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Calendar of Services - July 2020
The Lavingtons, Cheverells & Easterton

Date	Market Lavington	West Lavington	Easterton	Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
<p>Church Services and meetings have been suspended during the current Conoravirus Crisis.</p> <p>Bishop Nicholas has written to the Diocese in light of the latest guidance from the Archbishops that all public worship has been suspended.</p> <p>“We are not stopping church, we are not closing anything, we ARE saying ‘church is changing’.”</p> <p>Bishop Nicholas said:</p> <p>“The headline is that public worship will have to stop for the time being.”</p> <p>Church is changing.</p> <p>“Our usual pattern of Sunday services and other midweek gatherings must be put on hold. This is with immediate effect.</p> <p>“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.</p> <p>The Bishop said:</p> <p>“Buildings can stay open. We are not stopping church, we are not closing anything, we ARE saying ‘church is changing’.</p>					

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

CHURCHWARDENS

Robert Giles (813256)
Andy Jenkinson & Pauline Jenkinson (813775)
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July Reflection

Today, the rain has stopped. I am on my second cup of tea and all is right with the world... or is it? We are still struggling with the new rules on lockdown. I, and the churchwardens, have been looking at opening the churches for private prayer and reflection. We are hoping to be able to open for a few hours on Wednesday afternoons and some on Sunday mornings. There will be restrictions, and these will be posted on church doors and noticeboards. These rules or guidelines are to keep you safe. Please follow all guidelines.

I know this is confusing for a lot of people and that some will want more access that we are able to offer at this time. The rules on lockdown change very rapidly and we will inform you of any changes as soon as we can.

In all this change and confusion, the one thing that I can say with certainty is that GOD IS NOT CONFUSED. God is constant and God loves us. To keep our eyes on God and to trust Him in all things is to realise that all else is a running after the wind. In the end and in the words of Julian of Norwich, “All will be well, and all will be well.”

With my prayers for you all,

Rev. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)
Address 25 White Street, West Lavington SN10 4LW
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Benefice Office as above - churchlavington@gmail.com

Friday is the Rector's day off and from September she will be taking the last Thursday and Friday of the month as days off.
The Benefice Office is open on Monday mornings and Thursday 9.00 am to 2 pm.

<p>VILLAGE LINK West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 816826</p>

From the Rectory

CHANGES TO THE NHS

There have been many changes in the NHS recently, some because of the COVID-19 virus. And other planned ones have been brought forward because of COVID-19 .

The two local practices have made many changes in the way they work to protect both patients and staff from the virus. At first these changes revolved around separating staff from patients and patients from each other. Where possible staff have worked from home, even when they or their families were ill with the virus.

Patients were only brought into the practices if absolutely necessary, after being assessed (triaged) to see if they could be treated at a distance, (video appointments, e-mailing photos etc). If called in, the assessment would help with decisions about what level of PPE was needed.

Another change is in the way prescriptions are handled. All the Wiltshire practices will be changing to EPS phase 4 in the coming weeks. If you already have a nominated pharmacy, Day Lewis or an online one, you will not notice the change. However, if you usually go down to the practice to collect a green prescription you will find that the prescription is now called a token, and doesn't have the Doctors signature on it any more. There will be a barcode and code number on the token. You will be able to take this token to any chemist that will be able to scan the barcode and download your prescription from the NHS computer spine. The token could be e-mailed to you to print on plain paper at home, or the code number can be sent by text to you and entered into the pharmacy computer to access your prescription.

Colin Osborn, Administrative Manager Courtyard Surgery

MARKET LAVINGTON & COURTYARD SURGERIES

Both our local surgeries and their staff have done a lot to care for their patients over the early weeks of the COVID-19 Pandemic, including working at weekends, spacing out appointments to give time to clean rooms between visits, creating new waiting areas, developing new ways of keeping in contact with their patients, and even holding consultations by video link.

The initial emergency is over, and the hospitals are accepting referrals again. People will be asked to visit the surgeries for health checks and vaccinations. You may have a health worry that you want checked out. Your GP's and their staff are there for you, but the way they work and interact with you will have changed for ever.

Colin Osborn, Administrative Manager Courtyard Surgery

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their very loving cards and letters, and for turning out to pay their last respects to my beloved Jim. I am so grateful to you all. I cannot thank you enough, and for the wonderful support that they have all given me.

**My love to you all,
Janet Hodges**

Update from Lavington & Easterton Museum

Dear Villagers,

I hope you are staying safe during these unusual times.

At present I am not sure when the Market Lavington & Easterton Museum will open for 2020 due to Covid-19.

Some of you may have seen our Facebook page requesting your: Lock down stories, poems, anecdotes, thoughts & pictures of Market Lavington and Easterton during Lock down.

Of course, some may not, hence the reason for this article.

If you are able to spend some time and produce an article, please do, and send them to Sue Frost at suefrost24@gmail.com

We will advertise when we are able re-open in the villages and in the magazine, but we have no idea when that will be.

Stay Safe

**Mike Bedford
Chair of the Board of Trustees**

Massive thanks to Volunteers

The Lavingtons and Cheverells have one of the lowest rates of Covid-19 infections in the whole of Wiltshire, which is itself a low infection county. This is despite having 4 care homes in the Lavingtons.

One reason for this is the efforts of our local volunteers who have provided support for people advised to self-isolate by the government or their GP's. These volunteers have collected prescriptions and shopping and run errands. When they have realised that someone is unwell, the volunteers have called the persons GP, so they can get the care they need. The Covid-19 Support Group was created by villagers who realised there was a need, and came forward to fulfil that need, with the support of the Parish Councils.

Jim Hodges

Jim Hodges, editor of *News and Views* for 25 years and well known to many, died on 24 May 2020 in his 90th year. Born in Northampton in 1930, he attended Northampton

Grammar School – where he was Captain of School, Captain of Rugger, Captain of Cricket, and Captain of Tennis. In 1951, following national service in the army, he went up to Brasenose College, Oxford where he studied English and played much sport – including rugby for the Greyhounds, the University's second team. He was to remain a keen sportsman, coaching both cricket and rugby, playing cricket into his fifties and golf into his seventies. After Oxford there was the business of finding a job, and in 1954 came the first, and only, post that Jim applied for – that of assistant master at Dauntsey's School. His references will strike a chord with many who knew him: "I think very well of Mr Hodges. He has shown himself keen and industrious. He is a very sound man." "Extremely conscientious, friendly, with just the right amount of confidence, and a man of sincere religion and feeling." "Strongly to be backed: the quiet, strong man with great reserves and yet a good mixer."



Appointed to teach English, a little Latin and coach games, at 25 he found himself



also a housemaster. In this role Jim was greatly assisted by his natural warmth and kindness. There were also plays and operas produced, playing viola in the school orchestra, school trips organised and overseen. He himself never lost his joy and enthusiasm for literature, both inside the classroom and in his personal life. At his last assembly he received the rarest of standing ovations, a fitting mark of the respect and affection in which he was held.



1982 saw bachelorhood forsaken when Jim married Janet Brierley. At Cliffe Farm Cottage Janet kept her hens and tended a large garden, a succession of whippets joined them, friends were generously entertained. In 1990 Jim retired from teaching after 36 years at the very heart of the school community. Nature abhorring a vacuum, he produced in quick succession two books on aspects of the school's

history. Editorship of the school magazine for 20 years was exchanged with that of the parish magazine for the next 25. Its editorials were a delight to read. Other community involvement over the years saw Jim on the parish council, as chairman of governors of the primary school, as chairman of Wiltshire Schools Cricket, as a leading light in the local amateur dramatic society. And there was the enduring interest in sport – with not a few visits to race courses at Ascot, Newbury and Wincanton, and cricket at Lords, sometimes as the guest of an old pupil.



Because of the lockdown restrictions there were not many of us in West Lavington churchyard for the short funeral service and burial. But the high street was lined with



those who came to pay their respects as the hearse went by. Jim's nephew gave a brief address, I Corinthians 13 was read and also *Fear no more the heat o' the sun* from *Cymbeline* (chosen by Jim himself). The weather was kind, the churchyard still freshly verdant, and our small gathering had a quiet intimacy about it as we said farewell to our dear friend.

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Founded in 1982, The Care Group is a group of volunteer drivers who take people from the village(s)* to medical related appointments at hospitals etc. if they have no other means of travel. It is with much regret that it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to take people wanting transport at present. The reason is that only 3 of our pool of 25 volunteer drivers is under 70 years old and are therefore particularly vulnerable to the virus. If there are ANY under 70 year-olds out there who would be willing to supplement our now much reduced group of available drivers I would be extremely grateful. Please contact me on 818510 even if you have already volunteered to the Parish Council Initiative. (We are obliged to apply for DBS certificates for you and you would need to check that your car insurance policy is still ok but not let this stop you applying). These are challenging times, especially for our clients who have no other way of getting to hospital appointments etc.

Michael Page (Chairman)
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* The Villages are West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Little Cheverell.

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**2020 EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL CANCELLED: but we
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It is with great regret that the Directors of the Edington Music Festival have had to decide to cancel this year's festival, the 65th, which was to have taken place from the 23 - 30 August.

Director Richard Pinel says, "In the light of the Coronavirus guidelines and regulations recently updated by the Prime Minister, it is clear that restrictions around the lockdown are very unlikely to be eased to accommodate the large numbers of visitors whom we would normally expect in the Priory Church during the festival. With an eye to 'Safety First' for our hosts, the community, our musicians and our visitors, we will not be holding the festival this year. Needless to say, this is a cause of great sadness to us all."

He continues, "However, the festival in 2021 will still be the 65th, and we will be able simply to move this year's programme to next year. We have all the music and themes for each day in place ready for re-activation. It will be a doubly celebratory week of glorious music in an environment which is very dear to all of us who are involved in this unique event."

Preparations are also being made for 'Edington Online' during the festival period. We will celebrate our core tenets of friendship and fine liturgical music through a series of online videos, making use of archive material and new virtual-choir recordings along with readings and thoughts for the day from our regular team of festival participants and clergy. Information and updates will be posted on the website, www.edingtonfestival.org and through our Instagram, Twitter and Facebook pages.

Contact: Anne Curtis: 01380 831425 | 07977 464375 | kann3c@gmail.com



HIKE FOR NEPAL

Hike the Height of Everest - saving lives in Nepal

Thank you to all the dog walkers, the joggers, the cyclists and those just out for a gentle stroll who have been so supportive, giving enthusiastic encouragement to members of the Nestling Trust High Hopes Team as they climb Strawberry Hill again and again and again, in fact 145 times during the month of June, in order to reach the height of Everest – 8848m!

It is a Team with a purpose, fired with hope that every step raises vital funds which will help reduce the spread of Covid-19 in Nepal, and will help save lives in one of the most vulnerable developing countries in the world.

In the last 6 years The NestlingTrust (TNT), working with the Nepal Ministry of Health has established five Health Posts in the mountainous region of Dolakha Nepal, where previously no health facility existed. Each health post serves a population of approximately 6000.

Nepal is now facing a catastrophe of immense proportions, migrant workers are returning in their thousands from India, China and the Gulf countries without proper testing, and it is crucial health posts have the PPE and medical supplies they need as they struggle to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 to the remote village areas.

TNT has already provided infrared thermometers and protective equipment but much more is needed to equip isolation areas, and supply food to those who have lost jobs and now face hunger.

The Nestling Trust Campaign ends on the 30th June '20 when the Virtual Height of Everest will be reached as the team make the final ascent to the summit of Strawberry Hill together!

The Nestling Trust is most grateful to all those who have made donations already, those who may still wish to donate please use the link:

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Sue Hamblin

THE HISTORY OF A HOUSE

Watching the TV programme 'A House Through Time' got me thinking about my family home in Ireland. My parents had spent years, before the invention of the internet, unravelling its history. The house started life as a tower house. If the neighbours raided the occupants could drive their cattle into the ground floor and ascend a ladder to the first floor, drawing up the ladder after them. They could rain down missiles on the attackers from the parapet. There were loopholes from which bowmen could shoot the attackers with arrows. The house is shown on a map printed in 1580 but was probably built much earlier than that. It belonged to the Kavanagh family, major landowners in the region at that time.

In 1651 Oliver Cromwell's son-in-law General Ireton confiscated the Kavanagh lands. During the Restoration, the house was given to the Bagnal family. By 1763 the Bagnals had run up considerable debts and they sold the place to the Whaley family. In 1769 Thomas Whaley inherited vast estates and a fortune upon the death of his father. Thomas Whaley was a high-spirited youth with too much money and too little discipline and fell prey to false friends and gambling. His memoirs, published many years after his death, (Buck Whaley's Memoirs) make interesting reading. He travelled widely on the Grand Tour. He witnessed the French Revolution. He gambled with the Prince Regent in the Pavilion in Brighton. He used to sell bits of his land to service his gambling debts. In 1786 Sam Faulkner, Whaley's land agent purchased our farm from him.

Sam appointed Phil Kennedy (later hanged as a traitor in the 1798 rebellion) as a farm steward to supervise the work on his country estate. He turned the ruined tower house into a farmhouse. Sam drowned in 1795 in a shipwreck off the coast of the Isle of Man. He had been taking gold to Thomas Whaley who could not leave the island for fear his debtors would catch up with him.

After Sam's death his brother Hugh and his children came to live at the farm. Hugh Faulkner died during a trip to Bath in 1801 and there is a memorial plaque in Bath Abbey. His son Henry inherited. He added a new wing and a gothic revival frontage to the castle in 1835. He married twice but died childless in 1845 and so his nephew Hugh inherited.

Incidentally, another of Hugh's sons was Sir Arthur Brooke Faulkner. He was Physician to the British Forces and was in Malta in 1813 when there was an outbreak of The Plague. He distinguished himself by tracing the spread of the disease and imposing quarantine measures which prevented further spread. His treatise on the subject could prove useful reading in this time of Covid 19.

Hugh died in 1856 and his son Henry inherited. Henry joined the British forces and went to India after the Indian Mutiny. In 1867 he sold his commission and went to Africa on a Royal Geographical Society expedition to find Livingstone who had been reported dead. They sailed up the Zambezi and the Shire River, and carried a flat pack boat over the cataracts, and then assembled it and sailed into Lake Nyassa. Here they got news that Livingstone was alive and still exploring. Henry returned to Ireland and wrote a book (Elephant Haunts) about the expedition. He then returned to Africa with some army friends on a big game hunting expedition. He remained in Africa and married a native woman and died in 1871 while fighting for her tribe during a tribal war.

His property was sold after his death to pay off debts incurred to equip his expedition to Africa. My father's great Aunt's family purchased the farm in 1874 and she lived there until her death in 1932. At this point the estate passed to the Canadian branch of the family and my father and his family lived there for a year before returning to Canada. It was after World War 2 that my father decided to give up Law in Canada and become a farmer on the family estate in Ireland. In the attic he found several trunks full of old papers and thus began years of reading and research to unravel this history.

Dorelle Cope

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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

In the face of all the pressures and challenges that the pandemic has brought, I hope you agree that there has been much of which the community in Wiltshire can be proud.

At the first ever “virtual” Full Council meeting on 16 June, Wiltshire councillors received reports about its work with partners to ensure that the most vulnerable in the community have been supported and that local business have received the essential funding provided by government. Not least, critical council services have continued to operate during what has been an unprecedented and rapidly changing incident.

The High Sherriff of Wiltshire, Major General Ashley Truluck, also spoke of the work of the Community Foundation, which has distributed about £1 million to support voluntary bodies and organisations in the county.

The council has had to suspend a number of services to allow the redeployment of staff to support the most vulnerable, to support businesses and suppliers and to ensure strong partnership working with health and care agencies and others. There has also been a significant communications effort and close working with local communities and voluntary groups. Schools and early years settings have also been supported to rapidly adjust to new government guidance.

The fact is that, while many of us were enjoying enforced leisure in the lockdown period, many Wiltshire Council staff have been working in the evenings and over the weekends to meet the needs arising out of the crisis.

The virtual meeting of councillors had an almost 100% attendance and the praise for our professional and voluntary groups was unanimous. You can view the debate via Microsoft Teams here <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=13457&Ver=4>

It is important to mention that councillors also learnt that the effort has come at a significant cost. It is a legal requirement that the council balances its books every year yet, as I write, Wiltshire Council stands to be in deficit by as much as £50 million in the year to March 2021 - but I have no doubt this will be resolved as the year goes on.

In the meantime, please be patient if you are seeking a response from the council which may be slow to arrive. The responsible officer may be dealing with an exceptional priority. And money may be tight!

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 to All

Groundhog days mostly continue but some small changes have happened with more on the horizon. More and more people are going back to work in their usual workplace and not working from home. Many shops are open and so too are some open spaces. People are allowed to meet outdoors in small numbers and, of course, at the required 2 metres distance from others. There's still a long way to go before we can find the even newer normal but we're slowly moving in the right direction. Good news!

On the ‘**what did the Parish Council ever do for us**’ front.... well...:

Since the last time I wrote, Councillors themselves have been out putting collapsed long fences upright, strimming verges, clearing paths of said fence and other paths from fallen branches. Not because this is their role, you understand, but because, sometimes, it's just quicker that way and they just want to GET. IT. DONE.

And we actually had our first Full Council meeting online this week. It went really well and no real technical hitches were experienced. A number of members of the Public joined us to bring some items for discussion. We all really appreciate that because, after all, the Councils reason for being is to serve its' Parishioners and add value to the Community. So we would welcome seeing more of you at the meetings. If the Council can help it is willing do so. Try us! The next meeting is on Monday 13th July at 7.30pm. Again, it's online. A zoom link will be at the bottom of the Agenda which will be published nearer the time and will be able to be found on the Council website and Great Cheverell community page.

The Council (and Clerk) successfully negotiated the internal audit. Hooray. Not a favourite exercise albeit very necessary. The Public, and particularly Parishioners, will be able to view the relevant documents online (on the website) from the 6th July until 14th August.

The Parish Council continues to receive planning (and tree) applications from Wiltshire Council to consider. We regularly get a number of questions from Parishioners with regards to planning applications. A speedy way of getting all the information you'd like is to go directly to the Wiltshire Council website planning section and search on the address of the property or the Planning Application unique number, if you know it.

Wiltshire Council Planning page address: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-applications-search>

Updates about what is happening in the Community will continue to be posted on the Great Cheverell community Facebook Page and on the Website. Please check there regularly for the latest information.

Great Cheverell community Facebook Page address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/198785743958067/>

Parish Council Website: <https://www.greatcheverell.org/index.php>

Take care of yourselves and if you're out and about #StayAlert, StaySafe!
Until next time and may your God be with you.

Jan Sargent
Parish Clerk, Proper Officer and RFO



Welcome back to our villages' News and Views!

Another month on and most of us are enjoying the easing of lockdown restrictions. The parish council Emergency Coordinating Group which distributed the initial Covid19 leaflet to residents is still working well and arranging help for those who need it via our village volunteers - our very grateful

thanks to them all. We are also very encouraged that so many of you are looking out for your friends and neighbours but if you need help with essential shopping, collecting medication or just want a chat, please do not hesitate to call the parish helpline: **07979 071 737**

We would ask that when you are walking around the area, that 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.

There have also been several reports regarding noncompliance of social distancing at the Playing Fields by groups (reported to and attended by the police) and several sacks collected of litter, cans, food containers, smoking litter and more worryingly, smashed glass by the football goals. This behavior is highly irresponsible as this area is used by many small children with their families. There are several litter bins around the village hall and field and so we would ask you to please use them! Also, the red tape used to indicate that the play equipment should not be used, as per Government instructions, has also been removed (and replaced) on several occasions.

The Parish Council is 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" the link is printed on the agenda or email/phone the Clerk (clerk@westlavington.org.uk or 07782 251464).

Items discussed at the June meeting included a farewell to our PCSO Georgie Dodd, our parish Steward visiting dates, information regarding maintenance work to trees by power lines by the Recreation field for SSE (electricity), progress on the Remembrance Avenue trees to commemorate the fallen of the parish in WW1 (more information next month) and proposals to replace some of the wooden play equipment in Robert's Playground. The minutes will be on the website and noticeboard in due course.

Planning Applications Received – Full details on the Wiltshire Council website under "Planning":

20/03187/FUL Withy House, Duck Street, West Lavington: Extensions and internal/external alterations to building.

20/04528/TCA Nutcrackers 37 High Street, Littleton Panell: T1 - Cedar tree – fell.

Planning Decisions

20/03012/FUL 6 Orchard Place, West Lavington: Proposed single storey rear extension. Approved with Conditions.

We were very sorry to hear of the loss of one of our village stalwarts – Jim Hodges. Jim had lived in the village and taught pupils at Dauntsey's School for many years, and when retired, edited and produced the "News & Views". He was a very well-respected member of the community who will be remembered with much affection.

There is a vacancy on 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
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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



DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy time it has been for the Dauntsey Academy Primary School community!

We welcomed Ofsted at the beginning of March for their inspection and embraced the opportunity to share with them what makes DAPS so unique and such a nurturing environment for all our pupils to learn and staff to work. We were thrilled to receive confirmation that we are still a GOOD

school and have many reasons to feel proud.

"Pupils thrive on the opportunities Dauntsey Academy offers. Pupils listen carefully and learn well. They are fascinated by what the teachers are telling them and the activities they do. They develop maturity in their thought, reflecting teachers' high expectations" Ofsted March 2020

During this country's 'lockdown' we continued to stay open for our vulnerable and key worker pupils while providing education for all pupils who were at home. Using our usual online digital platform Seesaw, we were able to set and receive home learning, including photos and videos which enabled staff to read stories aloud, support effort and motivation and share successes; building that sense of family and community which is intrinsic to DAPS and vital for pupil well-being. Our careful planning of the home learning paid off and approximately 96% of our pupils engaged daily with the learning which is indicative of how supportive our parents are, and we thank them for that!

What lots of people may not realise is that schools find out about 'what happens next' at the same time as everyone else from watching the government updates on the television. We get no warning and guidance usually follows any announcement days later. We are so proud to be a part of the national response to COVID-19 and are thankful for how our team, from Governors and staff to pupils and parents pulled together to make the most of a challenging situation.

From the 1st June, we welcomed back three year groups as well as our usual vulnerable and key worker pupils, totalling just over 100 pupils and although school organisation looked a little different, the nurture, fun and holistic approach remained the same. The pupils have filled the school with their chatter and love of life and staff have adapted again to this new 'normal' while juggling planning and delivering home learning with school teaching as well as managing families of their own.

Frustratingly, while this tireless work has been going on, we have continued to struggle with unwelcome visitors to our site during evenings and at weekends who have been causing chaos and damaging property that we really don't have the funds to replace. We have been well supported by our local police who are now working to identify some young people caught on camera. We urge you to keep your eyes open and report any relevant information to 101. If you have children who are out enjoying the longer days, please ensure they know not to trespass onto our site – however tempting.

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

Stay safe and be kind to one another.

Mrs Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Wow, despite everything, we have had a fantastic term here at Lavington Pre-school! Our numbers have been limited due to Covid-19 and prioritising vulnerable children, the children of key workers and those going to school this year. The children have been spending as much time as possible outside using their imagination to make up new games and play with each other; we have even been eating outside in the sunshine, picnics every day. The weather has been kind and we keep ourselves safe by applying sun cream, wearing sun hats, drinking lots of water and washing our hands.

This time of the year is always bitter sweet as we see the older children flourish and get ready for 'Big School', it is so lovely to see how they have grown but also sad to see them move on. We would like to wish them all well in their next adventures, we will not be far away! Good luck to Marko, Elvis, Alana, Scarlett, Toby, Edith, Florrie, Freddie, Joshua, Jasper H, Jasper M, Lewis, Imogen and Griffin - we will miss you all very much but we know you are going to have a great time at school.

30 HOURS FUNDING: All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get up to 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. More information regarding funding for 3 to 4 year olds is available at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-30-hour-parents>

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

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

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Opening up

We have so much enjoyed having more children join us in school! We now have lots of children from Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as the Key Worker's children who have been with us all along. Once again, our school feels alive, every classroom buzzing with children and so much outdoor learning going on.

We cannot have more than 15 children in a classroom so it feels a bit different with the smaller groups, and we cannot meet for whole school Collective Worship and Sharing Assemblies. But we have worked around this. We have class worship, or, once a week, worship for everyone led from the headteacher's office and fed electronically into each classroom. Our school field, which is huge, has been divided up so that each group or "Bubble" has its own space in which to work and play.

The children love coming into school and our attendance has been remarkable amongst those who are attending. We were disappointed that we were not able to admit children from all our year groups before the end of term, but we realise that defeating Covid 19 is going to take a lot of determination and courage from all of us and that we need to continue to move very carefully out of the lockdown. We look forward to having all our year groups back in September.

Playtime at Holy Trinity

We have all enjoyed watching the older children make up games that do not require contact – football that involves Touch and Pass, clapping games that operate across a 2 meter gap, and circle games that can be played without touching each other at all. The younger children cannot easily maintain social distancing, and within their Bubbles we allow them closer play. It is amazing how quickly the children (and adults) have adapted to this new way of being, and are finding great joy in being part of the school community again.



Spaces available in our school

Usually at this time of year, we are overwhelmed with parents asking for places for their children in our outstanding school, but this year, understandably, people have had other things on their minds. As a result, we have a few precious spaces available. If you know of anyone who would like their children to have an outstanding education, rich, varied and extensive, please let them know that we might be able to offer them a place. Please contact us using the details below.



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Answers on Page 27

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- 7. Imp

Down

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- 2. Temporary relief
- 3. Breed of dog
- 4. Animal oil extracted from wool

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ST THOMAS A BECKET SCHOOL

With faith and nurture we flourish



The whole staff have really loved having the children back in school this last term – we missed everyone. We have all been so impressed at how good all the pupils have been at sticking to the necessary regulations and social distancing, even the very youngest. They all seem so happy to be back.

We are working hard to try to increase provision and organise the classes so as many children as possible are able to come to school for some time before the summer holidays and are really pleased that the government has now said we can do so if we have the capacity. With our usual small classes, we are hopeful that the majority will be able to have some face to face teaching whilst we continue to support those working at home.

We have had all the year 6 children in school and they are having great fun working on projects. Their main focus has been developing our wildlife garden and producing a fantastic book to leave as a legacy for the school. The quality of work is amazing, and the book will be one we treasure for many years to come. Sadly, they are not able to enjoy our usual end of term treats, production and outings but we are making sure we organise alternatives that are just as enjoyable. This year their end of term Leaver’s service will take the form of a virtual performance that we will share with parents and we are arranging a surprise end of term treat.

We are all grateful for the technology that is enabling us to stay in touch with people we can’t see, and this year the Year 6 children are ‘visiting’ their new schools virtually. They are a fabulous group of children, we are all so proud of their achievements as they leave our school for their next adventures at Lavington, Devizes and Dauntsey’s Schools. We wish them all the very best and hope they come back to visit and tell us all about the great things they go on to do.

Plans are continuing for the new school year and we are in touch with the families who will have their children starting with us. Although we can’t run our usual induction activities, we are busy planning ways we can make sure the children have the best possible start to their school life. 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-thoma-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 we send out our very best wishes to you and your families and hope you all stay safe and well.

Lisa Meredith, Headteacher



SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL, GREAT CHEVERELL

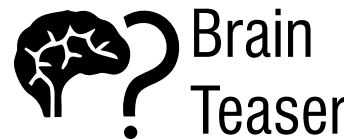
When the children returned to nursery at South Hills Old School in Great Cheverell they were very excited to see a new wooden train and carriages and a hamlet of wooden huts in the garden.

The nursery remained open throughout for keyworker children and we kept in touch with all the children that couldn’t attend with videos and daily activity ideas, but it was lovely to welcome more children back from the first of June. Although the nursery had to be adapted to enable the bubbles of children, the children returned happy to see their friends. We made the use of the beautiful weather and our amazing outdoor environment by spending lots of the day outside. The children have enjoyed using the space for extensive art work, water play opportunities and of course every child’s favourite having a picnic for snack time and lunch.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our school leavers we are usually busy planning group photos, sports day and a leaver’s celebration we are having to change our plans, but we will still make sure that the children make memories to remember this important time. We are looking forward to welcoming our new children in September.

As we are currently not allowed to have our open door policy we are having show rounds after the nursery closes on a Friday if you would like a visit please ring 01380 812418 or email oldschooldmanager@southhillsschool.com

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Schools News

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WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

The club had some sad news with the sad passing of Sharon Black, our U10s manger and goalkeeper coach. She will be greatly missed by everyone at the club and beyond. We give our best wishes to Neil and James.

With the football season officially over at grassroots level and all leagues/Cup Competitions void for this season.

Some teams are starting social distance training in groups of 6. Following FA guidelines. In the meantime, we are starting preparations for next season (fingers crossed) and identifying the teams we will have, coaches, equipment and pitches so we are in best position possible.

Teams are looking for players for next season, doesn't really matter what standard players are as they will received training from our FA approved coaches. With attention focused on our badger cubs (age 4-6 years) on Sat-urday mornings.

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.

The club have managed to enquire two grants from the football foundation for new goals and pitch repair to help in this current climate.

The club, next season, for first time in a while can offer teams from u6 - u15 and Mens. Contacts

Badger Cubs – Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U7 - Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U8 - Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

U9/10 - Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

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TRINITY CHURCH , MARKET LAVINGTON

An Introduction to Christian Meditation

Say the word 'meditation' and people get all sorts of, often weird, images being conjured up in their minds. Floating gurus, crossed legs, fingers raised in circles, humming! Some even regard it with suspicion, as to whether it OUGHT to have a place in the church at all, fearing what may take the place of ' an empty mind '!

SO, WHAT IS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION? Christian meditation is a form of prayer, closely linked to contemplative prayer. Prayer without words. More, just a ' drawing close ' to God, in silence, to seek Him/Her, and to grow in an awareness of (His) presence. It is only WHEN you start to practise this that you begin to become aware of the constant chattering going on in our minds. Focusing on something else, such as a candle flame, a word, a short phrase, a picture, or your breathing, helps enormously to still this commotion. Concentrating on your breathing especially, imagining that with every intake of breath you are breathing in God, or giving Him space to expand His presence within you, and with every exhalation you breath out yourself, with all your worries, fears, anxieties.....in fact all things that weigh you down helps you focus on God.

Practiced by saints of old, desert fathers, monks, it is a Christian practice which has stood the test of time. St Julian of Norwich* described it as the highest form of worship. "When a soul holds onto God in trust - whether in seeking Him or contemplating Him - this is the highest worship it can bring", she said. We come to God, not waving our usual lists of all the things we need help with, we come just to BE with Him, just to BE in His presence.

Those of us who have discovered it regard it as having found treasure. It is something all of us need. As important as sleep is, for the body to be restored, so meditation is for the mind, spirit and soul. Sleep is not just for the 'super-exhausted'. Meditation is not just for the 'super-stressed' or 'super-holy'. It is a path on which anyone can tread. At first the way may seem faint, and hard to find, but if you persevere in your practice of it, it will lead you to a place of calm. A place of shelter. A place where - even though chaos may be all around you - you can connect with an inner stillness that is God... anytime and anywhere.

TRINITY CHURCH have a well-established Christian meditation group, which, in usual circumstances, meets in Market Lavington from 6-7pm on the first Sunday of the month.

*St Julian was what is called an anchoress. She spent her days living in a small cell off a church in Norwich. This room had one window looking out onto the church yard where people could come and receive her ministry, and another window into the church, so she could receive Holy Communion. It's a place of pilgrimage today.

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Bonnie Matters (01380 722024)

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EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Identity Crisis

England Rugby fans may be banned from singing *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*. It has slavery connotations, apparently. Which it does. But not in a William Colson kind of way. According to anti-racism campaigner, Trevor Phillips, the song was composed by a freed slave just after the American civil war. The 'Sweet Chariot' was the Underground Railway, a network of secret routes that helped runaway slaves escape to freedom. *Swing Low* was a favourite of Louis Armstrong and Martin Luther King. As well as celebrating the Underground Railway, the song was probably an allusion to a dramatic episode in the Bible, when chariots of fire appeared and the prophet Elijah was swept up to heaven in a whirlwind.

You'd have thought the English rugby authorities would be pleased that fans had adopted an anti-slavery anthem as their song, but no. Writing in *The Times* (19 June), Phillips argued that an obsession with symbols has overtaken a desire to change the world. Toppling statues and banning songs won't deal with the issue of racial equality. But such gestures may help us to feel better about ourselves. Welcome to the increasingly febrile world of identity politics. Martin Luther King famously dreamed of a day when people would be judged not on the colour of their skin, but the content of their character. With identity politics, race itself is politicised. The hip hop artist Kayne West was denounced as 'not black' because of his support for the Republican Party.

Why am I wading in on the subject of an England rugby song? You wouldn't catch me singing it, anyway. I'm Welsh and can happily sing, *Bread of Heaven*, knowing that it's author, William Williams Pantycelyn (1717-1791) wasn't tainted by slavery in any way. Williams was caught up in the Evangelical Revival that swept across the United Kingdom in the Eighteenth Century. He was a physician turned preacher and a prolific hymn writer. Many of the leading campaigners against the slave trade were Evangelicals such as John Newton and William Wilberforce. Their argument against the vile trade was based on the Bible. The Bible teaches that all human beings are made in the image of God, whatever the colour of the skin. Scripture teaches that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus was crucified, enduring the death of a common slave to save the world from sin. In the church, a person's primary identity is in Christ, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

In the light of those beliefs, slavery had to go. In the light of those beliefs discrimination on the basis of skin colour has to go. Identity politics tends to be quick to denounce and tear down, but knows little of redemption or forgiveness. The Christian faith offers hope to a broken and divided world. The preacher John Newton was once a captain of a slave ship. Later in life he bitterly regretted his involvement in the trade and worked with Wilberforce to campaign against it. Today's 'cancel culture' would show him no mercy, but in advanced old age Newton could say this, 'Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Saviour.'

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Pastor: Guy Davies
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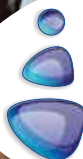
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