lord of the Rings* series, but there we are. Back last month the wife and I went to see *Tolkien* the biopic based on the author's early life. It showed how Tolkien's life experiences helped to inspire the fictional writings for which he became justly famous.

Tolkien was involved in the Battle of the Somme. The film gives glimpses of how the horrors of war helped fuel Tolkien's imagination as he depicted the tremendous battle scenes featured in *The Lord of the Rings*. Who can forget the epic battles of Helm's Deep and Pelennor Fields realised in Peter Jackson's films? In the biopic, German flamethrowers become fire breathing dragons. Knights in armour emerge out of the haze of yellow mustard gas.

A theme in Tolkien's writings is the importance of friendship. Samwise Gamgee stuck loyally by Frodo Baggins as the Hobbit set out to destroy the Ring at Mount Doom. They were part of a larger 'Fellowship of the Ring'. As the biopic reveals, the author was orphaned as a boy. His education was overseen by a Roman Catholic priest, who ensured he got into a good school in Birmingham. There Tolkien formed close friendships with three other boys. Together they were going to change the world and believed their close knit 'fellowship' could never be broken.

Two of the school friends went to Oxford University (Tolkien included), and two to Cambridge. Days of study were brought to a halt by the outbreak of World War One. The war tested Tolkien's boyhood friendships to destruction. Accompanied by his loyal batman, Private Sam Hodges, Lieutenant Tolkien set out across the trenches in search of his poetically minded pal, Geoffrey Bache Smith. Sadly, Tolkien's quest was in vain. His friend was killed at the Somme.

After the war Tolkien became an Oxford don. Together with C. S. Lewis, he formed the 'Inklings' literary discussion group. Members used the group to try out their developing writing projects, including *The Lord of the Rings*. Again, we find Tolkien's writings inspired by deep friendship. I sometimes wonder whether the whole idea of friendship has been cheapened by social media. We may have hundreds of 'friends' on Facebook, but how many of them could we turn to for help in time of need? There is little genuine fellowship on Facebook. In fact, people are often nastier to each other on 'social media' than they would be in real life.

In his life and writings J. R. R. Tolkien bears witness to the fellowship shared by genuine friends. We need that today. People sometimes say, 'You don't have to go to church to be a Christian'. In some ways that is true. In others it is profoundly mistaken. Those who follow Jesus also belong to his people. Christians meet together for teaching and also to grow in fellowship together. True friendship involves sharing our lives with others and calls for costly, self-giving love. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you....These things I command you, so that you will love one another." (John 15:13-14, 17). You can't do that in glorious isolation. Believers belong to the 'Fellowship of the King'.

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