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June Reflection - A Letter to God

Hello God.

just wanted to let you know that I really appreciate the good weather. With this lockdown and all, it has really helped to be able to sit outside in the garden. Mind you, those living in blocks of flats must be feeling a bit sad at not being able to enjoy the outside so easily. So, on their behalf thank you for guiding the government to lifting the restriction a little so they can get out a bit more.

also want to thank you for the opportunity to help look after that old couple down the end of my road. I really didn't know them very well before but since I've been getting their shopping and their tablets from the chemist, I have got to know them a lot better. They are a nice couple but very lonely. Their family all live some distance away and don't seem to visit very often. I think I will keep up with visiting them when this is all over. That is, as long as you don't call them to be with you between now and then. And of course, they will be safe with you, no more pain and all that but I shall miss them. When I think about it you have brought some good things out of this situation. We are

more aware of the needs of the people around us. But I do worry about people in bad relationships. Please keep them safe and help us to be there for them. It is an area that we need to step up and help more. Maybe you can get the government to do more about funding help for them.

Well, must go for now, need to water the garden.

Love you lots, Bye God.

Revd. Marion Harrison (01380 816963)

Address 25 White Street, West Lavington SN10 4LW lavingtonrector@gmail.com (Not available Fridays) 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.



From the Rectory

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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)

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

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.

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

VE DAY 1945 IN DUBLIN

On 8 May 1945 my dad (a Captain in the Royal Canadian Artillery) and his cousin (a Maior in the 1st/5th Gurkhas) were on leave in the neutral Republic of Ireland and staying in Dublin with his cousins' uncle, Harry, an Irish Lawyer. My mum was with them too. In the evening they met up with Harry's friend Professor George O'Brian, an economist and decided to dine at the Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire. From there they watched the mailboat sail into the harbour, all lit up for the first time since the War and with flags flying and tooting the victory signal on the ship's siren. Then every ship in the harbour sounded their horns. Sir John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative to Eire and John Betjeman, (later to become Sir John Betjeman, the Poet Laureate) the British Press Attaché were dining at a nearby table. Someone turned on the Radio for the BBC Nine O' Clock news and, at the end of the News, the radio started to play the British National Anthem. Harry looked at my father and his cousin and said as commissioned officers they had better stand to attention but that he as an Irishman would remain seated. And so, Maffey and Betjeman and the two officers stood to attention and so did my mother (an English girl from Pinner). Thus, all was arranged diplomatically and they continued enjoying the first evening of peace.

Dorelle Cope

THE MONDAY CLUB Market Lavington Community Hall

To all The Monday Club members and helpers, I am sure you are all keeping safe. So, April was scheduled for an Afternoon Tea at the Rowdy Cow and a game of Bingo. That was a real bother boots for me.

Then in May, it was to be Scrabble and word games. For this I sent out a Scrabble game play. If you had a go and want to know the answer the contact me. The club's Birthday Bash this year is a no go, but I hope you still get to have some jelly and ice cream. Yum! Our June activities were listed as a visit to Wiltshire Air Ambulance HQ. You might want to go online to the following address and donate https://www.justgiving.com/ campaign/WAADonationBucket.

The talk on Dorset Buttons - why not count the number of buttons you have in your wardrobe (just an idea to while away an hour or two!!). I am more than happy to take numbers and the highest wins a prize.

We are not likely now to be able to meet up again until September, I have missed our interaction. I will keep in touch with you wonderful folk, and, if you want to chat I can be reached on 01380 698574 or 07936278533, or via email on jocape16@aol.com.



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LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

During lockdown, the Market Lavington Community choir has been offering a Thursday Zoom Singalong which starts at 8pm.

The idea came from Tim Price, one of the choir's pianists and thankfully he was able to guide us through the technology we needed if we wanted to take part. This week will be our eighth session!! There's usually around 25 of us but it's not always the same people so when someone joins the 'meeting' who we haven't seen for a while, there's great excitement!! We really enjoy the chance to see our friends and then to sing a selection of popular music plus some pieces from our repertoire. Starting two weeks ago, we've also been singing some of the Pied Piper songs for our future concert.

We none of us know when we shall be able to sing together at the Community Hall but in the meantime LCC Zoom choir is keeping us singing

For more information please contact pboyagis@gmail.com



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Giles Meeting Room - Eve	£6.50	£8.50	£7.50	£9.50		
Library Room	£4.00	£5.00	£5.00	£6.00		
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• Day rates apply from 8am until 6pm, evening rates apply from 6pm until midnight.

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

FRONT COVERS

We are always on the lookout for eyecatching photographs for the front cover of News & Views, with the focus being on local people engaged in local events or clubs. We print our front covers four months at a time. They need to be portrait, hi resolution 300

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2020 EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL CANCELLED: but we look forward to online activity and to 2021.

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

I am doing a challenge to raise funds to support the 5 Health Posts The Nestling Trust (TNT) has established in Nepal. They are now at the forefront - struggling to

stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus reaching vulnerable communities in Nepal. More information is on my Justgiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-hamblin

TNT has already sent £4500 so that masks, aprons, gloves and other medical equipment could be sent but we need to do more. Isolation areas are being prepared but lack even basic equipment.

The virtual challenge I am doing is to hike the height of Everest during the month of June.

Everest is 8848 metres and Strawberry Hill is 61 metres so I will hike up 145 times! I have set up a team page so anyone else who would like to join in can be part of the team, which is called High Hopes. It doesn't have to be Strawberry Hill it could be any hill near where they live.

This is the invitation link:

http://www.justgiving.com/team/NestlingTrust?invite=true

Sue Hamblin



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

As I write, the sun is shining and the temperature is rising. Better still, it's beginning to look as if that may not be the only good news.

Personally, I hope that the rules of social contact that are easing will mean that my wife and I may get to see our first grandchild in the flesh for the first time. I am not sure we will be allowed a cuddle but, at three months, she still only knows her paternal grandparents as dodgy images on a mobile phone. I hope, when she sees the real thing, she will not be too disappointed!

Also, some children may be heading back to school. I'm not sure who will be happiest, the children or the parents! Of course, school is not just about the three Rs - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Even I know it's about friends and social development and play and exercise. For some, it's about good meals and safety. I sincerely hope that every child will be back at school as soon as possible.

For quite a large number of people, the good news is that the Household Recycling Centres have reopened. All that time locked-in at home may have spurred many to undertake virtuous DIY activity but the resultant debris can spoil the satisfaction. Don't even think about fly-tipping!

Of course, whatever the weather, the metaphorical clouds have not yet disappeared from the horizon. The virus is still here and, tragically, tens of thousands of families in the UK are grieving.

Locally, most of our wonderful shops, pubs, cafes etc. are still only dreaming of our custom (and us of them). Also, trains and buses remain empty. Good public transport is not only socially and economically important, it also contributes to addressing climate change. Cycling and walking, good as they are, cannot be alternatives for many journeys.

Furthermore, most of our wonderful tourist attractions and outstanding cultural heritage places are still empty of the crowds that would normally be visiting. Tourism is worth \pounds 1.5 billion to Wiltshire's economy and, importantly, 10% of employment. I hope the visitors will be able come back soon.

Most of all, I hope recent times have not been too bad for you. Keep your chin up if possible! Stay Alert!

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 our Great Cheverellite Parishioners and all our lovely neighbouring villages. As much it feels like we're all living on shifting sand, there's also a strange 'sameness' to everyday life too – some would say 'Groundhog Day'... Whilst there are so many unknowns that mean it's very difficult to know what to do next and plan, there is also that daily 'sameness' that we can take comfort in. Routine and the pleasure of simple and little things can give us a good degree of stability and 'happiness' in these strange days. This all gives us a foundation upon which we can build. I know, for some, even that doesn't exist and I hope that the multitude of services and support that Wiltshire Council and the Government and local volunteer support groups offer is at least of some help and benefit to those. Do check our Facebook Page and Website for updates and information. These places are the fastest way we can get information out to Parishioners (links below).

On the 'what did the Parish Council ever do for us' front... well...:

Behind the scenes the Council and Clerk have been busily preparing for the first online Full Council Meeting on Monday 8th June. The official notice of that may have gone out before you get this. Whatever is the case, if you'd like to see what Council will be discussing and, even better, join the meeting, the Website and Facebook Page will tell you how you can do this. We will be using Zoom and you'll be able to join us either by a video link or by a telephone link. It's all new to us too in terms of how the Council does business, and there may be a few hiccups along the way, but we'll be doing our best to make it work well for everyone. We'll look forward to seeing you then! And just to let you know that the July meeting will now also be held online on Monday 13th July. We will hopefully get back on track with the meeting dates as previously published in September after the Summer Break although we may well still be carrying these out online then too.

Also, behind the scenes, the Clerk has also been busily preparing for the annual Internal and External audits. These are required to happen by law to ensure that the Council spends Public monies properly. The Public, and particularly Parishioners, will be able to view the relevant documents online (on the Website) in due course. Notices regarding the statutory Public viewing period will be posted in the next few weeks or so. If you're interested in this, please do keep an eye out on the Website, Noticeboard and Facebook page for the Notice.

The Parish Council and Clerk continue to co-ordinate the volunteer effort in Great Cheverell. Just to say again that **You Are Not Alone!** Where people do need help, please get in contact with the CMPC Volunteer Action Group. The Great Cheverell community has had a couple of leaflet drops about this with the contact number of your local Volunteer Co-ordinator/s but, if all else fails, just give us a call on 07770 904179 and we'll get you the help you need. We'd be delighted to help.

The Parish Council continues to receive planning applications from Wiltshire Council for Council to consider. We get a number of questions from Parishioners with regards to planning applications; one way of getting all the information you'd like quickly is to go directly to Wiltshire Council website planning section and search on the address of the property or the Planning Application unique number, if you know it. It's a great system and very helpful. You can see exactly what is happening and what still might be waiting to happen or you can see when an application was approved etc.

Wiltshire Council Planning page address: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planningapplications-search

Updates about what is happening in the Community will continue to be posted on the Great Cheverell Parish Council Facebook Page and on the Website. Please check there regularly for the latest information. These continue to be the fastest ways of the Parish Council getting information to the Community.

Facebook Page address: https://www.facebook.com/groups/198785743958067/ Parish Council Website: https://www.greatcheverell.org/index.php

I hope you are all well and that you and yours will continue to enjoy good health. Take care of yourselves. #StaySafe,StayHome as much as possible 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



Another month on and we are all getting used to the restrictions, which are very slowly being eased.

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.

The village Emergency Planning Group which distributed the initial Covid19 leaflet to residents is still working well and arranging help 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

The election of Chair and Vice Chair took place at the last meeting held on 7th May, and Julia Ford (Chair) and Steven Coxhead (Vice Chair) were re-elected for another year. 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 notice board 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.

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.

Planning Decision

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

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 jford@westlavington.org.uk

Parish Council If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kaye Elston, on 0778 251464 or at clerk@westlavington.org.uk. The Parish Council Website is at www.westlavington.org.uk



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We hope you are all staying safe and well. During April and May we have been able to provide childcare to the children of critical workers and we would like to say thank you to the commitment of the staff who have enabled this to happen.

Providing childcare during lockdown has been a little different than normal, we have extra precautions in place for the protection of everyone. With few children in the setting we have been able to make the most of the beautiful weather and we have spent as much

time as possible outside. The children made some binoculars so we could look at the birds and butterflies that have been out in abundance on the school playing field whilst things have been quiet, we also have a family of robins nesting in our decking area! We have continued to receive some lovely correspondence from our pre-school families, pictures of the children enjoying workouts at home, photographs of their amazing artwork and even video messages to all the staff. Well done to all the parents for remaining so positive, creative, and engaging, if you are looking for inspiration, we are continually updating our Facebook page with activity ideas and messages so please keep an eye on that. All the staff are missing the children and send them our best wishes, hopefully it will not be long before we can safely return to some normality. We are planning to be open again in June but with limited capacity to begin with and procedures in place to protect the children, families, and staff. The situation regarding re-opening changes all the time so we endeavour to follow Government Guidelines and keep our families up to date with any changes at all times. Stay safe and stay well.

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

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

We currently have spaces available at our Outstanding Pre-school, if you would like to find out more information about us you can visit our website www.lavingtonpreschool. co.uk or contact our Manager, Julie Langlands, on (01380) 812551 or Email: info@ lavingtonpreschool.org.uk - Please come and have a look around.



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY COFE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Learning Continues

It has been a joy to us to ensure that we have kept learning opportunities available to all our children in these difficult times. The daily contact our teachers offer to each family has helped to keep our community in touch with each other and the sharing of the learning journeys, being carried out at home,

has filled us with delight. We are very fortunate to have such engaged families who are prepared to support their children so fully.

VE Day

We felt it was a deeply symbolic moment to celebrate the VE day anniversary this year - the time when our country celebrated victory in Europe and allowed the first glimmers of a more normal life back into people's homes 75 years ago. We also look forward to something similar now, at this time of crisis with the pandemic.

Our families threw themselves into the event, with wonderful War Time Cake recipes being baked, and photos being submitted to our teachers through our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Bunting was made, flags were sewn or drawn, posters were designed and wonderful learning was done by our children as they celebrated this event in isolation and vet also as part of the school community.

A triumphant moment came when, as a school community, we recruited a Virtual Choir, under the baton of Patrick Williams, with his wife, Gwynnifer, accompanying us. Each person, child and adult, recorded themselves singing "We'll meet again" to the music that had been uploaded on our VLE. We each then sent our own recordings in to Patrick who stitched the videos together into a wonderful, inspirational performance of unity and triumph! You can see the performance on You Tube, or find it on our website under "Newsletters". It is sure to bring a smile to your face as children, parents and our staff are shown singing together and flying onto the school field! https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=wV-AuY81xIA&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1Vr8vdR3C1p1LSn 8hJINcLcM y1dn2qdN5nGwn5qz6tRxg9fOqzWJs7pw

New Challenges

We are facing the next challenge now, of coming out of Lock Down, and as ever, News our school community is pulling together to make sure that we face that challenge with courage and joy. It will be a "New Normal" but it will be wonderful and it will be successful.

You are welcome

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Schools | If you think that your child would flourish at our amazing school, please do phone us on 01380 813796 or email on admin@holytrinity.wilts.sch.uk. We can chat to you about the possibilities and the way ahead.

Lavington

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Committees

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While in Lockdown, many of us have been able to spend more time in our gardens. At times we will have been weeding. pruning or planting but at other times the garden space will have been useful for exercising or to use as an extra room in which to relax. While relaxing in my own garden and thinking

how fortunate I was to live in the countryside my mind took me back to my idyllic early childhood on the family farm. Here not only did I live in the middle of acres farmland, but I also had a 2-acre walled garden in which to play.

The garden was built between 1786 and 1790. The 10 ft high enclosing wall was granite which had been found on the land and hewn by stonecutters and stonemasons. To take advantage of the heat retention properties of brick the west facing and south facing walls had been lined with bricks. The clay for the bricks came from one of our fields and the bricks were handmade and baked in kilns set up in that field. There was an enormous, ornate iron entrance gate that had been made in the forge on the farm.

When I was a child half the garden was devoted to orchards and soft fruit and the rest had fabulous rose gardens and cottage garden borders, a jungle area and even a parterre garden. There were miles of low, clipped, box hedging full of birds' nests. Water came through a stream in granite lined channels. There was a two roomed gardener's cottage which my sister and I used as a playhouse. There was an enormous Victorian greenhouse with a grapevine.

We children would be despatched to pick herbs, fruit and flowers. We would run up a beech tree lined path to the main gate. On the way we would admire the woodland flowers and listen to a stream cascading over pebbles. We might stop on the way to check our jam jars for sticklebacks or tadpoles and release them back into the stream. The box hedges in the garden were at child height and we would carefully look into the birds' nests to check for eggs or chicks.

Sometimes my mother would sell the fruit that we picked to local shops. She also made lots of jam and she bottled fruit in Kilner jars for the store cupboard. We had a huge apple cellar full of wooden crates in which we would store sufficient apples to last the family through to the next season.

The orchard had many varieties of apple tree. The earliest to ripen was a variety called Beauty of Bath. This had a delicious red eating apple and the flesh would turn pink as it ripened and when truly ripe the pips would rattle when you shook the apple. There was a succession of varieties of apples ripening throughout the season. As well as apples there were many varieties of plum and some pear trees, a fig tree, a walnut tree and some quinces. Add to this the gooseberries, raspberries, blackcurrants, rhubarb and strawberries and we were guaranteed to have received our five a day without much effort.

The flower gardens had all the usual perennial plants and many self-seeding annuals. There were lupins, delphiniums, cornflowers, aquilegia, asters, peonies and many other flowers. There were rose arches and rambling roses and lavender borders and on hot summer days the sweet scent of flowers was almost overpowering.

The jungle area, which had a damp, musty aroma, had a large leafed plant that we would use as an improvised umbrella if caught out in a rain shower. It also had bamboos from which we would build wigwams and fashion bows and arrows for playing cowboys and indians.

Organisations My garden nowadays is a much more modest affair. But it has proved a haven during this Coronavirus crisis. I love seeing all the wildlife that shares the space and I love watching the changing seasons. We hope you too have been able to find solace in wild spaces, window boxes, houseplants or gardens. We look forward to a time when we can resume club activities and hope that you will join us. In the meantime, stay safe.



WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

With the football season officially over at grassroots level and all leagues/Cup Competitions void for this season, the club are now in the position of waiting for any reduction in lockdown to see if we can start activity again with the players.



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, it doesn't really matter what standard players are as they will receive training from our FA approved coaches. With attention focused on our badger cubs (age 4-6 years) on Saturday 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 also looking out for sponsors so if you're interested in publicity by sponsoring a team then contact Dave.

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TRINITY CHURCH , MARKET LAVINGTON

Despite not being able to meet up in the community hall on a Sunday morning, or in St Arbucks café during the week, Trinity church have been linking up with each other through modern technology. It's been a steep learning curve for some of us, with many hic cups along the way, but it's worth it for the joy of when we finally manage to connect. Not only to see what we look like with our new hair styles (!) but to be able to share our news and experience of lockdown.

Our minister, Revd Gary Gotham, has been sending us short reflective videos daily, throughout the entire period of lockdown, which have encouraged and reassured us, and which gives us fresh ways to look at current events. He has also been sending us longer services on a Sunday and, with his gift of being a technological whizz kid, these involve other church members doing readings, leading us in worship songs, reciting poetry etc. There is a whole selection of these on line and is well worth viewing. The link is https://bit.ly/Co-VidFaith

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our church members. Most often seen out and about the village on her mobility scooter, and in Francis road where she lived, Silke Nerger would have been celebrating her 50th birthday this month. Our thoughts are with her family at this very sad time.

Some of us have had new grandchildren, though are having to wait until we are out of lockdown to be able to hold them and to offer support to their parents. Seeing them on screens is just not the same but we are thankful for their safe arrival during this time of uncertainty.

It has been Foster Carers Fortnight recently, and our church members who have had children in their care for a long time already, have found themselves unexpectedly caring for longer, through this challenging time of lockdown. And to borrow the Wiltshire council motto about foster carers " You are nothing short of Amazing".

Some of us celebrated V.E. day in varying degrees. Anything from hand drawn union jack's in windows, to tea parties and picnics whilst socially distancing. Flags, bunting, 1940's music, all added to the atmosphere as dainty sandwiches and cakes were enjoyed in the sunshine. Getting to know our neighbours better has been a real bonus to lockdown.

We have joined with others in showing our appreciation for the NHS and ALL key workers by clapping and banging pans on a Thursday evening.

We hold the community of our HC1 care home in our hearts, with sincere respect for those who care for the residents, as well as ALL of you who provide for us and serve us in various ways throughout our villages. We are IMMENSELY grateful and thank you sincerely.

Our thoughts are also with those who have been unable to carry on their business because of government advice and restrictions. We miss you and sincerely hope that it won't be too long before we are reunited.



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The results of the May draw are for first prize Val Novis from Littleton Panell and Sylvia Young from Market Lavington for second prize. I hope you can look forward to a few coffees or teas somewhere nice after lockdown has lifted.

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