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August Reflection

Even as the green herb

A tumble-dried July morning: damply warm and the lawn skipping with frogs. Reminded of Kipling's line about the 'toad beneath the harrow' (which I only know from Wodehouse, as Bertie Wooster's exclamation of his woes to an unmoved Jeeves). I nevertheless feel the need to mow - not merely because our small meadow has grown its own lockdown thatch, but to find personal pasture.

For such a noisy task, I have always found mowing the grass an ideal aid to reflection. This is partly because doing so brings me close to my remembered father. The smell of four-star slugging into an old Mountfield, its snarling start-up (after several sweaty tugs on the recoil cord) and a gardening jacket itched with clippings: these things ground me. somehow.

The work is also both simple and manual enough to distract my usual preoccupations, thereby affording a little everyday reverie. The same is true, I found, when you use more traditional means of subduing the earth. In April, faced with a knee-high field - so close to the River Kennet it had remained waterlogged throughout our soggy winter - my son and I borrowed an antique scythe, our only option. Double-handed, with a twisted shaft and clawing two-and-a-half foot blade, this tool is the means by which, over count-less centuries, teams of mowers would rock themselves into cider-quenched oblivion.

Our years, we are reminded by the Psalmist, 'fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered'. Alarmingly, this lease of life is pictured under the scythe of God's wrath, as a spur to our more profitable labour. I have read these lines - with their evergreen hook, "the days of our age are threescore years and ten", at untold funerals, sparing mourners the more blade-like words, as a stake or bid on salvation by grace alone.

Death, wrote Hilaire Belloc, a century ago, in his flawless essay, The Mowing of a Field, should be represented with a scythe and time with a sickle - for time is about the reaping of something ripe, whereas death 'comes always too soon', as hay is best caught and cut just ahead of readiness. It's a grim enough thought, but the monotonous swing of scything is described by Belloc as a kind of liturgy or mantra - its labour enabling the mower to rise above life's brevity:

"In this mowing should be like one's prayers - all of a sort and always the same, and so made that you can establish a monotony and work them, as it were, with half your mind: that happier half, the half that does not bother"

A rotary lawnmower requires far less art, of course - and more manhandling - but still allows me to hover away for an hour or so: hauled back, like a memory.

Andrew Rumsev – Bishop of Ramsburv

Calendar of Services - August 2020 The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton Market Little Date West Lavington Easterton **Great Cheverell** Lavington Cheverell

Church Services and meetings have been suspended

during the current Conoravirus Crisis. Bishop Nicholas has written to the Diocese in light of the latest guidance from the Archbishops that all public worship has been suspended.

"We are not stopping church, we are not closing anything, we ARE saying 'church is changing'." Bishop Nicholas said:

"The headline is that public worship will have to stop for the time being."

Church is changing. "Our usual pattern of Sunday services and other midweek gatherings must be put on hold. This is with immediate effect.

"Our churches will remain open for prayer." Anyone who would like prayer for any reason or situation should call Rev Marion Harrison 01380 816963 or email lavingtonrector@gmail.com.

The Bishop said:

"Buildings can stay open. We are not stopping church, we are not closing anything, we ARE saying 'church is changing'.

CHURCHWARDENS

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

Robert Giles (813256) Andy Jenkinson & Pauline Jenkinson (813775) Peregrine Rawlins (816318)

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

VILLAGE LINK West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell **Important Notice**

It is with much regret that we have had to suspend our services driving people to hospital appointments etc...

Our volunteer drivers are nearly all over 70 and so vulnerable to the virus.

We are hoping soon to be able to use the services of RVS who have a wider pool of volunteers, but the facility is not yet fully functional. This facility is being organised by Link, to whom I am very grateful.

As soon as the RVS facility has been finalised I shall announce it in News and Views and on the Parish Council website.

Do keep in touch via 816826.

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

As you will all appreciate, the Village Hall, like many other activities, was forced to close completely at the end of March, and we hope that government announcements will enable us to begin work to reopen at the end of July. Our current plan is that by the time you read this, partial reopening may have taken place, but the need for safe and secure processes is essential.

This has been such a set-back for the village and for the village hall, just at a time when we were beginning to build up a number of new and interesting hire customers, and starting a range of social events for the village to enjoy. We will have to start from square one and rebuild on all that hard work which the Hall manager has put in over the past eighteen months. Fortunately, we were able to furlough staff, and even more fortunately obtain a significant small business grant to cover all costs and charges during the lock down. Village halls run by charities qualified as a leisure and tourism business and this money will enable us to restart on an even financial keel.

& Information In the meantime, please will all of you keep very safe, we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible when things improve.

Mike May, Chair

STOP PRESS!! West Lavington Village Hall

We can now confirm that the village hall will re-open properly on September 1st, News albeit with a wide range of conditions in place to allow for Covid restrictions.

HELP REQUIRED

Two Carers required to support an elderly couple in their own home in the local area. For more information and discuss requirements, please telephone 07956 468450 or 07940 555624.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Saturday 12th September 202018 Market Lavington Community Hall, 10am – 12pm

As a result of Covid-19 we have unfortunately had to amend our plans for this year's Macmillan coffee morning. This year's event will be slightly different...

Our proposal is to hold a cake and produce stall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Alongside this there will be a "Just Giving" page where we would appreciate any donation, however big or small! Any donations for the cake & produce stall will also be greatly appreciated.

Further details will be issued in September's parish magazine.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Sally Hale on 01380 813708.

LIFE IN LOCKDOWN: WEST LAVINGTON 2020

We are living through some very strange times, and historians in the future will no doubt research this event and its effect on the people living through it. With this in mind, I have been keeping a diary since the lockdown began and some people from the village have also been contributing articles and diaries of their experiences of the lockdown. Unfortunately, because of the lockdown, I was unable to reach most of you to seek more contributors.

Volume One of the diary, which covers the period to 11th May, is now available on Amazon.co.uk. The book is called "Life in Lockdown: West Lavington 2020" and you will find it under my name, Lyn Dyson. There are two versions available. The colour version is £22.75, but there is also a black and white version at £10. I am hoping the black and white version will be available at Devizes Books when I am brave enough to get out and deliver it after shielding for so long! All profits from these books will go to West Lavington Youth Club.

I am working on Volume Two of the diary, which covers the period after 11th May as hopefully, we slowly return to something like normal.

If you would like to send any articles or photos for Volume Two, please let me know. I am still interested in hearing how you were affected by the lockdown, how you passed your time and dealt with difficulties, and how you are dealing with the changes and relaxations as they occur. We are all making history and this is an opportunity for you to record your part in it.

Stay safe and well!

Lvn Dvson 01380 813943 e-mail lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

Information for householders with the Semington Brook or other watercourses running through their land

As a result of an enquiry, the following Information from the Environment Agency (EA) particularly regarding the stream (Semington Brook) which runs from the Warren in the south of West Lavington parish to Woodbridge and beyond in the north towards Worton, may be helpful especially for keeping the waterway clear and reducing the risk of local flooding.

From the Warren to this point it is classified as an ordinary watercourse and is not regulated by the EA. The Brook is classified as a main river from just south of Rickbarton in Church Street.

The Environment Agency regulates main rivers and has permissive powers to carry out works, but is not 'responsible' for maintaining watercourses. That responsibility lies with the riparian owners.

If you are one of the riparian landowners and have the brook running through your garden this link might be helpful https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse and EA permission is required for certain activities, so please see: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits

The cutting of vegetation doesn't require a FRA Permit from the EA, however, if the amount of vegetation is significant and / or the situation is of concern, please report it via the incident line Blandford.frap@environment-agency.gov.uk

With regard to weed cutting, although a FRA Permit would not be required, please note:

- Cut vegetation should be removed from the channel, not left to float off downstream where it can cause blockages especially at the local road bridges and pollution.
- In-channel and bankside vegetation forms a vital part of the river ecology and should not be removed entirely, but cut sympathetically if it does need to be cut (a guidance note for your information is available from the parish council: email clerk@westlavington.org.uk).
- Any cut weed should be left on the bank for 24 hrs, to allow invertebrates to return to the channel, and then appropriately disposed of away from the channel.
- The removal of any other material (apart from litter, fallen trees, etc) from the bed or banks of a main river channel would require a FRA Permission from the EA.

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WEEDCUTTING FOR WILDLIFE Best Management Practice For Weedcutting

The fringe of vegetation on either side of a river and the in-channel vegetation of a river is extremely important to a whole range of species. A river with a varied channel profile provides different habitats suitable for a variety of water plants, invertebrates and fish. Margins and banks provide additional refuges for insects and cover for fish. Mammals such as the water vole are particularly dependent upon this habitat.

Best Practice:

- Cut only one bank a year. When cutting in-channel weed retain the roots with at least 100mm of shoot attached.
- Leave a fringe of vegetation untouched at the water's edge.
- Cut vegetation in a patchwork of alternating strips no greater than 50m long in a 2 or 3 year rotation.
- If there is no need to cut at ground level, set the cutting height to the highest possible setting. A cutting height of 15cm will ensure water voles are left some cover.
- For in channel cutting use of a machine that is appropriate to the channel size is important. Using a machine that is too large for the channel may result in accidental dredging of the river bed and removal of plant roots. Cutting by hand may be considered as a sensitive option for small streams and ditches.
- Walking in an upstream direction as you cut allows fragments of weed and associated invertebrates to drift downstream and re-colonise.
- Where large amounts of weed (and silt) are removed from the channel, it needs to be temporarily deposited next to the river bank to enable invertebrates to crawl back to the river (at least 48 hours). However, cut weed should not be left to decompose on the riverbank because it can smother out bankside vegetation and the liquors produced can pollute the water.
- Consider the timing of vegetation management. Cutting too-early can stimulate a vigorous re-growth of weed causing further hindrance. Ideally, cut submergent weed in the summer and cut emergent and bank vegetation in late autumn.





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LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS

Resting in Peace in West Lavington Volume One (£8.50)

I have been catching up with some long-term projects as well as starting new ones. This book was started 10-15 years ago when Terry O'Flynn and I conducted a survey of the closed churchyard and identified the people in the legible tombs. Sadly, some of the tombs had already eroded so much that in spite of using a variety of methods to try to read them, including using a torch on dark nights to highlight any lettering, we were unable to identify them. However, I have researched those people we have been able to identify, and biographical details are recorded in this book. This book also includes details of the memorials inside the church, and people listed on a survey of the churchyard performed before the majority of the headstones were removed. Volume 2 is almost completed and that will cover the new churchyard.

Life in Lockdown: West Lavington 2020 (colour edition £25.50; black & white £10)

This is a history book for the future. We are living through strange times, and this book records the experiences of people living in West Lavington and the surrounding area during the lockdown. There are lots of photographs making the colour edition an enhanced record, but the black and white edition is a more economical purchase.

If you would be interested in contributing a report of your lockdown experiences for volume 2, which is already well in progress, please get in touch with me.

These books are available on Amazon.co.uk and will hopefully be available from Devizes Books. I am still in social isolation, but if you would like either of these books but have difficulty getting one, I can order one for you, if you can collect it whilst we socially distance!

All profits from these books will go to West Lavington Youth Club. Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 e-mail: lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk



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Hike the Height of Everest – Virtual Challenge We made it!

The Virtual Summit of Everest was reached on the evening of 30th June 2020. Nepalese prayer flags flew high in the wind to greet the team's success, as we made it finally, to the top.

Through the month of June, the Nestling Trust's 'High Hopes'

team each scaled Strawberry Hill 145 times. Day after day local dog walkers/joggers and supporters encouraged and cheered us on our way. In New Zealand, team members, including four children aged 8 -11yrs, scaled Rangitoto a volcanic mountain and surrounding hills, all to reach the height of 8848 metres, the summit of Everest!

This was a great challenge with a great purpose – to raise funds to help provide Health posts in the vulnerable communities of Nepal with PPE and medical supplies to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. At a time when thousands of migrant workers are returning to their villages having lost jobs in India, China and the Gulf states due to 'lockdown' the risk of transmission of the virus is extremely high. Soap and handwashing equipment is also desperately needed as is rice and lentils for those families without work who now face hunger.

The Nestling Trust wishes to thank the whole team for their determination and effort, it was a great achievement.

The amount raised has surpassed our 'highest hopes'. \pounds 8022 has been donated which is a fantastic result, The Nestling Trust sincerely thanks everyone who has so generously responded to help with this vital work and the huge need. We are immensely grateful to all who have taken part in this remarkable challenge, all those who have supported us along the way, and to those who have donated, your generosity will help save lives.

Thank you,

Sue Hamblin For more information about the work of the Nestling Trust check out our website: www.nestlingtrust.co.uk





LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

On Thursday 9th July, we Zoomed together for the sixteenth time, and it was the final session before the summer break. These Zoom singalongs have been the high spot of the week for

many choir members, providing an opportunity to chat with friends during lockdown. This last gathering was a celebration of the success of the venture. We sang 14 songs from our Zoom LCC repertoire plus three from 'The Pied Piper' which we should have been performing in a major concert on Friday 10th July. We none of us know when we shall be able to sing together at the Community Hall or when we shall be able to perform this cantata but as soon as we're given the go ahead then 'We'll Meet Again' as Vera would say.

For more information please contact pboyagis@gmail.com



Edington Festival Online

We now have the outline for the Edington online festival. Its aim is to bring a little bit of Edington Festival magic to everyone, and to celebrate the

festival's key themes - liturgy, music and friendship.

Over the course of the festival dates, August 23-30, the festival will be releasing a series of videos which will feature music from previous festivals, (all the way back to 1966!) alongside newly-recorded prayers, liturgical reflections from the clergy team, and voluntaries from the festival organists. BBC Radio 3 will broadcast the archived Evensong from 2015 on Wednesday 26th at 3.30pm, and this will be followed at 8, as usual, by some light-hearted contributions from Ben Sawyer and his trusty singers. The week will finish in grand style with a very special recording of the traditional finale, the Parsons Ave Maria, featuring regular participants and some special guests.

The programme for the week, which starts with Compline at 9.15 on Sunday 23rd, is up on the festival website, www.edingtonfestival.org . Music details will be added when confirmed.

CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE

Carer Support Wiltshire, the charity that supports unpaid carers in Wiltshire, has launched a 'Time for Carers Appeal' to raise money that will allow carers to take a break.

Carers often struggle to find time for themselves: for hobbies and to socialise with others. They may not be able to leave the person they look after on their own at home, or they feel guilty taking time to enjoy themselves. Many have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as the closure of day centres and other groups have meant they are caring more than ever, in more difficult circumstances with little or no support.

Research shows that 40% of carers haven't taken a day off from their caring role in over a year. Yet taking regular breaks has been shown to be the most effective way to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and promote good mental health.

Previous appeals have enabled all sorts of breaks, by providing cinema memberships, climbing sessions, spa days and counselling sessions. It has also been used to pay for respite care.

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for individuals, businesses and local groups to help to raise funds for the appeal or to donate. More information can be found at carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers.

FRONT COVERS

We are always on the lookout for eyecatching photographs for the front cover This month's front cover is Lindos. of News & Views, with the focus being During the lockdown, Lindos was grazing on local people engaged in local events or clubs. We print our front covers four months at a time.

dpi and CMYK colour.

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THIS MONTH'S FRONT COVER

in the paddock behind Wyneshore house which overlooks the road and the Alms houses in West Lavington. He was a great They need to be portrait, hi resolution 300 source of amusement and entertainment for residents as he spent a lot of time If you can help, please e-mail them to standing under the huge copper beech tree. He could regularly be seen by residents of the Alms Houses and Dauntsey's care home who enjoyed seeing him, especially for the Thursday Clap.

> He is well and, at present, grazing at Easterton while waiting for the grass to grow at Wyneshore.

Thank you to Helen Blumsom for the photo.

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

An acute illness can strike suddenly and unexpectedly. For a time, the victim may be laid low and be totally incapacitated. All being well, however, the ailment will be brought under control and the body will start to recover.

But recovery from a serious affliction can be slow. Convalescence may take time and some normal activities may be denied for a period. Careless conduct may cause the illness to return. Ideally, a return to full functionality will be possible in due course but, in some cases, some abilities may be lost forever.

So it is with this pandemic. The nation, indeed the world, has been struck down and. after more than 4 months, I hope we are beginning the recovery period. Your guess is as good as mine as to how long the convalescence will take.

Compared with some places, Wiltshire has suffered from fewer infections and, mercifully, fewer deaths as a proportion of our population. We may have been blessed in this good fortune by our rurality or we may have conducted ourselves more wisely. But even then, the cost has been high. Many institutions are still closed. Some businesses may never recover. Jobs will have been lost. Prospects will have been curtailed.

Yet not all is bad news. Locally, Devizes is open for business. Our supermarkets appear to be well-stocked and our wonderful independent shops are coming back to life. The Museum in Devizes is reopening. Meanwhile, local suppliers of produce have provided a magnificent service delivering seasonal fruit and veg and meats and I hope they have prospered from the effort.

From my point of view, however, an extra excitement comes from the success of our bid to the Restoring Your Railway fund to undertake a Strategic Outline Business Case for a new station on the main line to serve the Devizes area. Regular readers will know this has been an ambition of mine since time immemorial and I must record my thanks to the Devizes Development Partnership and others in helping to move this forward. We have the support of Great Western Railway and of our MP and we have the constructive attention of Network Rail.

There is a long journey ahead, but I hope we are now on the right track. Success wil improve the well-being of the entire area.

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

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Hello Great Cheverellites!

This month we are going straight into the 'what did the Parish Council ever do for us' front...

Dog Fouling has become something of a problem in some areas of our gorgeous village and it is taking the joy out of walking in certain areas. The Councillors have started a campaign to eradicate the problem so that all villagers and visitors can enjoy the beautiful surroundings without fear of an unpleasant experience and potential hazard to their health.

The campaign starts here:

Dog Fouling

Parish Counci

Our four-legged friends often make up an important part of many family's lives. They offer companionship and are a joy to take out and absorb the very pleasant surroundings of our beautiful villages and neighbouring countryside.

As with all pets, there comes responsibility, which most dog owners take seriously. There is however a minority of irresponsible dog owners who believe it is acceptable not to clear up their dog's mess. Green Lane in Great Cheverell and the grass land around The Pavilion appear to have become dumping grounds.

Green Lane is used by many walkers and residents. Children who attend Holy Trinity Academy and the nursery school use Green Lane as a safe passage to and from school. As a parent of four children I have witnessed first-hand the disgusting consequences of children treading in dog mess on their way to school.

Dog owners - you have a responsibility to clear up after your dog.

The Parish Council have launched a publicity campaign to address this issue. We need to stand united against this scourge – please speak out if you witness owners not clearing up after their dogs.

Dispose of your dog poo in a bag and take it home or use one of the poo bins. PLEASE don't leave your mess for other people to sort out.

Peter Cadwgan - on behalf of Cheverell Magna Parish Council





Following the Government's announcement, there have been lot of changes since the beginning of July. Fortunately, the Covid-19 cases in the South West region are below the national average and Wiltshire cases are low, but it is still very important to adhere to advice regarding social distancing and washing hands.

The village playground at the Rec in Sandfield has been checked and is now open, although three items have been taped off as being considered of greater risk regarding transmission of the virus, ie enclosed or metal surfaces. The Parish Council has replaced two of the wooden items which were beginning to show signs of wear with a Wobbly Log and an Adventure Bridge which were chosen following ideas from the pupils at DAPS and we hope the children will enjoy the playground once again.

When visiting the playgrounds, please adhere to the advice posters regarding the avoidance of transmission of Coronavirus, including supervising children, social distancing and thoroughly washing/sanitizing hands. (The equipment will NOT be cleaned)

There has been some vandalism and damage at the primary school and to some of the play equipment at the Rec, so I would ask that if you see anything, this should be reported to the police – a few spoiling things for the many.

The parish council Emergency Coordinating Group Helpline is still working and if you need help with essential shopping, collecting medication or just want a chat, please do not hesitate to call: 07979 071737

The improved parish website will be up and running from the end of August, and if you are a local club or business that will be opening up to people again, you might like to use the website to let people know how you are working. Please contact the Clerk or Cllr Dom Muns at dmuns@westlavington.org.uk .

Walking - when you are walking around the local village and countryside, please could you and (if you have one) your dog stay on public rights of way (maps available) and do not stray onto or through farmers' fields, crops are growing and some rare ground-nesting birds are also present.

The felling of ash trees on military land on Salisbury Plain locally restarts this month and proposed dates are Imber: August/September and Erlestoke: August/September/October 2020. Please look out for warning notices.

A tree survey of the condition of the trees around the playing fields will be undertaken as part of the Parish Council's regular work. It is important to ensure all these different trees are in a safe condition, as a large number of Ash trees with airborne Dieback disease are being felled around the Plain in the coming year. The Remembrance Avenue project is moving on and we hope that the area will be ready and the beech "whips" planted in time for November. The council is also arranging for the **War** Memorial in the churchyard of All Saints to be cleaned as it has become very discoloured, due to pollution from the road, overhanging trees and algae.

The Parish Council is following advice and holding its monthly Parish Council Meetings using modern conferencing technology, but we still publish the notice agenda of the meetings on the parish noticeboard by the shop and on the website. If you would like to join the virtual meeting to "have your say" you would be welcome, the link is printed on the agenda or email/phone the Clerk (clerk@westlavington.org.uk or 07782 251464).

Planning Applications Received – Full details on the Wiltshire Council website under "Planning": 20/03187/FUL Withy House, Duck Street, West Lavington: extensions & internal/external alterations.

20/04541/TCA East View, 5 Cheverell Road: reduce conifer.

20/04703/FUL Keepers Cottage, Tilshead Road: installation of 2 dormer windows.

20/05018/TCA 48 High St LP: remove two trees.

20/05198/TCA 65 High Street, West Lavington: cherry tree, reduce crown and raise from adjacent structures.

Planning Decisions

Parish Council

20/04528/TCA Nutcrackers 37 High Street, Littleton Panell: T1 - cedar tree - fell. No objections.

There is a vacancy to join the parish council and it would be great if you would consider volunteering to help your community in this way - if you would like to know more about the role, please do contact me.

Best wishes to you all and stay well and safe.

Julia Ford. Chair. Parish Council iford@westlavington.org.uk

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 Little Cheverell Parish Council 'Zoom meeting' July 8th 2020

The full minutes can be found displayed on the notice boards in the village and on the PC website www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk

But here are the most important matters which were discussed at this meeting:

Speed Indicator, Damaged 40 mph sign and Deep Ruts along the B3098: There have been no developments on these despite long standing submissions to Wiltshire Council and the Chair will try and chase things up.'

Parish Steward:

Scheduled visits have resumed. The Parish Steward returned on a non-scheduled day to unblock one of the pipes at the dipping well by Springside Cottage after debris had fallen into the well.

Councillors met at the well at 6pm on Thursday 9th July to discuss possible ways of preventing debris entering the well. It was decided to try and build a higher retaining wall around the back and sides.

Parish Name Survey:

The consultation period for the proposal to replace the name Cheverell Parva with Little Cheverell through the Electoral Review Committee was extended to July 10th. So far only one formal objection is known.

Village Floral Displays:

The Chair had received a number of positive comments about the planters through the village. An additional planter has now been placed at the entrance to School Lane.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting:

This will be on Wednesday 16th September at 7pm. It is not clear yet whether this will be held in the Village hall or whether it will have to be conducted remotely.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SITE OFF LAVINGTON LANE FURTHER PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Following the previous public consultation event organised by Gaiger Bros. last year there has been extensive work undertaken on this proposal and this has included consultation with Wiltshire Council.

The result of that consultation has been that changes have been made to the layout and we would like local residents to be able to review and comment on those changes. We would stress that vehicular access is still off Lavington Lane.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation it is our intention to have masterplan/layout drawings available to view on a dedicated page of www.gaigerbros.co.uk from 3rd August 2020 until 10th August 2020. There will also be further details on the website about the key changes and the reasons for them.

There will also be also be an e-mail address where you can forward your comments on the new layout. All previous comments on the proposal will still be reported within our Statement of Community Involvement, including those about the principle of the development and access issues, and as such they don't need to be repeated. Comments should therefore focus on the changes to the layout of the proposed housing.

For those who do not have access to the internet it is proposed to display the drawings and the accompanying notes on the notice board and the village hall. Any comments can then be submitted in writing to Gaiger bros., Kennet House, Northgate Street, Devizes, SN10 1JT.

Any comments should be received by 14th August 2020.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club has been completely closed since the initial lockdown announcements at the end of March. Fortunately, we have been able to furlough all our staff, but in the meantime overhead costs have continued. We were fortunate in that the National Garden Scheme were given permission by the government to start Open Gardens, and we were much involved in the catering at West Lavington Manor (thank you Andrew and Jordi) to raise nearly £2000 towards our funds. It was a very successful day, and despite the fact that many of the committee were in lockdown, Jordi found many willing volunteer replacements, and we thank her for that... In addition to the money we raised, a further £2000 was raised for other charities, particularly the NHS fund.

Our situation is that we can see no prospect of reopening in the near future. Schools may well go back in September, but that does not necessarily mean that youth clubs can open up. Please watch this space in the September issue, when we hope we can announce a restart.

GREAT CHEVERELL BOOKMARK

In the last few months, life has been very strange and we have found comfort in various things, but books will have been a great help to many of us. As a group, one of our February books was '*The Garden of Lost and Found*' by Harriet Evans. Centred around Nightingale House home of



the Horner family its theme is a lost painting by Sir Edward Horner which captured his children on a perfect day. His Great granddaughter inherits the key to the house and becomes involved in the mystery. A book about family mysteries which make a good read. The second book was 'Paris Echo' by Sebastian Faulkes and features Hannah, an American academic, and Tariq, a Moroccan teenager. It gives a picture of the echoes of Vichy and Algeria, the occupation and questions of Empire. We found it both enjoyable and instructive.

In March we read 'One Pair of Feet' by Monica Dickens set during the war and it is a picture of hospital life before the NHS. A timely read. The second book was 'When Rain Clouds Gather' by a South African about a young man escaping across the border to Botswana where he meets an Englishman trying to modernise farming methods to benefit the community. We found it interesting but at times a difficult read.

April was '*The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*' by Muriel Spark. Set in 1930's Edinburgh Miss Brodie's glamour and free-thinking ideas are of great discomfort to the headmistress. Short but interesting.

The second book was '*Fair Stood the Wind for France*' by H. E. Bates. A plane crash in occupied France during the height of the Second World War sees the crew indebted to a family who risk their lives to protect the men. A very good read.

In May we read '*Heaven My Home*' by Attica Lock. A Texas Ranger is tasked to find a missing child whose father is in prison and is a member of an Aryan Brotherhood. The Ranger is black and the rule of law in the deep country is of little meaning. A very interesting picture of Trump's America and worth reading. The other book was 'Once Upon a River' by Diane Setterfield. Set in late Victorian times around the Thames it involves, a missing child and a child rescued from the river. An easy read.

In June we met socially distanced and discussed 'Veronica Decides to Die' by Paulo Coelho, a story of life, love and death. The beginning sees Veronica try to take her own life and the story follows her to the local hospital where she finds herself falling in love and even wanting to live. Interesting. Finally, we came to 'A Single Thread' by Tracy Chevalier. Set in 1932 the losses of the First World War still loom large especially in the lives of single woman regarded as surplus. Violet escapes a suffocating mother to a new life in Winchester where she joins the Cathedral embroidery group. We did not enjoy this as much as her previous books but it is still an interesting book to read.



PUZZLES

Asked about his children, a man replied, "they are all redheads but two, all brunettes but two and all blondes but two". How many children did he have?

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Across

1. Forceful and extreme

5. Officer

6. Territorial jurisdiction of a Bishop 7. Idiom

Down

- 1. Resolved
- 2. Ancient jar
- 3. Circus swing
- 4. Permission

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

End of a very surreal year

As we draw to the end of this academic year, we have been taking stock of extraordinary times we have lived through. As ever, our children and their families have been amazing. Throughout lockdown, as our teachers engaged in teaching

and learning with children each day, supporting children through the Virtual Learning Platform that we were able to set up quickly before the lockdown, our families have picked up the home learning we provided and made sure their children were able to continue on their learning journey, with remarkable success.

We kept the community spirit alive with joint but virtual celebrations on VE day, with the "Toilet Roll Challenge" which the staff put together and shared with everyone, with our virtual choir which included lots of our children, their families and our staff (have a look at this by typing in to your search engine "Holy Trinity We'll Meet Again – it is lovely), and so much more.

And we have welcomed back many of our children into a completely new way of working, keeping children in their Bubbles and with huge emphasis on all aspects of reducing the risk of infection and cross contamination. Children have joyfully come back into school and have flourished under these very unusual routines and they tell us they are very happy at school.

We know this has been a very difficult time for many, with parents juggling home learning and their own work, with the stress of the Covid crisis eating away at our mental wellbeing, and with many people struggling financially. However, everyone in our school community has faced this time with their usual resilience and courage and they have supported each other to find joy in the little things that fill each day.

All of us at Holy Trinity would like to thank you, our community, for all your incredible support over this time. It is a great honour to serve you all and we feel very lucky to have the opportunity to be part of this amazing community.

Do feel free to get in touch

If you think your child would benefit from being in this school, which is judged Outstanding by Ofsted and SIAMS, both academically and in every other respect, please do contact us – we have a few spaces available at the moment and might be able to offer your child a place. Phone 01380 813 796, admin@holytrinity.wilts.sch.uk, and look on our website for more information www.holy-trinity.wilts.sch.uk

Mercedes Henning, Headteacher



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The end has come to a very strange year indeed. We have said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class and wished them well for their exciting next steps along their educational journey. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we managed to celebrate their time at DAPS with an extreme sports day, BBQ and socially distanced leaver's assembly where parents enjoyed hearing about their children and their 'most likely to...'future aspirations from school

staff. A colour run was the final 'rite of passage' where school staff were able to say good-bye and send them off in style.

Plans for September are well under way for when we welcome our whole school community back. Life is beginning to look a little more 'normal' and the organisation we have had in place since March and June is being adapted to ensure everyone can come back safely.

We were happy to be able to welcome back

Schools News

our pupils in Years 2 up to Year 5 for a school visit before school closed for the summer having been open since March. It was lovely to have the school buzzing with children again and for our pupils to connect with their friends and school staff after such a long period of time apart.

A few years ago we had some wooden planters made and gifted to us by a parent to brighten the front of our school. Sadly, the shrubs planted never really bloomed but lucky for us, one of our families recently kindly offered to transform them as a thank you for all that school has done. The planters have now been re-planted with some stunning plants, donated by Superior Plants in Market Lavington with soil donated by B & Q in Devizes and what a difference they make! Kindness is such a huge part of our ethos at DAPS and acts of kindness are frequently talked about; from a smile and helping hand to grander gestures like these. All make a difference and all give us reasons to be thankful.

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. We have spaces in some year groups for September. Our website also has information that could help you find out more. www.daps. wilts.sch.uk

Stay safe and be kind to one another



ST THOMAS A BECKET SCHOOL With faith and nurture we flourish

The Summer Term was an extremely busy term for us in these strange times, but it was positive as it showed how we all successfully work as a team. We have seen so many children return to school and actually managed to offer at least some time in school to all those who wanted it which is a real achievement that many schools were not able to offer. We managed to accommodate 75% of the children at any one time, far



exceeding the government's request for Reception, Year 1 and year 6 children to attend.

The children have been amazing within their bubbles and keeping to the safety measures we have in place. And the children who stayed at home have continued to smile and complete pieces of learning. I am extremely grateful to all the parents who have made returning to school such a positive experience and have supported our new routines such as staggered drop offs and collections.

The term would not have been such a success without the support of the excellent team of staff who have worked tirelessly to make the return to school a success often taking on different roles or working in different ways.

The year 6 children had great fun kayaking on the Kennet and Avon Canal in Devizes. They were all exhausted by the end of the day, very proud of their achievements – and rather wet! We were unable to have our usual end of term service for the year 6 leavers but presented the children with their leavers' gifts and memory poster (made by other children in the school) in socially distanced family picnic.



We are excited that St Thomas à Becket will open to all children in September and look forward to seeing everyone in again. We still have places for September so if you have any queries or think your child would enjoy learning with us please contact us on admin@st-thomas-a-becket.wilts.sch.uk

Our website can be found at www.st-thomas-a-becket.wilts.sch.uk and our phone number is 01980 620435.

Here at St Thomas à Becket Primary School we send our very best wishes to you and your families and hope you all stay safe and well.

Lisa Meredith, Headteacher

Mrs Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher

Could you be who we are looking for?

Would you like to help make a positive contribution to children's education? Could you use your workplace skills in partnership with our head teacher to promote the continuous improvement in the performance of the school? Then the Governing Body of St Thomas à Becket CEVA Primary School would love to hear from you.

What do Governors do?

The role of a governor is a strategic one, they work as part of a team setting the aims and objectives of the school, setting the policies and targets to meet those aims, monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards its aims and objectives and providing a source of challenge and support to the head teacher.

We are keen to hear from people with experience in human resources management, marketing or financial oversight but these are not mandatory requirements. We need self-motivated, determined and enthusiastic individuals who are willing to learn, the rest can be learnt through the induction and training programme we offer to help build your understanding and support your development as a governor.

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A communicant or regular worshipper within one of the Member Churches of 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland' (CTBI) or a Christian who is not a regular worshipper at one the churches listed above but is committed to the tenets of the Apostles' Creed

How to find out more:

via email to the Clerk to the Governors (admin@st-thomas-a-becket.wilts.sch.uk) or by speaking to the head teacher, Lisa Meredith on 01980 620435.

Crossword and Brain Teaser Solution

SMON SLOOPS

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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

At the time of writing, the club continues to be constrained by government and FA guidance over what can and cannot be done in terms of coaching. One team that has the quantity of coaches has been able to resume some form of training, groups of 5 plus a coach, no contact, own ball and clean everything before and after training with cleaning materials. Essentially working



after training with cleaning materials. Essentially working on fitness and individual ball work.

We are hoping soon for a further relaxation of the rules in the next few weeks. This again highlights the importance of people coming forward to help coaches throughout the season as many more teams could be doing something.

Mid Wilts to which most of our teams will be affiliated to have indicated that they are planning on a season start of 12/13 September subject to guidance and regulations.

Hopefully teams will be starting back soon. We are hoping to be able to get Badger Cubs, U7s and U8s back in August. U11 will start and keep going through summer when permitted. Other teams should contact their coaches for information. New players for ALL teams welcome – contact names below.

So whilst there has been no football happening, the committee have been busy trying to improve things for the clubs. Some big thankyous need to go out to:

- Ben Pearce former player who has kindly donated new match tops to the under 13's & 14's in support of Dorothy House and Salisbury Hospice and the charities logo's will be appear on the new kits.
- Erica Mildenhall from EMPT training who have donated a defibrillator to the club which will be kept at Northbrook Pitch
- The Football Foundation for support to pitch improvement at Northbrook (we cannot get support through FF for pitches owned by other organisations)
- The ML Parish Council for some funding support towards new youth goals.

A huge thank you to all for their support of our club. Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season:

Badger Cubs – Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781 U7 - Pete Huntley- 07974756131 U8 - Dave Kiddle- 07843678781 U9/10 - Mark Goddard – 01380 813160 U11 – Neil Black – 01380 818193 U12 - Paul Miller 07917 582873 U13 - Mark Goddard – 01380 813160 U14 – Dave Kiddle – 07843 678781 U15 – Aiden Allmark- 07341 819154 Adults – Pete Drew – 07885 527546

Follow us on Facebook – Worton and Cheverell Youth Football Club (No other pages are approved by the club)

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The July winners are Jill Kyte from Great Cheverell who received the first prize and Nick Stovold from Easton received second prize. Congratulations and thank you for taking part.

I would like to thank Brenda Nock for her time and kindness in selling the tickets on behalf of St.Peters Great Cheverell. It is really appreciated by everyone, especially me. Sadly, she needs to pass this on to another member of the Great Cheverell community. So, I am appealing for someone to sell tickets towards the end of the year for the beginning of the new one in January. Please either talk to Brenda or myself to find out what it involves. For 11 months of the year it involves nothing at all! Not a bad job description! Thank you Brenda for all you have done.

Bonnie Matters (01380 722024)

Are you looking for your local Toddler group? Come along to...... **Mums & Chums** Thursdays, 9.30-11:30am (term time) Join us for **Toys, Crafts, sensory play, music and snack.** Have a cup of coffee and meet other mums. Find us on Facebook, contact Kathryn on 07531919062 or

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Unmasked

The time was that if you wore a mask into a shop you were probably going to rob it. I mean, why else would you want to try and hide your identity? Although, Zorro and the Lone Ranger were goodies and they wore masks, as did Batman. But on the whole those who wore masks in public were a suspect bunch. If you saw someone looking a bit shifty on the streets after dark with a stripy top, wearing a mask and with a bag slung over their shoulder, you'd probably call the cops.

However, now we're all meant to wear face coverings when visiting the shops and other venues. Indeed, mask wearing has become a hallmark of responsible citizenship. Like many other people, it's not something I'm especially keen on, but I'll go along with it. We've all got to do our bit to halt the spread of Covid-19. Donning a face covering does make me feel a bit awkward, though and that's not just because they make my glasses steam up.

Human beings are social beings and to live in a community with other people you need to be able to communicate. Yes, we communicate primarily with words, but body language and facial gestures are also important. That's why electronic communications often involve misunderstandings. You can't see the twinkle in someone's eye when they type a gently ironic remark, so you're offended at their cold sarcasm. You point this out, only for them to explain that's not how they meant it at all.

Similarly with face coverings. We can't always tell what's going on behind the mask, a welcoming smile, or a tetchy grimace. Something essential to proper communication and interaction has been lost. The longing for community and communication is hard-wired into the human psyche. Christians believe that is because we were made in the image of God. The God of the Christian faith is not a solitary loner. In the one God are three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who have ever existed in loving fellowship. Made in the image of God, we are social beings. We find the deepest fulfilment in our relationships with others, whether family or friends.

For reasons of public health, we'll wear our face coverings as the government requires, but they do act as a communication barrier. The sooner we no longer need the things the better. Sin acts as a barrier between us and God. It prevents us from seeing his glory and enjoying fellowship with him. That's why Jesus came to die for our sins that we may be reconciled to God. As we turn to Christ the barrier is removed and we glimpse the glory of God reflected in Jesus' face, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Services at Ebenezer Baptist Church

We have missed being able to gather for worship as a Christian community during lockdown. We very much look forward to welcoming people back to our regular services on 16 August at 4.30pm. Please see our website for more information, including Covid secure guidance for people attending our services: www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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