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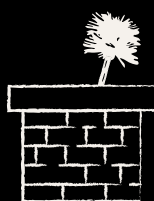
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Here we are, back again and it's unbelievably September already. I hope our readers have had a good summer and managed some rest and relaxation. I am not a fan of hot weather, so spent the 30 degree plus days mostly indoors (except for the Fete!) and am now hoping for downpours to refresh my parched garden. In this issue, the News and Views Weatherman, John Price, tells us what the records say about our changing climate, and Capability Charlotte advises on how to make our gardens more resilient. There are updates from the West Lavington Village Hall, Youth Club and Village Fete, plus a mass of information about forthcoming events, including the start of the Black Dog roadworks.

And speaking of roadworks, am I the only person somewhat astonished that the stretch of road from the Lavington Crossroads to the Market Lavington roundabout has been left unrepaired, when the rest of the B3098 has been resurfaced? It's possibly the worst stretch of the B3098 and still is! The road was closed, Lavington School was on holiday and the road repair men and kit were in situ. Now we have to wait for that all to happen again, who knows for how long?

**Sue Bonney Editor**

### Deadline Dates

Editorial copy and photographs should be sent to [editor4newsandviews@gmail.com](mailto:editor4newsandviews@gmail.com)

Articles and photographs for the **October issue** should reach Sue Bonney no later than **Saturday 20th September. *Please remember the date!***

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**This Month's Cover:** Some of the lovely Streetscene planters which have been on show all summer, in West Lavington and Littleton Panell, thanks to the care of Streetscene volunteers.

We are always on the lookout for eye-catching photographs for the front cover of News & Views. They should be portrait (vertical), in colour and of a high resolution.

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# CHURCH OF ENGLAND BENEFICE

## Regular worship in our sister churches

**9.00 am** St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell

**4.30 pm** Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Lavington

## Churchwardens

**St Peter's, Great Cheverell:** Pauline Jenkinson 07986 658187

BCP Communion is a lovely traditional Service from the Book of Common Prayer. We have a clear guide booklet to help you.

Date	Market Lavington <b>St Mary's</b>	West Lavington <b>All Saints'</b>	Easterton <b>St Barnabas</b>	Great Cheverell <b>St Peter's</b>	Little Cheverell <b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 7th September</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> 10.30 am Benefice Service Communion <b>St Barnabas Easterton</b>				
<b>Sunday 14th September</b>		<b>9.00 am</b> Breakfast Church Service at 9.30 am	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service with Trinity & St Mary's ML Community Hall	<b>11.00 pm</b> Simple Service Celebration	
<b>Sunday 21st September</b>				<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Service Communion with Reco- mmisioning by Arch Deacon	
<b>Sunday 28th September</b>		<b>9.30 am</b> Praise & Worship	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service with Trinity & St Mary's  ML Community Hall	<b>10.30 am</b> Harvest Festival Service	<b>11.00 am</b> Harvest Festival Service followed by Lunch in the Village Hall
<b>Sunday 5th October</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Service Communion				

**Breakfast Church** This includes Bacon Rolls etc to start and a short service for all ages.

BCP Communion is a lovely traditional Service from the Book of Common Prayer. We now have a clear booklet to help you follow and join in if you are less familiar with the order and language.

## REFLECTION

*During this season in our Benefice without a rector, different church members are delighted to share a monthly reflection with you. This month it is written by **Jackie Knipe**, of the West Lavington Mothers' Union.*

During September we think of harvest! The wonderful supply of grains, crops, fruit and vegetables, all to be consumed, stored away or preserved. Harvest Festivals in church, meals shared, with family and friends, harvest bounty, either grown or bought, to be shared with all.

Harvest requires balance. It requires equal sun and rain, hot days and cool nights, and a balance of growing nutrients to produce a bountiful supply of food for now and the coming months. Balance is also required in the distribution of September's harvest.

The world food supply is rarely equally balanced, especially in times of conflict and greed. As we look forward to the coming months, we keep in mind the balance required for a fair share for everyone. We pray for a balance of 'Still waters and green pastures.' Proverbs 30:8 says 'Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that I need.'

We give thanks during our Harvest Festivals for all we receive, and we joyfully look forward to giving to others.



### Benefice Office

c/o St John's Parish Office, Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NP Tel: 01380 816963  
Open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 3pm to 5pm.

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Benefice Administrator: **Catherine Brown**

More information can be found on our website **[www.lavingtonchurch.org](http://www.lavingtonchurch.org)**

### Benefice 200 Club

#### July and August Draws

I have two winners to announce in this edition. The July winner was Terry O'Flynn of Littleton Panell and the August winner was Ben Bannister of Market Lavington. Congratulations to both!

I don't think either of you have won before so you deserve it. Thank you.

**Bonnie Matters** **[bonnie\\_matters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk)**



# All Saints' Open Day

All Saints' Church, West Lavington, is holding an Open Day on **Saturday September 13th from 1pm**, with lots of things for visitors to do including guided tours, climbing the tower, a chance to chime the bells, a teddy bear zip wire, plus activities for children, bell ringing and flower arranging demonstrations, and delicious refreshments.

What's happening when:	
1pm	Official Opening by Peter West, Chair of West Lavington Parish Council, followed by a bell ringing demonstration
1.30 and 4pm	Try chiming the bells
1.30 and 3.30pm	Guided tour of the church
2pm, 2.30, 3pm	Climb the tower
2 pm - 4 pm	Teddy bear zip wire
3.45pm	Flower arranging demonstration
5 pm	All age service
All afternoon:	Refreshments, Hand Bells, Find the lost sheep, Orienteering,
	Display of vestments, Holloway history, Old photos of the village
	Kids crafts

**Can You Help?** All Saints' needs a dressmakers' dummy to display clerical vestments for the Open Day. If you have one that you would be willing to loan to the church, please contact **Anji Scofield on 01380 812720 or [anjischofield@icloud.com](mailto:anjischofield@icloud.com)**

Volunteers to help on the day and cakes for refreshments are also needed! Contact **Anne Wilson on 07872 444858 or [mrsannewilson@gmail.com](mailto:mrsannewilson@gmail.com)**

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*From the Surgery Newsletter*

### COVID and Flu Vaccinations Autumn/Winter 2025

Covid vaccinations will be available from **early October** for the over-75s, and the immunosuppressed. We will have 1330 doses of flu vaccine available from October 1st (September 15th for pregnant women). We started booking appointments at the Open Day on **Saturday August 30th**. Electronic booking for appointments will be available with text and email links being sent out. Please tell us in advance if you are: the main carer for, or sharing a home with, someone who is immunocompromised, or you are a frontline health worker.



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### West Lavington Friendship Club

Join us on Wednesday **24th September at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall for a musical afternoon with End of the Track, followed by light refreshments.

Entry £5, payable at the door.

## Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union West Lavington has enjoyed a busy summer of events. In July we ran a stall at the Village Fete selling fresh produce, which was well supported by Mothers' Union members and friends. We sold homemade cakes, preserves and fruit and vegetables which all contributed to a successful day.

Two days after the Fete we had an afternoon of contemplative meditation which was led by Reverend Caroline Spindlow. This introduced us to 'Lectio Devina', a traditional Christian practice of Scriptural reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation.

Our next meeting will be on the **8th September** when our speaker will be Sue Hamblin, who will be updating us on the work of the Nestling Trust in Nepal. This will be at the usual venue of 54 High Street, West Lavington, at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us.

**Jackie Knipe** [jack\\_knipe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jack_knipe@hotmail.co.uk)

### Black Dog Crossroads

The work to install traffic lights at Black Dog crossroads will start on **Wednesday 3rd September**, when SSE will begin to install the electrical supply that will power the traffic lights. This phase involves excavating a trench and laying approximately 550 metres of new cable, primarily within the carriageway from near Frieth Farm to the crossroads. Temporary two-way signals will be in place during this period, transitioning to four-way signals as work reaches the junction. This initial work is expected to be completed by **Monday 19th October**. Following this, the traffic signal installation will begin on **20th October**, with the work expected to be completed in **February 2026**.

Temporary signals will be in operation on the A360 during the traffic light installation, and the side roads will be closed. Wiltshire Council will be in contact with local businesses to ensure access is maintained during the closures.

In addition to the signal installation and speed limit changes, the scheme will also include drainage system repairs and carriageway resurfacing, helping to prevent future issues and reduce long-term disruption.



## Upcoming Local Roadworks



**3rd Sep 0800 to 19th Oct 1600: High St North to Broadway, Market Lavington and Lavington Road.**

SSE Roadworks. Multi way traffic signals.

**20th Oct - 30th Jan 2026: Broadway, Market Lavington.**

Closed. Diversion via Ledge Hill in place. Black Dog junction improvements: carriageway resurfacing, replacement of road markings, adjustment of ironworks, drainage and traffic signals installation and associated work.

**NB** Although correct at the time of going to press, these roadwork dates and times can change, and others may arise at short notice. For current updates, check local Parish Council websites or Facebook pages, or visit the Causeway live roadworks map on:

<https://uk.one.network/>

## Now is the time to join!



The first lecture of the new season at Devizes Arts Society is 'Murano Glass – The Jewel of Venice' given by Laurie Wickwire. on **Wednesday 15th October at 10:45 for 11am** in the Corn Exchange, Devizes. In this talk we explore how Murano became the epicentre of excellence for glassmaking across the world. We begin by exploring the origin of Venice and the building of 189 canals built to create the floating city, before taking a short gondola ride to the tiny island of Murano. Here we learn of the many enduring styles of Murano glass and delve into the lives of these ancient artisans.

Now is the ideal time of year to join The Arts Society Devizes. You will get the full value for your £50 membership, which covers a lecture each month from **15th October 2025** through to **July 2026**. You can join with the 'Click to Join Us' button at [www.theartsocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartsocietydevizes.org) or at the October lecture. Find us on Facebook: **The Arts Society Devizes**

## Carer Support - Wiltshire Financial Wellness Hub

**Devizes Town Hall**, St John's Street, Devizes SN10 1BN

**Thurs 18th September, 10am - 1pm**

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There's a great opportunity to learn from the best and have a really good sing on **Saturday 13th September**, when King's Singer Chris Bruerton comes to Edington Priory Church to lead a choral workshop for Edington Arts.

If you can read music and have some experience of choral singing, this will be a day you won't want to miss. Chris's huge experience in precision unaccompanied singing and his joy of teaching will combine to give us the skills and confidence to perform pieces by four very different composers from the King's Singers' library: the 16th century polyphonist **Orlando di Lassus**, **Ralph Vaughan Williams**' *'Over hill, over dale'*, **Eric Whittaker**'s beautiful *'This Marriage'* and an arrangement of *Greensleeves* by former King's Singer **Bob Chilcott**.

Chris Totney will be providing support and piano accompaniment when needed. Anyone who would like music copies in advance can contact **Anne Curtis on 07977 464375** or **[anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org)**

The day runs from **10am-4pm**, preceded by registration and followed by tea and cakes to which anyone and everyone is invited before a quick run-through of all we've accomplished. The cost of the day is £25 including music hire and refreshments. We're aiming for a well-balanced choir, and have spaces in all voice parts although, unusually, we're a bit short of sopranos and basses.

You can book your place online at **[www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on](http://www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on)** or by phoning **Anne on 01380 831425 / 07877 464375**.

### **Eat Nourish Love (ENL) Autumn Fair**

**Tuesday 23rd September (noon - 9pm) and Wednesday 24th September (9.30 am - 4pm)  
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Formerly known as the Early, Early Christmas Fair, the Eat, Nourish, Love Autumn Fair has been updated and expanded and is now offering two days of shopping, delicious food and drink, supper, champagne, and a line-up of talks from some brilliant speakers.

The Fair supports two charities - Walking With The Wounded and Horatio's Garden - and brings together over 120 stallholders.

Tickets are just £6 online or £7 on the door. You can book a Talk & Fair Bundle for £22, which includes Fair entry across both days and one expert talk of your choice. Additional talks are £16 each. For the Tuesday evening, there are Champagne & Shop tickets at £12 and Supper & Shop tickets at £26.

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### The Great Bustard Open Weekend - September 6th/7th Enford Village Hall SN9 6DD



The Great Bustard re-introduction team is holding an open weekend at Enford Village Hall all day Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September. Entry to the Hall will be free, where there will be a programme of talks from expert speakers about the project, great bustards and conservation on and around Salisbury Plain, as well as educational displays and activities and excellent homemade cakes and refreshments. The Visitor Centre and Shop will be open at the Hall, with the chance to purchase bustard themed homeware, clothing and gifts.

The Great Bustard Group is also offering tours from the Hall to the project site to view the great bustards. These will run throughout the day, lasting one hour and costing £15 per person. To ensure your place on a tour, please visit [greatbustard.org](http://greatbustard.org) and follow the booking link.

## CHEVERELLS; GARDEN CLUB

The August visit by Cheverells Garden Club was to John Tucker's garden in Box. John has previously spoken to us about design and achieving features on a budget, so it was a treat to go and see what he has achieved in his own property. We had an absolutely wonderful evening admiring his garden and amazing views and were spoilt rotten with wonderful homemade snacks and drinks.

The talk on **Tuesday 9th September** is by a representative from Wessex Water on how we as gardeners can cope with the changing climate, save water and ensure that we reduce pollution in our rivers. It will be a very useful and informative subject! It's in Great Cheverell Village Hall at **7.15pm for a 7.30pm** start. Everyone is welcome. If you need any more information please contact me at: [Helen.woodlands@outlook.com](mailto:Helen.woodlands@outlook.com)

## Carer Support Wiltshire in Devizes

**Bereavement Help Point The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS, 2nd September, 16th September 10.30am - 12 noon**

The Bereavement Help Point is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting. All sessions are free of charge and there's no need to book, just come along. This group is a partnership between **Dorothy House Hospice** and **Carer Support Wiltshire**. It is kindly funded by **Devizes Town Council, Devizes Lions, Potterne Parish Council and Worton Parish Council**.

### Carer Support Wiltshire:

Freephone **0800 181 4118** Mon-Thurs 9am - 4.30pm, Fridays 9am - 4pm

General Enquiries: **01380 871690** [carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](http://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk)



Streetscene has had a busy year building new planters, recruiting new members and obtaining new sponsorship to build and maintain our lovely planters in West Lavington and Littleton Panell. To welcome the residents of Hayfield Rise to our village two new planters were positioned at the entrance to Holloway Rise. This was achieved thanks to a generous donation of wood from Jewson's in Devizes, compost supplied by Steve Smith from Rowde and, most importantly, with the help of one of the new residents to help install and water the planters.

With the agreement of the landowners, we have plans to install new sites in the near future and to replace ageing current planters. Sadly, in the case of Littleton Panell, we are finding it difficult to get permission from landowners for new planter sites. If you are a Littleton Panell resident, and would be willing to help us install a planter, do please contact me on the number below.

Streetscene's activities could not be achieved without the help of our lovely team of volunteers, who give their time to planting and looking after the planters, most importantly watering them, especially in the challenging weather conditions this year.

We are grateful to West Lavington Parish Council for its support and donations to help cover Streetscene's costs, and to our other sponsors: ***Jewson's Devizes, Steve Smith Oak in Rowde (stevesmithoak.co.uk) The Cosy Kitchen food van, Urchfont Vehicles, Dauntsey Care Home, Premier Stores and Pat Holloway of Home Farm, West Lavington.***

If you have enjoyed seeing Streetscene's planters this year and would like to help and join our team, or make a donation to the planters' upkeep, please contact me on **07957 224453**.

**Susan West**

### **Carers Together Wiltshire**

#### **Devizes Carer Cafe - first Wednesday of the month**

The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS

**3rd September, 1st October 10.30-12.00**

Our cafes are a great way to make new friends and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings. Come when you can and stay for as long, or as little as you like.

#### **Parent Carer Group - The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS**

**September 17th 10.30 - 12noon**

A chance for unpaid Parent Carers to chat, relax and catch-up – it's all about connecting, having fun and looking after your mental well-being! A representative from the WPCC will be in attendance to talk about the work that they do.

You can contact us on **01380 710300** or email [enquiries@carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk) or visit our website <https://carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk/>

## Market Lavington Library - Volunteers needed!

The Old School in Church Street, Market Lavington

### Opening hours:

Wednesday 2pm - 5pm, Friday 10am - 5pm,

Saturday 10am - 12 noon

The opening hours at Market Lavington Library are operated by volunteers for Wiltshire Council, which provides libraries services across the county. It is a wonderful resource for the village which we are very lucky to have.



Library membership is free and gives access to all Wiltshire libraries. The Library offers a wide choice of books which are updated and changed regularly, including novels and biographies plus other popular fiction and non-fiction, children's and teen books, and large print books. Audio books can be ordered from other Wiltshire Libraries, and Library members have access to a wide range of eAudio, eBook and eMagazines.

Books can be ordered (at the Library or online) for collection (£1 adults, children's books free). There is also access to a public computer and free Wi-Fi in the Library.

### *Could you be a Volunteer?*

We currently have a wonderful team of twenty volunteers who give up their time to keep the Library thriving, but we would love to welcome more to help us to keep our Library open. It is a great way to meet other book lovers and to welcome everyone young and old.

We aim to have two volunteers for each shift, which are split into two x 1.5 hours on a Wednesday, three x 2.5 hours on Friday and 2 hours on Saturday. We ask that volunteers can be available for three shifts per month, although this can often be just two, depending on numbers. Ahead of each month our Volunteer Co-Ordinator will ask for your availability and draw up the rota. There are no set shifts. You will receive full training for the volunteer role.

We would love to hear from you. Please contact Jane Hunt, Volunteer Co-ordinator at Wiltshire Libraries (Devizes) on [jane.hunt@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jane.hunt@wiltshire.gov.uk) or pop into the Library and have a chat.

## Emergency Alert Test

**Sunday 7th September, 3pm**

The Government will be carrying out a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts system on **Sunday 7th September at 3pm**. The test alert will be sent to all compatible 4G and 5G mobile phones and compatible tablets across the UK. You'll hear a loud, siren-like sound and your phone or tablet will vibrate. If you have a vision or hearing impairment, audio and vibration attention signals will let you know you have received the test.

**The test is not intended to alert you to real danger and you will not need to take any further action.**



## Lavington and District Swimming Club

### Autumn Term 2025

Whether swimming for fun or lane swimming, our Club caters for all. Using the lovely Dauntsey School 25 metre Swimming Pool, we swim in term time and have two separate offerings: Tuesdays and Sundays, and Thursday mornings.

**Tuesdays and Sundays:** Autumn Term starts on **Sunday 7th September** and includes 12 Tuesday swims and 9 Sunday swims, the last swim being **Tuesday 9th December**.

The Club swimming times are **Sundays: 3.30pm to 5:30pm; Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm**.

Membership fees for the term: £40 for individual and £80 for a family.

For further details about joining this offering, please contact **Alison Andrews**, Membership Secretary on **Lavingtonswim@gmail.com**

Morning Swimming starts **Thursday 4th September** and is from 6:30am to 7:30am. Membership fee for the term is £35.

For further information about the morning swimming please contact **Phil Richardson**, Membership Secretary on **ladscmorningswim@gmail.com**



## West Lavington Youth Club

After what seems like a long summer closure, the Club reopens on **Monday 8th September** for group sessions, as follows:

**Monday nights:** 9+ Year group

**Tuesday nights:** 7-8 Year group

**Wednesday nights:** 4-6 Year group

All groups 6pm to 8pm

We have now received this year's funding from BBC Children in Need, and it gives us the opportunity to arrange a number of interesting activities and visits. The next one, at the end of September, is to Jungle Parc, at Lydiard House. At the time of writing there are a few places left on the coach. It will be fully supervised by our staff, together with parents who have volunteered to come.

We have made arrangements for a dedicated clothes bank at the Elisha Field car park in Market Lavington. Whenever this is emptied the Youth Club will receive a donation, so please fill it up!

Finally, whilst a new detailed website is in development, if you need more information, especially as a new member, it is always possible to contact **Joshy Newton**, our senior managing leader, on email at **wlyclub@hotmail.com**

**Mike May** Secretary WLYC

## A Greengage Summer?

You know that the weather has been unusual when the Editor of this publication asks you to write about it! But how abnormal has it been? Inevitably, comparisons are drawn with the long hot summer of 1976, and the scorched lawns and half-empty reservoirs do seem very familiar. But what are the facts?

According to the Meteorological Office, the average temperature in the summer (i.e. the months of June, July and August) of 1976 was 17.72°C. At the time of writing, the average for this year here in West Lavington may exceed this - the current mean is 18.1°C, but it looks as if this summer is going to end on a chilly note. If a new record is set, it will in large part have been due to the four heatwaves we have, unusually, experienced this year. However we should not think these two years are unique; before 1976 the hottest summer (at 17.61°C) was in 1826!

Does this year's summer provide evidence for global warming? On its own, the short answer is '**no**'. Lots of things affect our weather, such as volcanic eruptions, solar storms and changes in sea temperatures on the other side of the world, not to mention CO<sub>2</sub>, so we should expect significant changes from year to year. My records here in West Lavington, which start in 2008, show no obvious trend, but we should probably go back further in time. However, since 1985, annual records from the Meteorological Office show an unmistakable upward trend. Indeed the average temperatures have been rising since about 1900, with a slight pause during the 1950s.

There are some other aspects about this year's weather here in West Lavington that are worth noting. After one of the wettest autumns last year and a wet winter, the rain suddenly stopped and we had the driest spring I have recorded. What little rain we have had since has failed to resuscitate the lawns, or fill the brooks; farmers and gardeners are recording severely reduced harvests. However it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good and the weather in the spring has proved ideal for all trees with stoned fruits such as plums and, as I can confirm from my own garden, greengages. It looks like being a good year for apples too.

**John Price**







## September in the Garden – Building Climate Resilience

As the seasons shift, our gardens are feeling the effects of unpredictable weather, scorching heat one week, heavy downpours the next. My poor garden is looking very sorry for itself now that I've had to put the hosepipe away. September is a good moment to prepare your garden for these extremes.

Start with the soil. Healthy soil acts like a sponge in wet weather and holds moisture in dry spells. Adding a thick layer of mulch, such as soil improver, compost, or well-rotted bark, will protect the surface, feed the life beneath, and improve structure for the year ahead. I've been using Apsley Farms soil improver, delivered free to the village, laid after a good rain soak.



Think about plant diversity. A mix of drought-tolerant, deep-rooted species such as rosemary, *Verbena bonariensis*, lavender, *Perovskia*, and *Sedum* (*Hylotelephium*) alongside moisture lovers helps your garden cope with whatever nature throws at it. September is an ideal time for planting perennials and shrubs. The soil is warm and autumn rain helps them establish strong roots without daily watering.

Leave seedheads on some plants to feed birds and shelter insects over winter. A resilient garden survives the weather, supports wildlife, and keeps thriving.

Finally, If you've been caught out by downpours, a water butt stores rain for dry spells. Even a small barrel makes a difference and rainwater is far better for plants than tap water. I've got a gutter leading from my water butt overflow into my pond.

I offer one-to-one consultations to create a resilient garden on a budget - email me if interested.

**Capability Charlotte** [info@capabilitycharlotte.com](mailto:info@capabilitycharlotte.com)

## POSTERS FOR NEWS & VIEWS

Some of the artwork for posters we receive are excellent but needs to be redone because the file size and text are too small for printing or it won't work in greyscale. If you are supplying a poster for an event, the file size as a jpg will need to be a minimum of 1.5Mb and will be RGB.

You also need to ensure it will work in greyscale, as the magazine is printed in black & white. The colour version goes online.



## Don't fall for a scam email

*After a family member was caught out by an email phishing scam, a News and Views reader has asked us if we could highlight email scams and offer advice on how to spot them.*

Scam emails look like the real thing, but contain links and attachments designed to steal your money or information. The message

might be from a company you don't normally receive communications from, or someone you do not know. Scammers send 'urgent' emails pretending to be from the government, banks, credit card companies, shops and other trusted organisations, using the same logo and a similar email address as the real organisation. They can also copy or 'spoof' the email address of an organisation.

Often, the purpose of a scam email is to get you to click on a link. This will take you to a website which might download a virus to your computer, or steal passwords or other personal information. They usually try to trick you into going to the site - for example to update your password to avoid your account being suspended. The embedded link in the email itself goes to a website that looks exactly like the real thing but is actually a fake designed to trick victims into entering personal information.

### A scam email may:

- ask you to confirm your banking details so they can give you a 'refund';
- provide you with a phone number to call urgently;
- make a threat, such as immediate arrest, deportation, or blackmail;
- threaten to stop a service or charge a fine if you don't act;
- state you've been a victim of identity crime and offering compensation or help to recover money lost to scams.

### Pointers to fake emails:

- The email is sent from a free web mail address.
- The email does not use your proper name, but a non-specific greeting like 'dear customer'.
- A sense of urgency - for example the threat that unless you act immediately your account may be closed.
- A prominent website link. These can be forged or seem very similar to the proper address, but even a single character's difference means a different website.
- A request for personal information, such as user name, password or bank details.
- You weren't expecting to get an email from the company that appears to have sent it.

The entire text of the email is contained within an image rather than the usual text format. (The image contains an embedded hyperlink to a bogus site.)

## Stop and think!

Don't be bounced into reacting to an email. If an email doesn't look or sound right, or you are in any way suspicious about it, ask yourself the following questions:

- Is the email unexpected?
- Is it asking you to do something?
- Are there spelling or grammar errors?
- Is the email asking for an urgent response?
- Is the 'from' email address a valid, known address?
- Is there a link to click on?

If the answer to any of these is yes, then it may be a scam. Do not reply to the email or use any information in the email, including phone numbers. Do not click on any links or attachments.

If the email is from a friend, but they are asking for assistance or money, or the text doesn't seem right, call them directly to check that the email really is from them. Their email account may have been hacked.

If the email is from a company or other official body such as banks, doctors, etc., contact them directly via phone or text but DO NOT reply to the email.

You can check the email sender's address by right clicking on the 'From' name at the top of the email. You can also check the destination of any link in the email by rolling your mouse over the link - the true destination will be displayed in the bottom left corner of your screen. Beware if this is different to the address in the link.

## An email you don't like the look of? Report it!

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, you can forward it to **report@phishing.gov.uk**. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) will then analyse the suspect email and any websites it links to. They'll use any additional information you provide to look for and monitor suspicious activity. You can forward as many suspicious emails to them as you like - even if you're not certain it's a scam, the NCSC will check. Whilst the NCSC is unable to inform you of the outcome of its review, they can confirm that they do act upon every message received. Your report of a phishing email will help them to act quickly, protecting many more people from being affected.

## Useful sources of information:

National Cyber Security Centre: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams>

Action Fraud: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/scam-emails>

Take Five to Stop Fraud: [www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/protectyourself/onlinecams](http://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/protectyourself/onlinecams)

Get Safe Online: [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

If you have lost money as a result of a phishing email, or via any other fraudulent activity, report it to Action Fraud by calling **0300 123 20 40** or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

# SEPTEMBER RHYME TIMES

5th & 19th from 10.15 to 10.45  
Market Lavington Library

FANCY VOLUNTEERING AT THE  
LIBRARY OR RHYME TIME?

contact:

jane.hunt@wiltshire.gov.uk

Rhyme Time is held  
every 1st & 3rd Friday  
of the month  
For babies  
toddlers &  
Pre-schoolers

If you're  
not a  
member  
of Wiltshire  
Libraries  
we can easily  
join you up  
- just bring along  
some ID

Market  
Lavington  
Library  
Opening  
Times

Wednesdays  
2pm - 5pm  
Fridays  
10am to 5pm  
Saturdays  
10am to 12 noon

RETURNING FOR THE SECOND YEAR



## SPRING BULB SALE

Direct from the Growers in Lincolnshire  
**Fill a bag of your favourite spring bulbs**  
*Competitively priced*

**Saturday 6th September 10am - 2pm**  
At the Pavilion, Great Cheverell  
**Delicious Refreshments available**



## WEST LAVINGTON SCARECROW TRAIL 2025



Fun for the whole family! Wander around our beautiful villages,  
solving clues and seeing some fabulous homemade Scarecrows!  
Centred on the West Lavington Village Hall and Youth Club  
building.

Raffle and bake sale – dog and pushchair friendly route – £5 per  
answer booklet – PRIZES for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place – FREE puzzle  
trail for younger children

To sign up to make a Scarecrow, please email your name and  
chosen film character to:

LavingtonScarecrowTrail@yahoo.com



Lavington  
Community  
Choir

COME AND SING WITH US

**Thursday evenings 8pm to 9.45pm**  
at Market Lavington Community Hall

**From September 11th**

*No previous experience  
or sight-reading skills needed,  
no auditions, everyone welcome*

**We sing a wide range of music  
and your first taster session is free!**

**Just turn up or contact our Musical Director  
Paula Boyagis at: pboyagis@gmail.com**

Thanks to everyone who attended  
our very successful Summer Concert in July!



## Seven Miles from Any Town The Story of Imber

A nostalgic look at this once thriving village  
and it's inhabitants, before it was evacuated

Thursday September 11th at 7pm  
West Lavington Village Hall

**SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**

10am - 4.30pm at Edington Priory Church

Led by Chris Bruerton, 1st baritone, The King's Singers  
Lassus, Whitacre, Vaughan Williams & Chilcott

After working on the four pieces, there will be a run-through  
for friends and family. Chris will bring us his huge experience  
of a capella and close harmony singing at the highest level

**£25** to include  
refreshments & music hire

**BOOK YOUR PLACE**

[www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org)



## *The* Great Cheverell **PAVILION** *Club*

UNDER OUR LICENCE AGREEMENT WE CANNOT PUBLICLY NAME THE FILM WE ARE SHOWING

BLOWING IN THE WIND | MASTERS OF WAR  
THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING  
MR TAMBORINE MAN | TO RAMONA  
IT'S ALL OVER NOW BABY BLUE  
FAREWELL ANGELINA | **HIS EARLY LIFE**  
MASTERS OF WAR | MAGGIE'S FARM  
LIKE A ROLLING STONE | HERO BLUES  
SUBTERRANEAN HOMESICK BLUES  
SONG TO WOODY | DON'T THINK TWICE  
HARD RAIN'S GONNA FALL | GYPSY LOU  
TWEETER AND THE MONKEY MAN  
DON'T THINK TWICE | IT AIN'T ME BABE  
BOOTS OF SPANISH LEATHER  
WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE  
**NOT KNOWN** | I WANT YOU  
HURRICANE | DESIRE



**Saturday September 13th**

Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm

Members Free - Guests £5

## *Is your bear brave enough?*

Teddy Bear zip wire

Climb the tower

Chime the bells

Guided tours

Lots of Children's activities

Delicious refreshments

*See News & Views for  
timetable of activities*



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WEST LAVINGTON

**OPEN DAY**

**AND TEDDY BEAR ZIP WIRE**

**SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

1pm-5pm



# LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

**Wednesday 17th September 7:15pm**

West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4H

Existing members and those interested in joining our friendly club are very welcome

## Getting Ready for Winter and Foraging

a presentation by  
Carrie Pakenham

Come and join us for what promises to be a very informative evening!

Refreshments available

 Lavington & District Gardening Club  
online @ [lavingtongc.co.uk](http://lavingtongc.co.uk)

# Devizes FOOD & DRINK Festival

## Devizes Food and Drink Festival

**20th - 28th September**

**23 EVENTS IN 9 DAYS**

including meals, talks and tastings

### STREET FOOD & ARTISAN MARKET

Saturday 20th September 10am - 4pm

### A TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Hillworth Park

Saturday September 20th 3pm

Tickets for events from: Devizes Books  
& [www.devizesfoodanddrinkfestival.info](http://www.devizesfoodanddrinkfestival.info)

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Saturday 20th September 2025**

Market Lavington Community Hall

10am - 12pm

The 9th year of holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning!

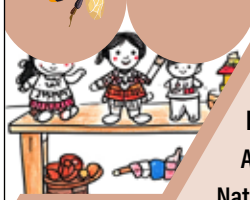
*Every penny we raise goes towards Macmillan to help those with cancer live life as fully as they can*

Please come and join us for tea, coffee and cake and have a go at the various games, raffle, tombola and bric-a-brac stall



Any donations will be greatly appreciated - collections available  
Please contact Sally on 01380 813708

# THE PLAY HIVE



Join the BUZZ at our  
Pop-up Play Sessions

Ages 6 months - 5 years

Nature Inspired Creative play

Weekly Themes

Taste Safe Messy Play

Small World Set Ups



Open Exploration

Stay & Play  
Sessions  
Coming Soon

Tuesday Mornings

West Lavington  
Village Hall

Register your interest at  
[hellotheplayhive@gmail.com](mailto:hellotheplayhive@gmail.com)

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THE NESTING TRUST

## Sunday Afternoon Tea and Cakes

and sale of

beautiful Nepali pashminas and other  
handmade items by women's groups  
from the foothills of the Himalayas

**Sunday 21st September 2025**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**at The Old School, Market Lavington**

All proceeds will go to help further the work of The Nestling Trust  
in bringing healthcare and health education to remote village areas in Nepal



UK Charity Reg. No. 1154431

## DEVIZES AUTUMN FAIR 2025

**Friday October 3  
10am to 4pm**

**THE CORN EXCHANGE  
MARKET PLACE, DEVIZES**

- Unique gift ideas ● Local crafts
- Clothes ● Homeware ● Refreshments

**Two-for-one tickets £5 in advance**  
(£5 per person on the door)

**devizesautumnfair.org.uk**



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**THE WILTSHIRE  
BOBBY VAN TRUST**

wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk



## Glam Girls & Dapper Gents! Book a pitch at our... PRE-LOVED & VINTAGE SALE

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
10am - 1pm**

**PITCHES £10**

**APPLY NOW!**

**LIMITED SPACES**

*Sell your unwanted...*  
**CLOTHES :: ACCESSORIES :: JEWELLERY  
SMALL HOME INTERIOR ITEMS**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED : APPLY BEFORE 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER...**  
EMAIL [stmarydeviseevents@gmail.com](mailto:stmarydeviseevents@gmail.com)



*... and tell all your stylish friends!*  
**www.stmarydevizes.org.uk**

All proceeds will go to St Mary's Redevelopment Project

**Sat 4th October 10am - 1pm**

## HARVEST SUPPER

**Saturday 4th October  
7pm for 7.30pm**

**£22.50**

**The Pavillion  
Great Cheverell**

*Welcome drink  
3 course seasonal meal  
coffee & Bar*

**Proceeds to St Peters  
Great Cheverell**



Potterne Village Hall  
Management Committee

Invite you to their 17th annual

# ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

Saturday 4th October

Sunday 5th October

11am - 4pm

At the Village Hall  
Mill Road, Potterne

Entry £1

To exhibit email Nesta on:  
npudney1@sky.com

## The 60s & 70s

£15

In Conversation with  
**Dee Dee Wilde**  
of Pan's People  
& **Henry Marsh**  
of 70s Band Sailor

**Friday 10th October 2025**

7.30pm - Bar Opens 7pm

Little Cheverell Village Hall  
Westbury road  
Little Cheverell SN10 4JP

<https://lcvh.square.site/>

Tel: 07908 143389 LittleCheverell-pc.gov.uk/events



## COME & JOIN THE MARKET LAVINGTON FILM CLUB

October 2025 to July 2026

*Only £10 per adult*

To comply with the Filmbank Licence  
film titles can be published to members only, but  
can be displayed on the Community Notice Board.

We aim to provide a broad variety of films  
to suit most tastes.

FILMS ARE SHOWN FREE TO MEMBERS ONCE A MONTH AT  
MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL  
*with cash bar & ice cream*

PICK UP A FORM AT MLCH or CONTACT SUE STONE  
suestone1948@gmail.com Tel: 01380 812636

**11th OCTOBER - FIRST FILM**



## Our great Autumn COFFEE MORNING

**SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER**  
10.00am - 12.00pm

**MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL**

**CRAFT STALLS | RAFFLE**  
**REFRESHMENTS | MUSIC**







**Wednesday 15th October**  
**Starts 10.45am**  
**Murano Glass**  
The Jewel of Venice  
**Devizes**  
Corn Exchange



We explore the origin of Venice and the building of the 189 canals. Then we take a short gondola ride to the tiny island of Murano and explore how it became the epicentre of glassmaking throughout the world. We learn of the various styles of Murano glass and delve into the lives of these ancient artisans.

World-class lectures on the third Wednesday of every month except August and September

Membership from October to February is £50  
or £30 from March to July - Guests £8

 The Arts Society Devides

[www.theartsocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartsocietydevizes.org)

## **SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER** **Remembrance** **Sunday Lunch**

**West Lavington Village Hall**

**Tickets will be available soon**



**SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER**  
**7pm - 11pm**

## **80s DISCO**



**BAR & RANGE OF WINES & DRINKS AVAILABLE**  
**MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL**

**TICKETS**  
**£10**  
**FROM →**

CINDY 07974 659012  
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ST ARBUCKS OR AT THE DOOR  
*Optional themed 80s dress  
but no stilettos please*

**FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOOL EXPEDITION TO PERU**



The fourteenth  
**CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR**  
*In aid of the Army Benevolent Fund*

will be held on  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th** at the  
**MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL**  
**10am to 2pm**

**FREE ENTRY + TOMBOLA**  
**Lots of stalls selling local crafts**

**Start your Christmas shopping with us!**  
Decorations & Cards  
Jewellery,  
Glass & Wooden Crafts  
Pottery, Home Decor  
Bags, Cakes  
Cosmetics, Honey  
& Lots, Lots More



For more information, contact Sue Bonney on [suejbonney@gmail.com](mailto:suejbonney@gmail.com)

## ST PETER'S CHURCH LITTLE CHEVERELL COFFEE MORNING

Come and meet your friends over cakes and coffee  
Candles, diffusers & homemade gifts plus a raffle

*Bring and buy items for the cake and produce stall*



**Saturday 22nd November  
10.00am to 12 noon**

## ST BARNABUS Christmas Tree Festival 13th and 14th December



**THE THEME THIS YEAR IS  
CHILDREN'S RHYMES**

For more information  
and to register your interest in taking part

**Contact June on 07749 8493121**

## New Farm Shop opens in West Lavington

Housed in a lovingly converted old stable block, **Courtyard Farm Shop** opened its doors in West Lavington last month, offering a selection of fresh, locally sourced produce and artisanal fare, including fresh fruit and vegetables and home cooking essentials, and a range of baked goods and treats from fresh bread to pastries.

The shop is family-run and is committed to supporting local farmers and artisans. Many of the products available come from nearby farms and small businesses across the West Country, ensuring customers get the freshest produce whilst helping to sustain the local economy.

Pat Holloway is at the helm and says "It's been such a rewarding experience creating something that not only serves the village but brings us closer to the community,"

The Farm Shop also offers 24-hour vending machines, located outside the shop, and stocked with essentials such as local milk, butter and soft drinks. Whether you're popping by for a late-night snack or need to grab something last minute, the vending machines provide a convenient way to buy locally sourced items at any time of day.

### **Courtyard Farm Shop Opening Hours:**

**Wednesday: 9:30am - 1:00pm    Thursday to Sunday: 9:30am - 5:00pm**





## West Lavington Fete

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Fete on 12th July. It was a very hot day and we sadly had to cancel the Dog Show, which had an impact on our overall profits, but the Fete still raised nearly £3500.

The thank you list is long! Firstly, our thanks to Dauntsey School's Headmaster, John Davies, for opening the Fete, and to him and his wife Hannah for taking the time to visit all our stalls.

Thanks too to the organisers of the village community stalls and their helpers: All Saints Church: Caroline Spindlow; Books: Mike and Carolyn Parker; Bottle stall: Martin and Sharon Hayward; Bric-a-brac: Anji Scofield; DAPS: Emily Muns; Face Painting: Phillipa Davy; Friendship Club: Eileen Hinton; Mothers' Union: Jackie Knipe; Plants: Denise Innes; Village Care and Link: Ann Janes; Lavington Pre-School: Julie Langland. Thanks also go to our commercial stallholders - more joined us this year and we look forward to adding more in 2026.

A huge thanks again to the WI (teas) and to John Ford and Mark Wadman (beer tent) for keeping us refreshed and sustained. Michael and Judy Page once again organised the Grand Prize Draw - our thanks to them and to all those who donated prizes, including Marks and Spencer, Spar Devizes, Morrisons Devizes, Premier Stores, Superior Plants, Gemini and Ask for Alice hairdressers, R Dowse and Son, Lowe's of Lavington, and Erlestoke Golf Club.

Dauntsey's School supplied tables and sound equipment and St John's Ambulance provided first aid. Devizes Jubilee Morris Dancers and the Amesbury Town Band entertained us, and we were delighted to welcome the Harley Davison bikers from the Oxford and Great Malvern Chapters.

An especial thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped us set up the Fete, especially newcomers Toby Robson and friends, Alisdair and Sally Fray, and Connie Rosendale and Benito Capone, and to the Redhorn Explorer Scouts for helping us throughout the day.

Takings from this year's Fete were slightly down, which is not surprising given the intense heat, but we still raised nearly £3500! £3000 of this has been distributed amongst village groups: All Saints' Church, Tuesday Club, Friendship Club, Redhorn Explorer Scouts, Mothers' Union, WL Village Hall, the WI and Lavington Pre-school.

The Bake-Off competition was won by Alisdair and Sally Fray with their wonderful cake decorated on the theme of Summer Holidays. The Joan Brooke Rosebowl has previously been awarded for the best-dressed stall, but this year we have inaugurated a new Joan Brooke Community Award with a prize of £250. The 2025 recipient is the DAPS Pond Project, to buy plants for the beautiful pond which is a wonderful new resource for the children at DAPS.

All of this would not be possible without our hard-working Fete committee: Chris Bonney and Sue Bonney, John Ford, Mark and Caroline Spindlow, and Matt Bastone. My grateful thanks to them all.

**Sue Bastone** Fete Chair

**westlavfete@gmail.com 07786 150620**

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You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to:

**dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk**  
or by phone on **07585 394 178**.

I hope you all had a lovely summer and found some time to enjoy the sunshine, see friends and family and have at least one BBQ! The weather has been amazing, although my lawn would disagree if it could talk. The Crammer in Devizes it is now nearly empty - I have never seen that despite having lived in the Devizes area my entire life.

If you have been through Market Lavington and Easterton you will have seen the lovely new road surface and pristine lining that has been completed. Thank you to everyone who, like me, has had to plan ahead to avoid the road closures, take diversions and put up with confused motorists at each end of the road. It has been painful at times, especially for those living along the site or operating a business in the Market Place. I found the contractors to be incredibly helpful and polite, and the job looks to have been done well. I think we can all breathe a sigh of relief.

The long-awaited update to Black Dog crossroads, which neighbouring councillor Tamara Reay and I secured last year, will begin this month. The difficult bit has always been getting electricity to the site without relying on landowners along the stretch. There will be a period of temporary traffic lights as a feed is brought up the road from the Freith direction. Before long we will have traffic lights and a reduced speed limit of 40mph in place. I am looking forward to having a solution to the ongoing accidents at the junction once and for all.

On to far more troubling news. We had an incident in Market Lavington in August when a teenager was followed through the village all the way to their home by a man who proceeded to let himself in. Thankfully the teenager's parent was at home and challenged the man. At the time of writing this, the man has been arrested and the police investigation is proceeding. If you saw the original post on Facebook, you will have seen that there was clearly some confusion from the attending officers at the time of the incident. I was able to intervene and raise concerns expressed by many of us over the handling of the matter and things began to move rapidly in a positive direction.

I wanted to include this point because I want all residents to know that I am happy to assist with any issue you are dealing with, even if it is being handled by a different agency (Police, Housing Association, Trading Standards etc). Sometimes I may be able to help, other times I may not, but I am always happy to try. So, if you get stuck with anything, just drop me a line.

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

**New website:** The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has a new website. The address is: **[www.cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk)** As a Parish Council, we are required to be open, transparent and accessible to all. The website is an important part of this openness and you will find all the Council's financial information, agendas and minutes on the site, plus we have a lot of community information pages. We would be happy to post any information, news and events on behalf of community groups, so please get in touch with the Clerk

if you would like to contribute towards the website.

All agendas, minutes and information about the Parish Council can be found on the website at ***Minutes and Agendas / Cheverell Magna Parish Council***

**Neighbourhood Plan:** At the Parish Council meeting on 7th July, the Parish Council agreed to establish a Neighbourhood Plan and approved the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. You can find the latest press release and information about the group on the website here: ***Great Cheverell Neighbourhood Plan / Cheverell Magna Parish Council*** We also publish agendas and minutes on behalf of the group.

**Resilience Plan:** Although we have had good weather this summer, the Council is already preparing for the winter ahead and we hold lots of useful supplies, including flood and snow equipment. The New Pavilion is the community hub in the event of any emergency where volunteers will be on hand to support the community. If you wish to step forward in the event of any emergency to help with transport, distributing equipment, communications, supporting vulnerable residents or staffing the hub, please get in contact with the Clerk, as we are currently updating the Parish Resilience Plan. This will be published along with key contacts in the Autumn.

**Autumn Litter Pick:** The Parish Council arranges regular litter picks and we would appreciate any volunteers who would like to join us on Sunday 19th October at 10am until 12 noon. We will meet at the New Pavilion. There will be litter pickers, gloves and bags provided along with a safety briefing from the Clerk!

You can contact the Parish Council by emailing: **[clerk@cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

## LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The full minutes of our meeting on 21st July are available to view on our website **[littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk](http://littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk)**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **29th September at 7pm** in the Village Hall.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Joanna Coleman as our Clerk. Joanna can be contacted at **[clerk@littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk)**

**Cllr. Mike Phillips - Chairman Tel: 07908 143389 [www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk)**

We hope that everyone enjoyed the summer sunshine, both at home and on holiday. As September begins, it is back to school and work and back to Parish Council monthly meetings, the first of which is on **Thursday 4th September at 7pm** in the Giles Room of the Village Hall. Our public participation section is at the beginning of the meeting, so do come along if you have anything you would like to raise with us.

There has been little in the way of planning applications over the summer. A consultation took place regarding a development of houses behind White Street, but we have yet to see a formal application. This potential development will be for 47 homes in an area that is outside the settlement boundary. The settlement boundary established in the Neighbourhood Plan is there to protect village character and prevent unchecked development. The plan excludes land outside this boundary from general development.

We would encourage everyone to review plans as they arise, as it will affect our village and it is important for everyone to have an opinion, whether for or against.

Over the summer volunteers have been clearing and maintaining our infrastructure of footpaths. Some paths are managed by local householders, whose efforts are unseen and often unknown. Thank you if you are one of those who clears and maintains paths near you. The Parish Rights of Way group meets regularly around once a month to target one or two areas. With a good group of volunteers targeted paths can be cleared in one to two hours. Do join us if you can - the more people that come, the more we can do and the quicker we can do it.

Wiltshire Council is going to monitor air quality and how it is affected by pollution. The Parish Council wants to participate and would like to find three locations to position air monitors. These monitors are around the size of a yogurt pot and would be positioned on the outside of a building, and they need to have access to WiFi. We are interested in four locations: the crossroads (junction of the High Street and Lavington Lane), close to the village shop, close to the Village Hall and playing field, and in the area of All Saints' Church. If there are any households willing to help please get in touch.

**A Parish Council Thank You** to those unseen neighbours who maintain our footpaths

The October Parish Council Meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd October at 7pm** in the Giles Room of the Village Hall.

## **West Lavington Parish Planning Matters**

**PL/2025/06262: Wyneshore House, White Street.** Gated entrance to property.

**PL/2025/06556: The Old Post Office, Church Street.** Replacement windows in a listed building.

### **Works to Trees**

**PL/2025/06473:** Strawberry Lee, White Street.

**PL/2025/06408:** 27 High Street, Littleton Panell

## **2024 a successful year for West Lavington Village Hall**

### ***.....but volunteers still desperately needed***

The Trustees of West Lavington Village Hall held their AGM in July, chaired by Paul Bryant, who said 2024 was the year when the Hall really started to move forward.

The Hall had an average of forty bookings a month from various organisations and individuals, ranging from a solo saxophonist to a large dance group. The Trustees have managed to build the use made of the Hall, which has meant it is back on a sound financial footing. Various local groups are at the heart of Hall use, plus broader groups both from the public and private sectors who appreciate the Hall's facilities. Private individual party bookings have increased – with the additional attraction of ample car parking and the playing areas outside.

Particularly encouraging in the past year has been the return to use of the superb stage by youth theatre groups, dancers and musicians. The Trustees hope one of these groups can be attracted to make this Village Hall their home. During the meeting reports were received from many of the user groups and individuals who expressed their satisfaction at the improvements to heating and lighting, as well as numerous other changes.

The Trustees have also been managing the use of the field and the car park for the Parish Council to maximise use and avoid conflicts.

Mr Bryant gave particular thanks to the support received from West Lavington Parish Council (including the purchase of new comfortable chairs) and the Wiltshire Area Board, whose grant enabled a new radiant heating system to be installed.

Paul reminded those present that the Village Hall is an independent charity and not a part of the Parish Council, and that all those involved with the running of the Hall are volunteers: *“We still have some way to go and we need to make improvements to the heating and lighting in the toilets, kitchen and other areas. Hopefully that will all happen before the end of 2025,”* he said. There were plenty of challenges ahead, but perhaps the biggest was finding people to help run the Hall. *“We have been fortunate to attract a small number of very useful volunteers, but we really do need more to spread the load.”*

If anyone wishes to become a volunteer, Trustee, or join the Committee, or has the skills or experience to contribute to the running of the Hall or events, or ideas to take the Hall forward, please contact the Trustees on **villagehallwestlavington@gmail.com**.

## West Lavington Village Hall Diamond Jubilee!

**1st October 2025** marks the 60th anniversary of the official opening of West Lavington Village Hall. The Village Hall Trustees held a meeting in August where it was agreed to have a year of 60th celebrations from now until September 30th next year, with an event every two or three months. Various suggestions included a 60s music night, a children's Christmas party, a 60s film night in January, a Valentine supper with 60s menu and music, an Easter photographic competition to raise funds for the Hall, a cheese and wine night, a Race night and summer cream teas. All these events will be fundraisers for the Hall, and the Trustees are hoping to recruit volunteers to help run them. They will meet monthly to organise the various events, starting in September.

If you have the skills or experience to contribute to events or the running of the Hall, or ideas to take the Hall forward, please contact the Trustees on **villagehallwestlavington@gmail**.

## Little Cheverell Village Hall - [www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk)

The Village Hall is thriving, and we have a full calendar of events over the next couple of months. The Hall now has free Wifi!



<b>26th September:</b>	<b>Cheese and Wine Evening</b> , 7pm - tickets £10, available from our web shop at <a href="https://lcvh.square.site/">https://lcvh.square.site/</a>
<b>28th September:</b>	<b>St. Peters Church Harvest Festival Lunch</b>
<b>29th September:</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7pm
<b>4th October:</b>	<b>Pop-Up Pub</b> with Pie and mash, 6pm - 11pm. Reserve a pie via What's App or text message <b>Mike</b> on <b>07908 143389</b> , or just pop in for a drink, we would love to see you. Family friendly, you can bring your dog too! Fun Raffle - Cheap Drinks - Good Food.
<b>10th October:</b>	<b>Dee Dee Wilde and Henry Marsh 60s &amp; 70s in conversation.</b> Bar open at 7pm, parking at Little Cheverell House opposite the Hall. Dee Dee was a member of Pans People and Henry was a member of Sailor. A fun trip down memory lane with music, video and conversation. Hungry? Hot dogs on sale at the bar. Details can be found on the Parish council website <a href="http://www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk">www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk</a> and tickets can be purchased <a href="https://lcvh.square.site/">https://lcvh.square.site/</a> We have 40 tickets available, and they are selling fast, so book today to avoid disappointment.
<b>18th October:</b>	<b>Oktoberfest.</b> Tickets available soon. German sausages, beer and oompah music, even lederhosen if you dare! It'll be great fun!
<b>22nd November:</b>	<b>St Peter's Church coffee morning</b>



# HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



It is wonderful to welcome all our children and their families back after the holidays, especially our new children and their families into the school community.

**A very special journey!** Our whole school pilgrimage to the Dorset seaside was a day to remember. The adventure began with travel by bus and ferry, followed by a scenic hike through the nature reserve and a tour of the coastguard station, learning about their vital work. We explored the coastline, and had fun with beach games, paddling in the sea and a sunny picnic on the sand. It was a day filled with friendship, joy and shared memories - an unforgettable experience gifted to every child by the PFA. We met many people who commented on the children's outstanding attitudes and behaviour.

White Horse class invited their families to school for an amazing **French Concert**. The children performed French songs and rhymes, sewed their own French flags, crafted their own 'oiseaux' and made a little bouquet of lavender to give to their families. They should be very proud of their super performance - merveilleux!

Silbury Class opened their **Pop-Up Alpine Restaurant**, a unique outdoor dining experience inspired by their geography topic on mountain regions. The children transformed the school grounds into a charming alpine-style venue, offering parents a 'Peak of Dining' experience. They took on a wide range of hospitality roles, prepared and served a diverse, delicious menu and entertained guests with live music. From planning and budgeting to cooking, hosting and performing, pupils applied their learned skills to impress their 58 guests.

In our summer term production of **Joseph** every Y3 and Y4 child contributed to two brilliant performances as actors and choir members. Their energy was infectious, the singing was incredible and the audiences were wonderfully appreciative.

**Sports' Day** For the joy of sport, for the aspiration of becoming stronger and fitter, for the courage to grow skills, confidence and potential. For the chance to compete and use their talent. Our amazing children gave their best, worked as a team encouraging and caring for others along the way.

Huge thanks to all our staff for their dedication to these ambitious projects, and to our supportive parents for embracing all the opportunities. Your support is one of our school's greatest strengths.

We're excited for the year ahead! Our curriculum is rooted in joy, compassion, courage and aspiration. It's designed to equip children with the knowledge and skills they need for future success. You can explore our curriculum at [www.holy-trinity.co.uk/Curriculum](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk/Curriculum)

If you think your child would thrive at our school, we'd love to welcome you. Please visit our website [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk) or call us on **01380 813796** to arrange a visit and meet our Headteacher **Anna Woodman**.

## SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



During the summer holidays the children have been exploring their senses through potion making activities. They used herbs from our garden, including mint, thyme, sage and lavender. The children were able to practice their cutting skills with the scissors, whilst also expanding their vocabulary as they described what they could smell, see and feel - 'minty', 'delicious', 'slimy', 'soft' and 'tasty'. They worked on strengthening their fine motor skills by using pipettes to transfer the coloured water between the containers whilst counting as they were doing so.

Turn-taking and team work was essential for this kind of activity as everyone came to join in at once and, although difficult at times, we were able to communicate well when we wanted a turn with the tools or if we needed a friend to pass an item that was out of reach.

We created 'purple unicorn potion', 'minty water' and 'slimy potion'.

As we say farewell to some of our older children who will be heading to school, we are pleased to be welcoming our new children and their families and we look forward to getting to know them in the new term.

We currently have spaces available for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds. Please contact us on **01380 812418** or email **[oldschoolmanager@southhillsschool.com](mailto:oldschoolmanager@southhillsschool.com)** to book a visit.

### Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub

#### The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub can help:

put people in touch with community groups who can help and provide a warm space

- signpost to sources of financial support and foodbanks
- provide advice to those experiencing loneliness
- advise people on cost-of-living crisis
- signpost customers to any appropriate schemes through the Household Support Fund (HSF)

The Household Support Fund is to support households that would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs during the current cost-of-living challenges and particularly those who may not be eligible for the other forms of Government support.

Call the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub on **0300 003 4576**

Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-4pm

or email **[wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk)**

## **Entitled**

Who would be a politician, especially today? Our political leaders are forever trying to balance the competing demands of different sectors of society. If they tax the mega-rich to boost the public purse, the wealthy up-sticks and head for low tax regimes like Monaco. An estimated 16,500 dollar millionaires are expected to do exactly that this year. Meanwhile, eight million people are claiming universal credit benefits, with almost half the claimants not required to look for work. It doesn't add up, which is why the national debt is skyrocketing.

Writing in The Times, columnist Matthew Syed argues that a sense of entitlement is holding our country back. As he points out, we all know that more new homes need to be built so young adults can get on the property ladder, but nimbies are quick to protest if their view of green fields and rolling hills is threatened by a new housing estate. Syed's prescription for the 'entitlement epidemic' is a healthy dose of patriotism. But I wonder whether love for good old Blighty is a strong enough force to make a difference.



In his Letter to the Philippians the apostle Paul urged his readers, 'Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.' Very fine principle. But a sense of entitlement is hard to shift. People are often quicker to demand their rights than fulfil their responsibilities to others. If ever anyone was entitled to anything it was Jesus. Paul describes him as 'being in the form of God', resplendent with divine majesty. Yet he was willing to stoop from the heights of heavenly glory to 'take the form of a servant', coming into the world as man. More than that, Jesus was willing to suffer and die on the cross to save his people from sin.

Those who believe in Jesus are called to imitate his attitude by giving due consideration to the interests of others. I will not only insist on my own right to freedom of speech, but also the right of those who may disagree with me. If I can work, I must work and pay my taxes so that decent public services may be provided for the benefit of society. The Christian vision of life helps us move the dial from self-interested entitlement to a pursuit of the common good.

**Pastor: Guy Davies** [www.pbc-ebc.org.uk](http://www.pbc-ebc.org.uk)

You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm. On the 4th Sunday of the month we have 'Time for Tea +', a traditional Sunday tea, followed by a short service.

## Negative Words

**‘The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit’ (Proverbs 15:4)**

A young woman confessed to an older man that she had a problem saying too much about people. He told her to go buy a bird and pluck out its feathers one by one as penance for her sin. When she returned and told the man that she had followed his instructions, he said, “Now go back and pick up all the feathers.”

“I can’t do that,” said the girl. “The wind has blown them in all directions.” “That is true,” said the wise man. “Neither can you recall the words that you have spoken.” It is impossible to take back something once you’ve said it.

Try squeezing a tube of toothpaste and then putting the toothpaste back in. It’s nearly impossible to do. And it’s the same with our negative words once they leave our mouths.

Think before you speak. Always be sincere when giving encouraging words (your words won’t go far if your actions don’t back them up). Remember, encouragement and advice are not the same thing. And try this, be your best encourager. As the verse says, perverse cutting words crush the spirit. Are you crushing yourself with self-hatred? When you feel discouraged, hand that discouragement over to God. Ask Him to help you. Stop wounding and maiming yourself and others. Words cannot be recaptured once they’ve escaped our lips. Fortunately, the same goes for kind words, too. Ask God for help and try again. By His grace, your words will become ‘a tree of life.’



The Christian life is not meant to be lived alone. Scripture calls us to community, a family of believers who ‘spur one another on toward love and good deeds’. (Heb 10:24). Encouragement is how we remind each other of what’s true when life gets hard. It’s how we lift the weary, comfort the hurting and inspire the hesitant. It’s a way of saying: ‘You’re not alone. God is with you. I am too.’ In a world full of criticism, distraction and spiritual fatigue, encouragement is like oxygen for the soul.

**Rev Fr David Knipe**, (Prayer/Pastoral care/  
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## TRINITY CHURCH

We meet in the Community Hall, Market Lavington every Sunday morning at **10.30 am** unless stated otherwise.

Visitors to our informal style of worship in the United Reformed Church/Methodist tradition are always welcome. Do come along.

All services are accompanied by refreshments.

<b>September 7th</b>	Trinity Church Service Led by Mrs Jeannie MacMeekin
<b>September 14th</b>	United Church Service Led by Revd Gary Gotham
<b>September 21th</b>	Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd Gary Gotham
<b>September 28th</b>	United Church Service Led by Patti Williams

**Church Minister:** Revd Gary Gotham, 69 Queens Road, Devizes, Wilts.

**01380 724264** [gary.gotham@gmail.com](mailto:gary.gotham@gmail.com)

**Trinity Church Secretary:** Les Charlton

**07962 422 624** [secretarytrinitychurchml@gmail.com](mailto:secretarytrinitychurchml@gmail.com)

**Postal address:** Trinity Church Secretary, c/o St. Arbucks Cafe,  
1 Church St, Market Lavington SN10 4DT

## Autumn Term dates for local schools

### DAPS

**Autumn term:** Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December

**Half term:** Thursday 23rd October to Monday 3rd November

### Holy Trinity

**Autumn term:** Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December

**Half term:** Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

### Lavington School

**Autumn Term:** Thursday 4th September to Friday 19th December

**Half term:** Wednesday 22nd October to Sunday 2nd November

### Dauntseys

**Autumn term:** Thursday 4th September to Friday 12th December

**Half term:** Friday 17th October to Sunday 2nd November

All these schools begin the Spring term on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

## WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

<b>Mon 1st:</b>	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, GC Pavilion, 7.30pm
<b>Wed 3rd/ Thurs 4th</b>	Bag a Bargain nearly new clothes sale in aid of Bobby Van Trust, Manor Farm, Longbridge Deverill, Wed 10am-6pm tickets £6, Thurs 10am - 2pm free entry.
<b>Thurs 4th:</b>	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WLVH, 7pm.
<b>Fri 5th:</b>	Rhyme Time for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, ML Library, 10.15 - 10.45 am
<b>Sat 6th:</b>	West Lavington Scarecrow Trail in aid of West Lavington Youth Club, 10am - 4pm
	Bulb Sale in aid of St Peter's GC, The Pavilion GC, 10am - 2pm
	Twilight Cinema showing Wicked, Hillworth Park, 8.30pm, Gates open 7pm <b><a href="http://ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events">ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events</a></b>
<b>Sat 6th/ Sun 7th:</b>	The Great Bustard Open Weekend, Enford Village Hall, 9am - 4pm
<b>Mon 8th:</b>	Mothers' Union meeting, talk on the work of the Nestling Trust, 54 High St, WL, 2.15pm.
<b>Tues 9th:</b>	Cheverells Garden Club meeting: talk from Wessex Water, GCVH, 7.15 for 7.30pm
<b>Thurs 11th:</b>	Lavington Community Choir restarts, MLCH, 8 - 9.45pm.
<b>Sat 13th:</b>	All Saints West Lavington Open Day, 1 - 5pm.
	Edington Arts Choral Workshop, Edington Priory Church 10am - 4.30pm. £25
	great Cheverell Film night at The Pavilion. Starts 7pm. Guests £5, Members free
<b>Wed 17th:</b>	Lavington Gardening Club meeting 'Getting Ready for Winter', WLVH, 7.15 for 7.30pm
<b>Fri 19th:</b>	Rhyme Time for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, ML Library, 10.15 - 10.45 am
<b>Sat 20th:</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning, MLCH, 10am - 12 noon.
<b>Sat 20th - Sun 28th</b>	Devizes Food and Drink Festival. <b><a href="http://devizesfoodanddrinkfestival.info">devizesfoodanddrinkfestival.info</a></b>
<b>Sun 21st:</b>	Nestling Trust Sunday Afternoon Tea and Cakes, 2 - 4pm, Old School, ML
<b>Tues 23rd/ Wed 24th:</b>	Eat Nourish Love Autumn Fair (formerly Early, Early Christmas Fair) Tedworth Park, Tidworth SP9 7AH, Tuesday noon - 9pm, Wed 9.30am - 4pm. Tickets £6 online or £7 on the door.
<b>Wed 24th:</b>	WL Friendship Club musical afternoon with End of Track, WLVH, 2.30pm, £5



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<b>Thurs 25th - Sun 28th:</b>	Marlborough Lit Fest. For full info, brochure and to book tickets go to <b>marlboroughlitfest.org</b> Tickets also from <b>0333 666 3366</b> or in person from the <b>White Horse Bookshop</b> , Marlborough
<b>Fri 26th:</b>	Clubbercise, WLVH, 6.15 for 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Contact Jennifer on <b>07341 986569</b> or email: <b>jennifer@fitnesswithadifference.uk</b>
	Cheese and Wine evening, Little Cheverell Village Hall 7pm. Tickets £10 from <b><a href="https://lcvh.square.site/">https://lcvh.square.site/</a></b>
<b>Sun 28th:</b>	Harvest Festival Lunch, St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell
<b>Mon 29th:</b>	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7pm.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>Thurs 2nd:</b>	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WLVH, 7pm.
<b>Fri 3rd:</b>	Devizes Autumn Fair, Devizes Corn Exchange, 10am - 4.30pm. Tickets £5, (2 for the price of 1 if booked online at <b>devizesautumnfair.co.uk</b> )
<b>Sat 4th:</b>	Glam Girls and Dapper Gents pre-loved clothes sale in aid of St Mary's Redevelopment Project. St Mary's Church, Devizes. 10.00am to 1pm. Entry £5.
	Harvest Supper in aid of St Peter's Church, GC. The Pavilion, GC, 7 for 7.30pm, Tickets £22.50
	Pop-up Pub with Pie and Mash, LCVH, 6 - 11pm. Call Mike on <b>07908 143389</b> to book a pie.
<b>Sat 4th / Sun 5th:</b>	Potterne Art Show, Potterne Village Hall, 11am - 4pm, Entry £1
<b>Fri 10th:</b>	Dee Dee Wilde and Henry Marsh, 6os and 7os in Conversation, LCVH, from 7pm. Tickets from <b><a href="https://lcvc.square.site">https://lcvc.square.site</a></b>
<b>Sat 11th:</b>	Tuesday Club Coffee Morning, MLCH, 10am - midday.
<b>Wed 15th:</b>	Devizes Arts Society lecture: 'Murano Glass - The Jewel of Venice', Devizes Corn Exchange, 10.45 for 11am. Guests £8.
<b>Sat 18th:</b>	Oktoberfest, LCVH.
<b>Sun 19th:</b>	Litter pick, Great Cheverell, 10am to 12 noon. Meet at the Pavilion,
<b>Sat 25th:</b>	8os Disco to raise funds for Lavington School Peru Expedition, MLCH, 7 - 11pm Tickets £10.



## Nearby NGS Open Gardens in September

*It is always best to check the website before leaving for your garden visit. [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) Children are free.*

### Saturday 6th:

**Iford Manor Gardens, Bradford-on-Avon** 11.00 am to 16.00 pm.

Admission £10. Children over 10 only. Two acre plus terraced garden in Harold Peto's former home, Steep steps link the terraces with pools, fountains, loggias, colonnades, urns and figures, with magnificent rural views across the Iford Valley. Pre-booking essential, phone **01225 863146**, or email [info@ifordmanor.co.uk](mailto:info@ifordmanor.co.uk)

### Sunday 7th:

**1 Southview, Wick Lane, Devizes SN10 5DR**, 13.30 - 16.30, Admission £5.

An atmospheric and very long town garden, full of wonderful planting surprises at every turn. Densely planted with pots near the house and large borders further up, it houses a collection of beautiful and often unusual plants, shrubs and trees, many with striking foliage.

### Sat 13th and Sun 14th:

**Wellaway, Close Lane, Marston SN10 5SN**, 1300 - 1700, Admission £6

Two acre flower arranger's garden comprising herbaceous borders, orchard, vegetable garden, ornamental and wildlife ponds, lawns and naturalised areas. Extensive autumn colour. Homemade teas.

### Sunday 21st:

**Brow Cottage, Seend Hill, Seend, SN12 6RU**, 14.00 - 17.00, Admission £5.

A half-acre contemporary cottage garden owned by a garden designer and created over the past 25 years. Lawns, well-stocked borders, topiary, potager, sunken pool garden, wildlife pond, short woodland walk, species bulb and wildflower lawn and canopied dining area. Homemade teas. Refreshments in aid of Church of the Holy Cross, Seend.

***As we go to press, the NGS Open Gardens in Wiltshire have raised over £99,000 for charity so far this year!***



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or watch out for our Fete ads next Spring!

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

**Art Group:** Thursday mornings, Giles Room, WL Village Hall, 9.30am - midday

**Cafe Scientifique:** *usually* first Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm, The Raven , Poulshot

**Cheverells Garden Club:** second Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, GC Village Hall

**Easterton Sewing Bee:** Wednesday evenings, 7pm in Easterton Village Hall

**Friendly Fridays,** Old School, Market Lavington 10am to 1pm, all ages

**Gt Cheverell Book Club:** last Tuesday of the month, 2pm

**Gt Cheverell Friends and Neighbours:** first Wednesday in the month, GC Village Hall 3pm.

**Home Group:** Tuesdays in term time, 46 High Street, West Lavington, 6.30 - 8pm

**Kennet Quilters:** second Monday in month, ML Community Hall, 1.30 - 4.30pm.

**Knitting Club:** Baptist Church hall on third Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm.

**Lavington Community Choir:** Thursdays, ML Community Hall, 8pm for 8.15pm.

**Lavington and District Swimming Club:** Sundays 3.30-5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm, Thursdays 6.30am-7.30 am, Dauntsey's School Pool.

Sunday 7th September to Tuesday 9th December 2025

**Lavington and District Garden Club:** third Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm, WL Village Hall, £2 per meeting, £15 per year

**Market Lavington Toddlers' Group:** Drop in, from birth to 5 yrs. Tuesdays in term time, 09.30 - 11.30am, The Old School, Market Lavington. Contact **Maxine on 07967 635147**

**Market Lavington Short Mat Bowls Club:** Mondays 10am & Wednesdays 7pm, Market Lavington Community Hall

**Mothers' Union:** second Monday of the Month, 2.15pm at 54 High Street, West Lavington, unless otherwise advised.

**Rhyme Time: for babies through to pre-schoolers,** 1st and 3rd Fridays of month, including holidays. 10.15 - 10.45am, Market Lavington Library.

**Tuesday Club:** for 60+, Tuesdays, ML Community Hall 10am - 2pm

**West Lavington Friendship Club:** second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, Baptist Church Hall at 2.30pm, unless otherwise advertised.

**West Lavington WL:** second Thursday of the month, Giles Room WL VH, April-Oct 7pm,

**West Lavington Youth Club:** Mondays 6-8pm (9+ year group), Tuesdays 6-8pm (7-8 year group), Wednesdays 6 -8pm (4-6 year group) WL Village Hall

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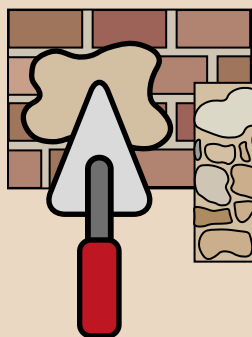


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