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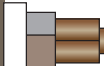
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FROM THE EDITOR

If, like me, you are worried about the dry state of your garden, and the small numbers of butterflies and birds about this year so far, then you will be interested to read this month's contributions from our gardening guru Capability Charlotte and nature watcher Otis Tarda. Sadly for us, Otis Tarda has decided it is time to put down his pen and spend more watching the wildlife in his garden. We wish him many happy hours doing just that, and offer our grateful thanks to him for his columns over the years, keeping us all apprised of the state of nature locally and around the world.

There is a lot going on in June locally, especially when it comes to Open Gardens and Family Fun Days, packed details inside! Let's hope the sun shines, but we still get some decent rain!

An Apology: well done all those eagle-eyed readers who realised we named the wrong church/village on page 26 of the May News & Views. We identified Market Lavington as Bishop's Lavington, when the photograph showed All Saints church, West Lavington. My apologies for this error. I can only blame the bug - I did warn you! We hope you found the page interesting, despite the mistake.

Sue Bonney Editor

Deadline Dates

Editorial copy and photographs should be sent to editor4newsandviews@gmail.com

Articles and photographs for the **July/August 2025** issue should reach Sue Bonney no later than **Friday June 20th**. **NB** *This is a double issue, so don't forget to send any August contributions as well as July!*

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This Month's Cover: Staff at Dauntseys' House Care Home dressed up to celebrate VE Day: (L to R) Kelly (Catering Manager), Rayna (Manager), Paula and Cindy (Wellbeing Co-ordinators).

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 (813775)

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 St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Great Cheverell St Peter's	Little Cheverell St Peter's
Sunday 1st June	10.30 am Benefice Service				
Sunday 8th June		9.00 am Breakfast Church	10.30 am United Service with Trinity Community Hall Market Lavington	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
Sunday 15th June			10.30 am Benefice BCP Communion	10.00 am Music Sunday Service	
Sunday 22nd June		9.30 am Praise & Worship	10.30 am United Service with Trinity Community Hall Market Lavington	10.00 am Welcome to Worship	
Sunday 29th June	6.00 pm Deanery Evensong	9.30 am Matins		10.30 am Patronal Service	
Sunday 6th July				10.30 am Benefice Service Communion	

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

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

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 Sue Allen, Churchwarden at St Barnabas, Easterton.

It takes a lifetime to learn how to live,
How to share and how to give,
How to face tragedy that comes your way,
How to find courage to face each new day,
How to smile when your heart is sore,
How to go on when you can take no more,
How to laugh when you want to cry,
How to be brave when you say goodbye,
How to still love when your loss is so great,
How to forgive when your urge is to hate,
How to be sure that God's really there,
How to find Him?
Seek him in prayer.

Anon



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More information can be found on our website **www.lavingtonchurch.org**

Benefice 200 Club

May Draw

Congratulations to Ashley Galloway, who won the prize for the May draw. Don't go mad spending it, Ash.

Bonnie Matters **bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk**

Music Sunday at St Peter's, Great Cheverell

June 15th 10am

If you enjoy singing, come and join an informal 45 minute service at St Peter's on **Sunday June 15th**, where the Director of the Royal School of Church Music, Hugh Morris, will be the guest speaker. A chance to hear about the Royal School of Church Music, Hymnpact and learn a new song, and celebrate Father's Day! Refreshments included!

St Barnabas needs your memories!

St Barnabas Church, Easterton will be celebrating its **150th Anniversary on June 15th**. There will be a two-day exhibition over the weekend of the 14th and 15th June, culminating in a Benefice service on the 15th.

If you have wedding or christening photographs from past years, or other memories of the Church over its life, we would love to borrow them to add to our exhibition. If you no longer have photographs but have some interesting, sad, happy or funny memories that you could write a short paragraph on, this too would be lovely.

If your memorabilia stretches back through parents or grandparents to the time when the school was in Easterton, please share them with us.

Any contributions you may have can be sent to **Pat Morrison (01380 812357), Sue Allen (01380 813603) or June Wright (01380 818794)**.



Mothers' UNION

The Mothers' Union met on **Monday 12th May** at our usual venue, 54 The High Street, West Lavington. Our guest speaker was one of our members, Elaine Jeremiah. We heard from Elaine about her own personal journey with mental health. She told us of the help she has received over the years from the medical profession, and the friendship, encouragement and prayers received from the churches she has attended. She emphasised that asking help from a GP is a must first step, or using the NHS website. Then ensure that the correct medication is prescribed for each individual, as there are many options.

Our June meeting is on Thursday 12th June at 2pm, at West Lavington Village Hall. A change of day and venue this time! We will be joining the ladies of West Lavington W.I. when we will have a presentation on Wiltshire Fear Free, from Mary Wood. Wiltshire Fear Free supports victims of domestic abuse, which is the main campaign at present of the W.I. and the Mothers' Union.

We are looking forward to the Village Fete on 12th July! As usual the Mothers' Union stall will be selling fresh produce. We will gratefully accept donations to the stall of homegrown vegetables and fruit, homemade cakes, biscuits, preserves, jams, marmalade, chutney etc. We always appreciate your support for the Mothers' Union at this annual event. Thank you.

Jackie Knipe jack_knipe@hotmail.co.uk

VILLAGE LINK

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CHEVERELLS; GARDEN CLUB

The topic of our May meeting of was carnivorous plants. Dennis Balsden brought a wonderful array of examples and we learned about all the different types and how to care for them, which was useful as there were quite a few for sale! He was an extremely engaging and interesting speaker and we were all enthralled.



For the next meeting on the **10th June** we will be visiting **Windmill Cottage** in Market Lavington. Rupert has been opening his naturalistic garden for the NGS for many years and we are delighted to be going back for a tour. If you are interested in joining us on the day, please email me at Helen.woodlands@outlook.com

Wiltshire Day at the Wiltshire Museum

Saturday 7th June, 11am to 4pm

As part of its current Folk exhibition, Un/Common People: Folk Culture in Wessex, Wiltshire Museum in Long Street, Devizes is holding a Wiltshire Day on **Saturday 7th June**. There will be Cotswold Style Morris Dancing, and family-friendly folk stories with Kirsty Hartsiotis, plus folk art activities and crafting for children. The events will take place outside, weather permitting, in the Museum car park/garden, and in the Museum Lecture Hall. The Museum car park will be closed for parking, but there is plenty of alternative parking in the town.

Tickets cost the usual Museum prices, with under 18s free. There is no need to book.

Celebrating VE Day at Dauntsey's House



At Dauntsey House Care Home we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day in style! We reminisced about our memories of VE Day itself and enjoyed all the television coverage of the fly past up The Mall, service at Westminster Abbey and concert.

We made paper poppies to wear, decorated the house and gardens with flags and bunting and arranged multiple vases of red, white and blue flowers. Then, dressed in our finest colour-themed, smart outfits (or as land girls), we welcomed family members and friends to an afternoon under gazebos in the garden.

We enjoyed George and Ginger entertaining us in their 'uniforms', with a beautiful melody of war themed songs. We danced, sang, clapped and waved our flags to these wonderful tunes. Following this we were treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea. Much needed after all our exertions!

Fundraiser

Dauntsey's House is hoping to raise £2000 towards the purchase of a Raizer Chair. This chair will assist any residents who have a non-injury fall to get up of the floor with ease. All donations are gratefully received, no matter the amount. To donate, visit:

www.gofundme.com/f/dauntsey-house-care-home



Gathering of Friends Of Betty Mitchell

Betty Mitchell's memorial bench is now in place in Robert's Playground, West Lavington. We are having a gathering of friends there on **Wednesday 11th June from 2.30 - 4.30pm** to remember this very special lady, and be thankful that we have now at last united her in loving memory with her daughter Beverley, and her faithful companion of many years, George Light. We also hope to enjoy some light refreshment in the Village Hall. If you would like to come, do please accept our open invitation.

Jayne Nicholson 07984 677413

Classical Guitar Concert in West Lavington

West Lavington Village Hall, Friday 13th June 7.30pm

The **Serenata Guitar Trio** is a family group of classical guitarists who give frequent concerts in churches and halls around southern England. Members of the trio are: Cobie Smit (Mills) who studied at the Rotterdam and Den Haag Conservatories in Holland, and has given concerts in Europe, SE Asia, Canada, Australia and New Zealand; Richard Mills, who took up the guitar in his late teens after studies on 'cello, oboe and bass guitar, attending the Edvard Grieg Academy in Norway; and John Mills, a former pupil of John Williams and the legendary Andres Segovia, who in addition to over 60 years of recitals, has given numerous broadcasts in many countries and for the BBC here in the UK.



The programme for **West Lavington Village Hall on 13th June** includes music by Haydn, Vivaldi, Ravel and Faure, plus pieces from South America. Especially for this event, no fewer than three guitars all by Wiltshire makers will be featured – **John Mack** from Burbage and later Marlborough, **Alastair McNeill** from Nettleton near Chippenham, and **Gerald Kerr**, who as a Squadron Leader was one of the last spitfire pilots in WW2, and who then turned to his other passion, making guitars in Salisbury.

Tickets are £10 (£5 for accompanied under 15s), on the door or from serenatatrio@outlook.com or call **01373 865039**.



Devizes Arts Festival
30th May to 15th June

There are still some tickets left for events at the Devizes Arts Festival, which include everything from talks to walks, jazz to choirs, drama, and history to art!

Familiar names and faces will be in town for the Festival, such as Kiki Dee; astronomer Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock; Gardener's World's Frances Tophill; author and son of Dick Francis, Felix; comedian Mark Watson; and potter Keith Brymer Jones, hopefully not in tears! There is also a Festival Exhibition, **'Earthen Marks'**, at the White Chalk Gallery from **27th May to 21st June**.

Find out more online at devizesartsfestival.org.uk and get your tickets there, or at **Devizes Books**. The Box Office is open until 14th June.

Paws for a Cause Family Dog Show

Saturday 21st June 10am - 5pm - Rainscombe Park, Oare SN8 4HZ

In aid of Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance

Tickets are now on sale for the inaugural Paws For A Cause charity dog show at Rainscombe Park, Oare on June 21st. The show will be a fantastic day out for families and four-legged friends in aid of the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Every dog will have its day and be in with a chance to win a rosette and goodie bag in the fourteen show classes, open to all. Classes include: ***Most fabulous fella; Most lovely lady; Precious Pup (6-12 months); Golden Oldie (7 years & over); Cutest couple (of dogs); Junior Handler (12 years and under); Junior Handler (12-16 years); Best rescue; Dog with the waggiest tail; Sweetest expression; Best Condition dog; Best Condition bitch; and Dog the judges would most like to take home.***



Among other highlights are dog races, fun agility, unusual retrieves, tricks and exceptional commentary and even a Jack Russell ladder walking. The Paws For Thought dog display team will be showing off their agility and intelligence with tricks and fun races. There is also a **Have A Go Ring** for anyone to show off their dog's agility and among the challenges will be Hoopers, where dogs navigate a course of hoops, barrels and tunnels working in a team with their handlers. As well as all the fun and competition there will be a children's activity section, stalls and refreshments.

Tickets are just £8 if you book in advance, or £10 on the day. Carers' tickets are available at 50% discount and under 12s go free. Tickets are available at: wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events.

Upcoming Local Roadworks



27th May 0800 - 6th June 1600: High Street, Market Lavington to Easterton. Drainage works. Traffic lights control.

6th June 1900 - 9th June 0900: A360 Will be closed overnight from Gore Cross to Rutts Lane for cats eye installation and surfacing.

9th June 0800 - 13th June 1630: High Street, Littleton Panell, safety wall brick work. Traffic lights control.

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/>



West Lavington Village Fete

Saturday July 12th from 2pm, Village Hall and Playing Field

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you contribute goodies for our village community stalls?

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Or volunteer to help us set up, take down or help with teas on the day itself?

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Grand Draw Prizes: Our amazing Grand Draw is only amazing because of the generosity of our sponsors and donated prizes. If you can help by sponsoring or donating a prize, or selling tickets, please contact **Mike Page on 818510**.

Teas in the Village Hall: the WI needs help on the day. If you can spare an hour or so, either serving or washing up, please contact **Sue Bastone on westlavfete@gmail.com**

Bottle Stall (donations and Collectors): We need your full unopened bottles! Contact **Sharon Hayward on 07890 418492, or Mark Hayward on 07815 158606**. We will be collecting house-to-house over the last two weekends in June. Any bottles welcome (but please check any Best Before dates!). Please leave contributions by your front door if you will be out. Many thanks.

Bric-a-Brac: one of our most successful stalls, full of bargains - if you can contribute any good quality, clean bric-a-brac, toys and games, contact **Anji Scofield on anjiscfield@icloud.com**. No donations can be taken on the day.

Books: have you got good quality paperbacks on your shelves that you will not read again? Please contact **Sue Bastone on westlavfete@gmail.com**. No donations can be taken on the day.

Mothers' Union: Contact **Jackie Knipe on jack_knipe@hotmail.co.uk** to donate your vegetables and fruit, homemade cakes, biscuits, jams, marmalade, chutney etc!

Soft Toys: Can you donate clean soft toys in good condition for the Teddy Tombola? Please contact **Sue Bastone on westlavfete@gmail.com**

Plants: please pot up and label any spare plants you may have and get them to Denise Innes at the stall on the day. Denise needs an assistant on the stall - If you could help for a couple of hours, please contact her on **077170 45530** or email **denise.innes@btinternet.com**

If you can help us at the Fete on the day, with either setting up in the morning, or taking down in the evening, contact **Sue Bastone on westlavfete@gmail.com**

Profits from the Fete will be divided between village charities and organisations, so the bigger and better the day, the more will benefit!

Bake Off Competition

Are you a keen bread or cake baker? Then why not enter our competition for the best decorated bread or cake/s on the theme of Summer Holidays. There will be two classes:

Children 12 and under, and Adults. Prizes will be awarded!

To enter please email **westlavfete@gmail.com** for an entry form.

We are encouraged not to mow our lawns in May to allow the wild flowers to grow and bloom. This was especially relevant this year with the Met Office informing that this is the driest spring on record. Don't set the mower blades too low so as to allow the wild flowers to set their seed.

There are many insect hatches at this time of the season, including unwelcome greenfly and blackfly. Don't use chemical sprays to control them - we use washing up liquid and water in a spray bottle, which does the job. Better still, let the birds, especially the tits and some finches, major on them to feed their young. Washing up liquid won't harm them.



An enthralling sight in our garden was the discovery of a web full of a dense ball of tiny spiderlings all clustered together. They dispersed on their own gossamer lines when discovered, but soon reclustered again. These were baby garden spiders, being yellow with black on their rear ends.

Remember to keep bird feeders and baths scrupulously clean, as some birds have dirty habits and foul the water, which can infect other birds with diseases, such as bird flu. It's difficult to say how the nesting season is going, as there are many predators and scavengers about. It's doubtful that some species will even be able to keep their population numbers up. We have only seen two swifts and three swallows so far, with no house martins, no cuckoos, no flycatchers doing their aerial displays, no nightingales and fewer warblers singing, apart from chiffchaffs. Species numbers of garden birds are generally low, although robins appear to be doing reasonably well.

At the peregrine falcon nest on Taunton Minster, a last year's fledgling, now an adult, has come back to help feed the this year's nestlings. It remains to be seen whether the parents will welcome this help, or maybe chase him away as an intruder. Has any reader heard of this unusual behaviour anywhere else? You can watch live feed from the web cam on the peregrine nest on Salisbury Cathedral to see how the chicks grow and are fed.

In the past, I have encouraged readers to spend time sitting in their gardens from various vantage points for half an hour or so. You will be surprised at all the different wildlife activities going on throughout the year. The writer is going to do more of this, and after 25 years of writing this column he is going to put his feet up. Should you be interested in taking on this column, please contact the Editor. Last autumn the Government announced Envoys for Nature and Climate: Rachel Kyte CMG is the Envoy for Nature and Ruth Davis OBE is the the UK's Special Representative for Climate. We have not yet seen or heard of any pronouncements, so perhaps a new columnist could do a bit of prodding to reveal aims and objectives.



Nearby NGS Open Gardens in June

It is always best to check the website before leaving for your garden visit. www.ngs.org.uk Children are free.

Sunday 1st:

Rookery Cottage, Coombe Lane, Atworth, Melksham, SN12 8NU. 1-5pm .Adm £5.

Different areas with gravel, where plants self seed and wild flower thrive. Artistic use of unusual containers. Follow signs for Stonar School, drive slowly through the school grounds and follow yellow signs for car parking behind the school. Homemade teas.

Sat 7th:

West Lavington Manor: see page 17 for details

Drax House, Orcheston, Salisbury, SP3 4RL. 1.30-5.30 pm. Adm £5

Relaxed informal farmhouse garden with herbaceous border, small wildlife pond and some wilder areas. Walled kitchen garden with raised beds filled with vegetables and cutting garden. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of local charities. Parking at the village hall.

Horatio's Garden Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre, Salisbury Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Odstock Road, Salisbury, SP2 8BJ. 2-5pm. Adm £5

Award winning hospital garden, designed by Cleve West for patients with spinal cord injury. Low limestone walls, which represent the form of the spine, divide densely planted herbaceous beds. Designed to benefit patients during their long stays in hospital. Refreshments in the Garden Room. Please park in car park 10 which will be free to NGS visitors on the day.

Sun 8th:

The Chantry, Church Street, Mere, Warminster, BA12 6DS. 1-5pm, Adm £7.50

Medieval chantry house with large landscaped gardens, cottage and walled gardens, ponds, orchard, fields and woodland. Park in Cemetery Car Park (RHS). Pedestrian access is via Church St. Home-made teas.

Chisenbury Priory, East Chisenbury, SN9 6AQ. 2-5.30pm Adm £10.

Medieval Priory 5 acre mature garden on chalk. Fine trees within clump and flint walls, herbaceous borders, shrubs, roses. Mill leat, carp pond, orchard and wild garden, many unusual plants. Homemade teas in aid of local church.

Thurs 19th:

Preston Farmhouse, Preston, Marlborough, SN8 2HF. 12-4pm. Adm £8.

Glorious garden, with views over the surrounding countryside. Parterre with roses and magnolias, well-stocked herbaceous borders, lawned area leading to wildflower meadow

and small cutting garden. Newly planted arboretum/pinetum. Refreshments. 1m SE of Aldbourne on B4192.

Sun 22nd:

Gasper Cottage, Gasper, Stourton, Warminster, BA12 6PY. 11am - 5pm, Adm £7.

Two acre garden, with stunning rural views. Luxurious mixed planting of perennials and shrubs with numerous hardy and tender annuals. Orchard embedded in a forest garden with a wildlife pond and model steam powered railway. Near Stourhead Gardens.

4 Westwood Road, Trowbridge, BA14 9BR. 11am - 5pm, Adm £5.

New garden of approx 1 acre created over the last 4 yrs. Vegetable area with raised beds and espalier fruit trees, greenhouse, woodland, wildlife pond. Herbaceous borders with roses.

Sun 29th:

Duck Pond Barn, Church Lane, Wingfield, Trowbridge, BA14 9LW. 10am - 5pm, Adm £5.

Garden of 1.6 acres with large duck pond, lawns, ericaceous beds, dry bed, orchard, vegetable garden, big greenhouse, wood and wild areas of grass and trees with many wild flowers. Big field for parking next door. No parking on the Farm. Refreshments in aid of St Mary's Church.

Oare House, Rudge Lane, Oare, nr Pewsey, SN8 4JQ. 2 - 6pm, Adm £8.

Traditional walled garden with fine herbaceous borders, vegetable areas, trained fruit, roses and grand mixed borders surrounding formal lawns. Large arboretum and woodland. Partial wheelchair access. Refreshments in aid of The Order of St John in the Potting Shed.

West Lavington Manor Garden NGS Open Day

Saturday 7th June, 11am to 6pm, Admission £12, children free

Come and see West Lavington Manor's glorious garden as part of the National Garden Scheme!

All are welcome, including dogs on leads, for a wonderful day out to raise money for charity, enjoy delicious refreshments, and immerse yourself in all the fun activities or wander the around the garden with a Pimms in one hand and a Victoria sponge or BBQ pork in the other!

All funds raised go to charity: the National Garden Scheme charities, our local Nestling Trust, and the West Lavington Youth Club.

For more details please look at our insta @westlavingtonmanor and for tickets and more information go to <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/21466/west-lavington-manor> If you would like to volunteer on the day or bake a cake please email: jordina.evins@gmail.com



Local Open Garden events in June

Bratton Open Gardens - Sunday 8th June - 11.30am to 5pm

A variety of gardens in Bratton will be open offering a selection of sizes and styles, some with amazing views. There will also be an opportunity to walk through the well-maintained open village Reeves orchard – showcasing a wide variety of apple trees.

Teas, coffees and homemade cakes will be served in the Bratton Church Institute throughout the event. The Duke public house will also be open throughout for refreshments. Some garden owners will also provide refreshments. There will also be plants from the Bratton Plant Centre for sale in the Church Institute. Proceeds to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and The Friends of St. James' Church. Sorry, no dogs in the gardens please, other than assistance dogs.

Tickets cost £7.00 for adults and will be on sale outside the Duke public house from 11am. For more information, phone **01380 830176**.

Chirton, Conock and Patney Open Gardens - Saturday 15th June, 2-5 pm, £5, children free

Devizes Open Gardens - Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June - 11.00am to 4.00pm

Approximately eleven gardens will be open across Devizes, but the total may vary from day to day. Refreshments will be available at some participating gardens. All proceeds will go to the Mayor's Charity Appeal. Refreshments will be available in some gardens.

Tickets £7.00 for adults, with accompanied children free. Cash only on the day. Maps will be available to purchase from the **Town Hall and Devizes Books** and any participating garden on the day.

For more information, phone **01380 723333**.



The Bell is opening

Villagers in Great Cheverell will be pleased to hear that the renovations are nearly complete and their local local pub and village shop are reopening.

The Cheverell Stores

This is opening on Sunday 1st June at 10 am. As before, it will largely be run by volunteers, so if you fancy a couple of hours behind the counter, drop in and have a chat. Full training will

be given. They will be selling bread and papers. See the sign on the door for ordering these.

The Bell Inn

This will be opening for drinks on Friday 6th June at 5 pm. As yet, the kitchen isn't ready so food will not be available. More news on this in the coming days.

USE IT OR LOSE IT



The Garden in June

Why I'm Not Watering My Lawn

I'm sure we are all noticing how dry it is - the soil is already cracking in places, seedlings are stalling, and the plants in my garden are telling me this spring was too dry, too soon.

Spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils have come and gone in a flash and perennials are shooting up quickly, but not necessarily in a good way. When they grow fast in dry soil, their root systems don't develop properly and that leaves them vulnerable. The warm weather pushed them on too fast, and instead of a long, gentle flowering period, it's all felt a bit rushed. Pollinators are now struggling to find sources of nectar. Dry soil means fewer worms and fewer insects, which has a knock-on effect up the food chain.

We're seeing a pattern now: wet winters followed by dry, early springs. Climate change isn't some far-off thing, it's here, reshaping our growing conditions right now.

Here are a few simple steps that make a real difference:

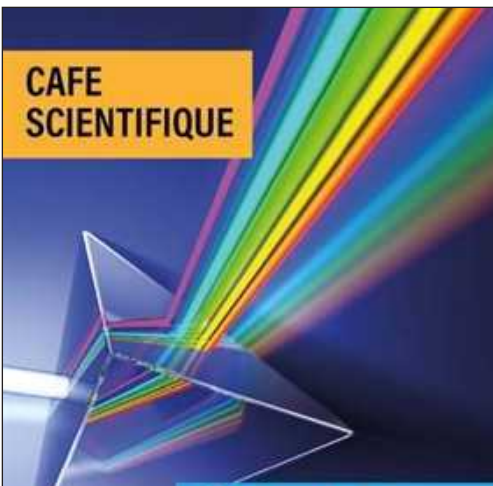
- Mulch your beds: Compost, bark, whatever you've got. It keeps the moisture in and protects plant roots from temperature swings.
- Water at the right time: early morning or evening is best.
- Choose your battles: don't try to keep everything lush. Focus on what really matters: food crops, new plantings, and wildlife-supporting flowers.
- Don't water your lawn: Lawns are tougher than they look. They'll turn brown and become dormant when it's dry and bounce back when the rain comes.
- Choose the right plant: Choose resilient plants that can tolerate both wet and dry conditions, such as ferns, irises, astilbe, geum, salvia guaranitica, canna, roses, hylotelephium, hardy geraniums, verbena bonariensis.
- Plant in autumn to give plants a chance to set down deep roots while the soil is moist.

It's time to stop chasing the idea of a perfect, high-maintenance garden and start building something more resilient. That doesn't mean giving up beauty, quite the opposite. It means choosing plants that thrive in your conditions, improving soil health, and thinking long-term.

Capability Charlotte




CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE




The Laser Harp
by Cephid

I'll take you through the electronic challenges of building a laser harp with a demo, of course

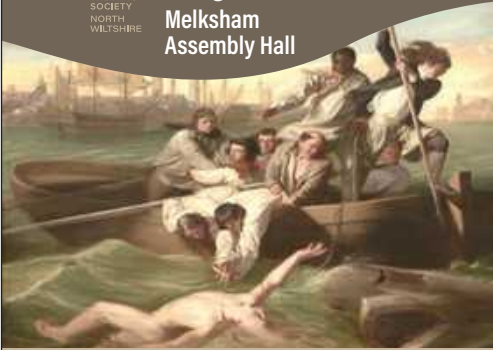


Tuesday 3rd June 7.30pm
The Raven at Poulshot

 **Wednesday 4th June**
Starts 11am

The rare & wonderful things artists include

Melksham Assembly Hall



Our next lecture explores some of the rare and wonderful things which artists choose to include in their work. Nothing in art is there by accident and we'll highlight how true it is to say that 'the devil is in the detail'.

If you love the arts and would like to meet a group of like-minded people then join our friendly group who meet ten times a year on the first Wednesday of the month.

You can join us free for your first lecture or come as a guest for only £8.00

www.tasnorthwils.org.uk

**HOLY TRINITY
SCHOOL CHOIR &
GREAT CHEVERELL CHOIR**

Afternoon Matinee

Saturday 7th June 4pm - 5pm

**St Andrew's Church
Long Street, Devizes**

Tickets £5 donation at the door
Doors open 3.45pm

 **CAMP PERU**

Saturday 7th June

from 9am
**Outside Market
Lavington Co-op**

FUNDRAISER
For Lavington School's expedition to Peru


To help underprivileged communities build facilities and aid environmental conservation

CAKE SALE



The Great Cheverell
PAVILION *Club*

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



Saturday June 8th
Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm
Members Free - Guests £5

**Classic Cars &
Family Fun Day
on Devizes Green
Sunday June 8th
10am - 4pm**




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For further information please contact:
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01380 813512

All women from
West Lavington and
the surrounding villages
are welcome



Salisbury Womens' Refuge
Thursday June 12th at 2pm
West Lavington Village Hall

Salisbury Women's Refuge provides accommodation and support for up to 12 women and their children. Our mission to provide a safe haven for women and children who experience domestic abuse.

Please bring a gift: a personal alarm, puzzle books, adult colouring books, fidget toys/ stress balls, or anything else you think might be suitable.

Saint Barnabas Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1875 2025



COME JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY 14th JUNE 10am - 4pm
Historic Display Photographs
Artifacts & Memorabilia
REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY 15th JUNE 10.30am
Benefice - Communion with
Chaplain to the Bishop Rev Sarah Wood Roe
DISPLAYS & TEAS - 2pm - 4pm

15th JUNE 10am MUSIC SUNDAY



Welcome to Worship
St Peters Church Great Cheverell

Guest Speaker : Hugh Morris
Director of the Royal School of Church Music

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?
Come join us, to hear about the RSCM;
Hymnpact & learn a new song

AN INFORMAL 45 MIN SERVICE
REFRESHMENTS

**It's Fathers' Day, so children,
bring your Dad!**



Wednesday 18th June
Starts 10.45am
Johannes Vermeer
The Magic and the Mystery
Devises
Corn Exchange



Brian Healey helps explain the enduring fascination
of paintings such as *The View of Delft*, *The Milk Maid*,
Girl with a Pearl Earring and *The Little Street*.
Each painting is an Aladdin's cave of fabulous detail
exquisitely painted and full of enigmatic mystery.

World-class lectures on the third Wednesday of every month
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Membership from October to February is £50
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The Arts Society Devises

www.theartsocietydevises.org

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 18th June 7:15pm

West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4H

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



Pruning Trees & Shrubs
a presentation by Richard Cripps

Everything you've always
wanted to know
about how to prune
your shrubs and trees

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

Refreshments available



Lavington & District Gardening Club
online @ lavingtongc.co.uk

DEVISES ST JOHN & ST MARY
JUNE 21st 10am - 2pm



SUMMER FUN DAY AT ST JOHN 'S CHURCH

HERITAGE & MUSIC

Climb the Church Tower
Sing with the choir
Tour the Bell Tower

FAMILY FUN & GAMES

Splat the Rat
Hook-a-Duck
Bottle Tombola
Great Prizes
To be won

DOG SHOW

Bring your
4-legged friend
to shine!

LET'S EAT CAKE & FOOD & LOCAL PRODUCE

Homemade cakes, scones,
jams & pickles
Ice Queens Ice Creams
Plant Stall & fresh Cut Flowers

LOCAL CRAFTS

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A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR ALL AGES
SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

**Devizes Town Band
Trowbridge Philomel Choir
PRESENT**

MIDSUMMER MELODIES

Immerse Yourself in a Glorious Musical Cocktail



**2.30pm
Sunday 22nd June
Corn Exchange Devizes**

**Tickets £10 U16 £5
From Devizes Books or
www.devizestownband.com**



BBQ FUNDRAISER

Saturday 28th June - from 12 noon
at Little Cheverell Village Hall

**Burgers | Sausages | Ribs | Chicken
Beer | Wine | Licenced Bar & MUSIC**

Glass of Pimms & meal included in the price



*For tickets & more information go to:
www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk*

Festival of St Peter 28th & 29th June

Flower Festival

Saturday & Sunday

12 noon - 5pm

Tea, coffee & cake

Teddy Bear

Zip Wire

Saturday

12 noon - 5pm

BBQ, Bar, Stalls

Children's games

Family Fun

Service for

St Peter

Sunday

10.30 am

Followed by Coffee



St Peter's Church Great Cheverell



DEVIZES CAMRA 24th BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

NEW FOR 2025 - TWO SESSIONS

FRI 4TH JULY: 17:30 - 22:00

SAT 5TH JULY: 11:30 - 22:00

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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DEVIZES CHAMBER CHOIR

Musical Director: Shaun Holley
Organist: Joe Scarffe
Pianist: Tony James

Karl Jenkins - *Symphonic Adiemis*
Holst - *Six Choral Folksongs*
Fauré - *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Saturday 5th July at 7:30 pm

St Andrew's Church, Long Street, Devizes

Doors open 7 pm

Tickets - £12: on the door,
from choir members or from
Devizes Books

Online from:
[ticketsource.co.uk/
devizes-chamber-choir](http://ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir)

Registered Charity No 1089712

www.DevizesChamberChoir.org.uk



Lavington
Community
Choir

Summer Concert

Friday 11th July at 7:30pm

Market Lavington Community Hall

*The programme will contain a mix of
classical, popular and jazz music,
including medleys of Guys & Dolls
and Simon & Garfunkel*

Tickets: £8 from:
St Arbucks Market Lavington
and Devizes Books



WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 12th JULY from 2pm
VILLAGE HALL & FIELD

All The Fun of the Fete!

To be opened by Mr John Davies, Headmaster, Dauntsey's School



Live music from the Amesbury Town Band
Sponsored by Aster Homes
Fun Family Dog Show
Sponsored by Rangebourne Pets
Devizes Morris Dancers

3pm procession: Harley Davidson Bikes from
the Great Western and Oxford Chapters
Bake off Competition!
Children's Games
Bouncy Castle
Grand Prize Draw!



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Drinks Tent
PLUS LOADS OF STALLS!
Lots to see, do and buy!
FREE ENTRY AND PARKING!

WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 12th JULY from 2pm
VILLAGE HALL & FIELD

Family Dog Show-2.30pm

CLASSES

Classes start from 2.30 pm

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FOR THE
LAVINGTONS**



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**.

Well, what a month it has been! I was honoured to be re-elected as Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons at the beginning of the month and I look forward to continuing my work to support our communities.

I have literally just come out of the first Full Council meeting since the elections in May. As you will have heard, the Liberal Democrats became the largest party in Wiltshire with the Conservatives a few seats behind them, followed by Reform, the Independents and Labour picking up the remaining seats. Today was the point at which all elected members came together to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Leader of the Council (who then goes on to appoint their cabinet).

After a tied vote (via secret ballot) for Chairman, 48 voted for the Conservative nominee and the same number for the Liberal Democrats' nominee. The casting vote saw Laura Mayes (Conservative) appointed as Chairman of Wiltshire Council. There then followed another secret ballot where Ruth Hopkinson (Liberal Democrat) was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council. Then came the all-important vote for the Leader of the Council which saw Ian Thorn (Liberal Democrats) voted in, beating Richard Clewer (Conservatives) by a margin of just five votes.

The latter part of the meeting was fairly anti-climactic since Cllr Thorn had already publicly announced his Cabinet two weeks ago, which included an Independent Councillor (Jon Hubbard) who gave his vote to the Liberal Democrats in exchange for a paid Cabinet position as the cabinet member for Children's Services.

Having had a chat with many returning and new Councillors of all parties after the meeting, I am very pleased to see an administration formed so that the hard work of running the Council can continue. I wish the new Leader and his Cabinet every success in their respective roles.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve my community as your local Wiltshire Councillor since May 2021 and I look forward to working with many of you over the coming four years!

**Would you like to receive the digital, colour version
of News & Views directly into your in-box?**

If you enjoy reading News & Views and would like to see it in its full colour glory, let us know! We are looking into the possibility of emailing a full colour digital copy each month directly to interested readers.

Please register your interest at: **NewViewsDigital@gmail.com**

The Parish Council election on the 1st May was uncontested, which means we had less applicants than spaces and so were automatically re-elected with no need for a vote. It also means we have a vacancy for an additional Councillor. If anyone is interested and would like to find out more, please email our **Clerk at clerk@westlavington.org.uk**

Summer has well and truly arrived, and I hope everyone has had time to enjoy the outside spaces in the village. Just a reminder that everywhere is very dry, so please be careful with anything that could cause a fire. Our countryside and farmland is precious, please be vigilant.

Everything is growing at the moment and our footpaths can become overrun. The Parish Council works with landowners and walkers to maintain our extensive network of footpaths. Last month I shared that Steve Laister, our footpath champion, was standing down, and almost seamlessly Cllr. George Harrison and Freddie the spaniel have stepped in to take over. Do say hello if you come across them walking the village. We will be running some more footpath clearing sessions through the summer which are typically around an hour where we strim and cut back the undergrowth. We are always looking for hands to help. If you find issues with footpaths or any other right of way you can contact our footpaths team at **footpaths@westlavington.org.uk**

Recently we saw the extraordinary power failures across Spain and Portugal, which hit the countries hard because it meant no cash, fuel, phones or shopping. Our Emergency Plan built for community resilience takes into account failures like this as well as other emergencies that could hit our village. Check the plan out on our website **<https://www.westlavington.org.uk/information/emergency-plan/>**

If you would like to get involved, do contact us. We try and keep up to date with skills available to us in the village from medical to trades. Email us at **wlcra@westlavington.org.uk**

Cllr Peter West, Chair WLPC **<https://www.westlavington.org.uk/contact-us/>**

Next Meeting

After the Annual Parish Meeting on **Wednesday May 28th** at 6pm in the Village Hall, the next Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday 5th June** at 7pm in the Giles Room of the Village Hall.

A Parish Council Thank You

A big 'Thank You' to **StreetScene**, our volunteer gardening team, whose hard work over the winter has resulted in the wonderful displays of colour in the village.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has held two important meetings recently – the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Council meeting, both held on Monday 12th May.

At the Annual Parish meeting, parishioners attended to hear the Annual Report from the Chairman, Cllr Paul Stevens, and to mingle over wine and nibbles. Reports were also heard from a variety of groups including Victoria Park Residents Association, the Gardening Club, New Pavilion Trust, the newly formed

Neighbourhood Planning Group and the Community Speedwatch Group. Volunteers are always in demand to help ensure that the village is a vibrant place to live and work with lots of activities available to all. Please contact the organisations directly or the Parish Council if you are interested in volunteering for any of our community groups.

Cllr Dominic Muns reported back from Wiltshire Council and highway issues are often at the forefront of residents' concerns. Cllr Muns reminded everyone that small highway projects can be undertaken through the Local Footpaths and Highways Improvement Group (LHFIG). Please put your ideas to the Parish Council in the first instance.

After the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Council meeting was held. Cllr Paul Stevens re-elected as the Chairman and Cllr Rob Hayward as Vice Chairman. A new Councillor was co-opted and we are extremely pleased that Cllr Michael Sayner has joined us. There remain three vacancies on the Council to be filled. Agendas and minutes are available on the website: <https://www.greatcheverell.org/>

The next meeting of the Council is on **Monday July 7th** at the Pavilion at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The newly formed Council is looking forward to concentrating on the issues that matter most to the residents of Little Cheverell, as presented at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May. This year we will have more focus on grounds maintenance, highways and footpaths and generally keeping the village tidy and well maintained. We started the year well by clearing the overgrown Millennium Green but would appreciate some volunteer help. If you think you can assist, please do contact us.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday July 21st** at the Village Hall, starting at 7pm, public and press welcome. We will welcome our new Parish Clerk, Lisa Harding, to the team.

Cllr. Mike Phillips - Chairman

Tel: 07908 143389

www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk



Little Cheverell Village Hall

The Little Cheverell Fete was a resounding success, much enjoyed by all those who attended. There was plenty to occupy visitors and we were blessed with superb weather. We thank all those who contributed towards the day (and there were many) and we look forward to the 2026 Fete.

Forthcoming events are listed in our website events section at www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk and in the village event diary accessible via the same website. As News and Views goes to press, we are holding a **Pop-Up Pub at the Village Hall on Saturday 31st May** from 6pm until 11pm, featuring live music and an open Mic from 9pm. The Pop-Up Pub events are a series of social events open all those who want to drop in. We will be running these in the future approximately once per month with around two weeks' notice, so keep an eye on the website and Facebook pages. We intend adding value to these events in the future by offering entertainment and the opportunity to dine out, details to follow. For the summer months we have a fantastic outdoor area with our unique water feature in the form of the ancient Sheep Washing Pool. Everyone is welcome. Bring the family, dogs welcome. Cheap drinks: Stonehenge Ales, Rutts Lane Cider, good selection of wines, soft drinks and alcohol-free beer available. Card/mobile payment preferred. Follow Little Cheverell Parish Council on Facebook to stay in the know about our events.

Saturday 28th June will see our **Annual Village Barbecue** starting at 12 noon at the Village Hall. Booking is essential, and will open soon via the village What's App group, in person at Beech Cottage or Hoddinots Cottage, Low Road Little Cheverell, or via the website Events pages. The format will be similar to last year with great food and a bar onsite. We would be delighted to hear from volunteers to help cook, serve drinks and make salads to accompany the hot food and erect the marquee.

West Lavington Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 2nd July 7.00pm

Come along to the Village Hall and hear about all our latest developments and changes.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help run the Hall. Could you spare a few hours a month?

We can tell you more about what is involved over a glass of wine at the AGM.

Please come along and support your Village Hall.



West Lavington
village hall
Wiltshire



The children have been enjoying every moment of the recent sunny days and making the most of all the wonderful outdoor space to play together. The summer term is one of my favourite times of the DAPS calendar as it is always busy! We have SATS exams, school residential trips, inter-school sports tournaments, school sports day and so much more – and just to keep us on our toes, our Ofsted inspection!

Ofsted inspection: We welcomed two highly experienced Ofsted inspectors into school a few weeks ago, who spent two long days inspecting our school. It was a graded inspection and they conducted deep dives into Early Reading, Maths and History on the first day, and Art and DT, Science and Geography on the second. They will make judgements on the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management and Early Years.

The inspection team spent time with a number of groups of children as well as observing in lessons, lunchtimes, breaks and Wraparound Care. Every single child was an absolute credit to their parents, carers and to our school. Their conduct, friendliness and enthusiasm for school and learning were commendable. The way in which they articulated their learning and their educational experience, as well as how the school staff support them was nothing short of highly impressive. We definitely demonstrated to the inspection team what DAPS is all about.

We are unable to share the results of the Ofsted inspection at this time but I hope to be able to do so before the summer. What was apparent is that DAPS is a kind, nurturing, and inclusive school, and that is all I can ask for.

SATS week for our Year 6 children: We feel really proud of how our Year 6 pupils have approached their SATS this month. They have all been calm, relaxed and purposeful, wanting to do their very best, knowing with confidence that is the only thing we ask of them. SATS measure their competence in Reading, Writing and Maths, but not how resilient, kind and compassionate our pupils are, how inquisitive, brave and thoughtful, or how well they sing, draw and create as well as performing and competing in a huge variety of sports.

We have been able to show many new families around DAPS and we have 21 children joining us in Early Years this coming September, plus a few from other schools.

We look forward to welcoming them all into the DAPS family. From September, we will have a few spaces in our Early Years, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 classes, so if you would like to come and take a look at our school, you are most welcome.

Philipa Winbolt, Headteacher

HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



We marked the 80th anniversary of **Victory in Europe Day** joining a powerful nationwide school event with over 100,000 primary school children. Featuring unseen VE Day photos and a 108-year-old veteran's story, the assembly honoured those who sacrificed themselves for freedom. Children heard inspiring messages from veterans, historians, evacuees and the work of refuge charities. Y6 children reflected on resilience, unity and gratitude with their own thoughtful and inspiring readings.

White Horse Class had a super day out learning more about butterflies, mini beasts and reptiles at Studley Grange. Each child had five workshops, handling a range of creatures and learning about life cycles and habitats as we listened to some wonderful talks about each of the animals we encountered. A great learning experience!

The Travel Plan continues to be an important school development project to promote safer, healthier and more sustainable journeys for our families. By encouraging more walking and cycling we aim to reduce car traffic around the school and create a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone. The Travel Plan has helped us to gather feedback from families, understand travel patterns, and plan effective actions. It has also provided access to funding for bike/scooter storage and exploring local road improvements.

In Y5/6 Photography Club looked at some compositional techniques and their use in some classic photographs and made some photographs around the school grounds before choosing their favourites for printing. The new iPads capture images at a far higher quality than before and allow us to be really creative in exploring our ideas.

Residential Trip: All our children in KS2 are given the opportunity to go on a residential trip at some point in the year. For Y3 and Y4 this will be a two day/one night camping adventure under canvas at school and bespoke bushcraft forest adventure at Roundwood in a wonderful



environment for shelter building, orienteering, climbing and other activities. Y5 and Y6 children will be going to the Forest of Dean for a residential trip in October, taking part in caving, climbing, orienteering and many other outdoor activities. This is a chance for them to test themselves, to gain independence and to learn more about working as a team.

STEM Club took their magnifying glasses and headed outdoors, using quadrant squares to search for plant producers - organisms that create their own food through photosynthesis. Then, back in the STEM lab, they built simple DIY microscopes to take a closer look at the tiny details hiding in plain sight.

KS2 Holy Trinity Choir and Great Cheverell Community Choir Concert: We are hugely excited to share a partnership concert with the recently formed Great Cheverell Community Choir on **Saturday 7th June** at St Andrew's Church, Devizes from 4pm. The choirs will sing a range of their favourite songs together.



If you think your child would enjoy being at our school, please make an appointment to come and visit us, have a look around and chat to the Headteacher. There is lots of information on our website www.holy-trinity.co.uk or call **01380 813796**.

Anna Woodman - Headteacher

The Wiltshire **WELLBEING HUB**

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- 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**
email: wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-4pm
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We have had a busy Term 5, beginning with the celebration of St George's Day. The children helped make a large English flag, used our junk modelling to create their very own fire breathing dragons, made their own shields and took part in Morris dancing. We looked at the VE day celebrations and the children made sandwiches and rock cakes, bunting and crowns for their afternoon tea and we all took part in the two minute silence.

We then moved on to talking about 'people who help us'. The children had great fun using our water spray bottles to put out the fire which was painted on our Perspex fencing. We had a visit from Devizes Police who spoke to the children about stranger danger and road safety. The children had the opportunity to talk using the walkie talkies and to explore the police car. Thank you so much to Devizes Police for our visit.

The children were showing an interest in all the different flags for different countries and chose the Italian flag as a country we would look at. The children learnt to say 'hello and goodbye' in Italian, made their own pizzas, discussed the Leaning Tower of Pisa – why does it lean and that it is a bell tower. We then moved on to learn about our local heritage. The children were very creative with our junk modelling, making their own versions of 'Stonehenge'. We also looked at old black and white photographs of our families, sharing these with one another. We walked our older children to the Market Lavington Museum where we were very kindly shown around by Jackie and Sue - thank you both for a wonderful informative morning.



We finished the term exploring bees to celebrate National Bee Day. The children made and decorated their own bees, and we looked at how they make their hives, why bees are so important for our environment and tried some honey.

We would like to thank all our families for their continued support, and wish them all an enjoyable summer half-term.

We currently have limited spaces for 2 year-olds and 3-4 year-olds. If you have any queries, please either call us on **01380 812551** or send an email to **lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com** or **managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com**

SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



At Old School Nursery we have been celebrating new life and learning about life cycles in a hands-on way. We have watched six chicks hatch out from the eggs that were in our incubator. The children followed a picture count-down chart so they could see what stage of development the chicks were at. They were so excited when they started hatching out during our gymnastics session. They have each been able to gently handle the chicks, learning about care and respect for living creatures. It has been a wonderful experience and the children have been keen to show their parents and siblings the chicks as they have hatched.

We have been given some frogspawn and the children have been eagerly watching the tadpoles as they grow. We will be keen to see the froglets as they start to develop. As a result of this the children have been reproducing life cycles in their play. They have been drawing tadpoles,



making tadpoles with play dough, designing a large-scale pond on the playground using chalks to draw frogspawn, tadpoles, frogs and a Lily pad.

We have also been fortunate to have the loan of two beautiful rabbits for a few weeks. We have a large rabbit run and the children have been watching the rabbits whilst they have their outdoor play sessions.

The staff at Old School have recently completed a Mud Run at Dorset Adventure Centre to raise some funds to help improve the Nursery garden. We have a wonderful outdoor area and we thought it would be great to build some outdoor beds to help the children grow more produce. The staff had a great day and got extremely muddy but were delighted to raise a substantial amount for the garden fund. We would like to thank everyone who supported us. The children have got beans, raspberries, potatoes, strawberries, carrots and broccoli so far. We recently created a herb garden next to the mud kitchen so that the children can use a few herbs for their play. They will also be using them for real cooking experiences.

We have added some large scale construction equipment to our building area and the children have been using large pipes and planks to make their own creations. We have seen some wonderful constructions and the children have been extremely engaged in their play.

We currently have spaces available for 2 year-olds. Please contact us on **01380 812418** or email **oldschoolmanager@southhillsschool.com** to book a visit.

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JUNE

1	WALK Potterne : Geology, Landscape & Building Materials	£10
	TALK Luxury in Wood : Stewart Linford – Expert craftsman	FREE
	TALK Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock : Space, Science & Beyond	£25/£22
2	Have a go! Writing Workshop – Got a story to tell?	£10
3	TALK Frances Tophill : Sowing the Seeds – Gardening in the future?	£16/£14
4	TALK Felix Francis : Taking over the reins from Dick Francis	£12/£10
4&5	DRAMA Sherlock Holmes : The Last Act!	£17/£15
5	Anna Ling : Singer-songwriter & guitarist	£12/£10
6	Have a go! Art workshop : Botanical art with coloured pencils	£25
	TALK Keith Brymer Jones in conversation with partner Marj Hogarth	£19/£16
7	Gill Hornby : In conversation with the author of 'Miss Austen'	£9/£7
	Devizes Regency Dancers : demo & chance to take part	FREE
	Country Chicks : A country music celebration	£16/£14
8	WALK Morgan's Hill: downland & history – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	£10
	Whiskey River : Roots music from the Welsh frontier	FREE
9	Have a go! Print workshop : Print, Pak, Press Creative	£30
10	TALK Tim Moorey : The joys of English	£13/£11
	Clarinet & Piano Recital Sarah Williamson & Simon Callaghan	£19/£17
11	Miranda Pender : The perils of researching family history	£10/£8
	Prostitutes Marry in May : Two Queens, One Nation	£21/£19
12	Stephen Davis : Wild Wiltshire – A Photographic Journey	£10/£8
	The Julian Costello : Jazz quartet	£19/£16
13	Mark Watson : Before it overtakes us	£23/£20
14	TALK Charles Cordell : Devizes in Civil War Fiction	£10/£8
	The Bath Male Choir	£12/£10
	Riviera Dogs : 80's party band	£14/£12
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Parent Carer Group Devizes: 10.30 - 12.00 18th June

Group for people who are caring for a child or young adult. There is always a support worker on hand to help you and discuss any difficulties you may have. This month our guest speaker is Louise Rendle from WSUN talking about the support available for young people with ASD.

Bereavement Help Point, Devizes: 10.30 - 12.00 3rd June, 17th June, 1st July

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. Developed by St Giles Hospice Care, funded by Devizes Town Council, Devizes Lions, Worton and Potterne Parish Councils, and delivered by Dorothy House and Carer Support Wiltshire.

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DID YOU KNOW

Using the Recycling Centres if you are Disabled

The stairs at Wiltshire's Recycling Centres have high treads and are steep. Those who are disabled have great difficulty using them, especially if they are carrying heavy items.

If you are disabled, you can ask the attendant for a builders' bag. Explain you are disabled and they will allow you to place your recycling into the bag and they will place it into the appropriate containers. They will not be happy if you dump a load of mixed items into the bag, so please sort it into the appropriate categories first.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

On Time

Relax if you are given to tardiness. This isn't a piece on the importance of punctuality. Rather, I want to reflect on our relationship to time itself. Although it has to be said that time isn't an easy thing to define. Early Christian thinker Augustine of Hippo puzzled over the question 'What is time?' saying, 'If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks me, I do not know.' All he could say is that some events lie

behind us in the past and some lie ahead of us in the future. If nothing at all existed there would be no present.

Augustine proposed that God did not make the universe in time, but with time. God is eternal, existing outside of time. He didn't wait around for ages before creating the world. The clock only started ticking as it were at the beginning of creation. Modern cosmology tends to agree on that point. Anyway, the thing is that we exist in time. Our lives are constantly moving from the past, through the present and into the future.

The trouble is that these days people only seem interested in the present. The past isn't worth thinking about. People did bad stuff back then. Slavery and that. The future will have to look after itself. In 2010 Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg dismissed the idea of building more nuclear power stations as they wouldn't be good to go for another ten years. I mean, who cares what happens in the 2020s? Maybe it's apt that after a career in politics Clegg went to work for Facebook/Meta.

Social media tends to make us focus on the present moment, rather than the past or the future. What's going on now captivates our attention, no matter how trivial. This is an age of momentary celebrity and throwaway fashion. Why bother with the time-consuming process of saving for major purchases? Much easier to take out instant credit to buy on a whim something that flashed before our eyes in an online ad.

There's no escaping time, however. We are all products of our past experiences. What we decide in the present will impact on how we fare in the future. But our history need not be our destiny. God entered our world of time and space in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He came to die on the cross that our past sins and failings may be forgiven. He rose from the dead that those who believe in him may have the hope of everlasting life. God gives us time to seek him while he may be found and call upon him while he is near.

Pastor: Guy Davies

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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.

OLD CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Christian Love

The Bible instructs us to love one another, but some people make it difficult for us to love them. It is good to give people a chance to be a friend and that can mean making some allowance for the friendship to happen. This could mean sacrifices, such as making time for the other person and allowing them to get to know you. More often this means sharing not just time, but all of what you are and have, yourself and your kindness. It also

means being forgiving of another person's faults or unkindness. However, the person might just be shy and that means we must be understanding as well.

Jesus said, "I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you" (John 13:34). The Old Testament tells us to love our neighbour as ourselves (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus' instruction was new; now we are called to love others as He loves us. This is the mark of believers: "By this all people will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Jesus loves us selflessly and sacrificially

"Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down their life for their friends" (John 15:13). That's what He did for us on the cross, and we are to do the same by loving one another even when it costs us.

Jesus said, "If anyone wants to come after me, they must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34). Love demands self-denial for the good of someone else. We will sometimes experience rejection and heartache for loving like Jesus, but as His followers it's our responsibility to love well.



Love comes from God and poured into your heart through His Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

The Lord loves forgivingly

When we come to Him confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness, God never turns us away and that's how we are to love one another. We can't love others if we won't forgive them. God is the one who teaches us how to love others (1Thessalonians 4:9), and will be faithful to do it.

Rev **Fr David Knipe**,
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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.

June 1st	Trinity Church Service Led by Shirley Cairns
June 8th	United Church Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd Gary Gotham
June 15th	Service at St Barnabas Church, Easterton Celebrating St Barnabas' 150th Anniversary Led by Revd Sarah Wood Roe
June 22nd	United Service with St Mary's and St Barnabas Led by Jeannie MacMeekin
June 29th	Trinity Church Service Led by Joe Vakacokaival

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Welcome to All



As the dust still settles after our elections, and the parties and pundits proclaim the winners and losers, those who are in, or out, of power and favour, I thought it would be worth reminding ourselves as Christians and Churches what our stance might be. So here's something I found in a church pew many moons ago and have adapted, that I think we can echo - that ALL are welcome regardless of how/if they voted in May:

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, comfortable or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to wailing new-borns and excited toddlers.

We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself.

You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing' just woke up or just got out of prison.

We don't care if you're more Christian than the next Pope, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome school-run mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like 'organised religion,'. (We're not that keen on it either!)

We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because granny is visiting and wants to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as kids, or got lost in Wiltshire and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!

With faith, hope and love,

Gary Gotham

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

JUNE

Tues 3rd:	Cafe Scientifique 'The Laser Harp' The Raven at Poulshot at 7.30pm.
Wed 4th:	North Wiltshire Arts Society lecture The Devil is in the Detail, Assembly Rooms, Melksham, 11am.
Thurs 5th:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL VH, 7pm.
Sat 7th:	West Lavington Manor Open Garden, 11am - 6pm. Proceeds to NGS, Nestling Trust and WL Youth Club.
	Wiltshire Day, Wiltshire Museum, Devizes. 11am - 4pm
	Holy Trinity and Great Cheverell Choirs Concert, St Andrew's Church, Devizes. Doors open 3.45pm. Tickets £5 donation on the door.
Sun 8th	Bratton Open Gardens, 11.30 - 5pm. Tickets £7.
	Devizes Lions Family Fun Day on the Green, 10am - 4pm.
	Great Cheverell Film Club, A Teddy Bear Travels to Peru, The Pavilion at 7.30
Tues 10th:	Cheverells Garden Club visit to Windmill Cottage, ML.
Wed 11th:	Friends of Betty Mitchell gathering at memorial bench, Roberts Playground, WL. 2.30 - 4.30pm.
Thurs 12th:	WL Mothers' Union joint meeting with WL WL: Wiltshire Fear Free. WL VH 2pm.
Fri 13th:	Serenata Guitar Trio concert, WL VH, 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £10, £5 for accompanied under 15s.
Sat 14th:	St Barnabas Easterton 150th Anniversary Exhibition, Artefacts and Memorabilia 10am - 4pm
Sun 15th:	St Barnabas Easterton 150th Anniversary: Benefice Communion 10.30am, displays and teas, 2 - 4pm.
	Music Sunday, St Peter's Great Cheverell, 10am.
	Chirton, Conock and Patney Open Gardens 2-5 pm, £5, children free
Wed 18th:	Arts Society Devizes lecture 'Johannes Vermeer: the Magic and the Mystery', Corn Exchange, Devizes 10.45 for 11am. Guests £8.
	Lavington and District Gardening Club meeting 'Pruning Trees and Shrubs', WL VH 7.15 for 7.30pm

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Fri 20th:	Summer Solstice
	Sing the 80s in Edington Priory 7.30 pm. In aid of Wiltshire Sight.
Sat 21st:	Summer Fun Day, St John's Church, Long Street, Devizes. 10am - 2pm.
	Paws for a Cause Family Dog Show, Rainscombe Park, Oare. 10am - 5pm.
Sun 22nd:	Devizes Town Band concert, Midsummer Melodies, Corn Exchange, 2.30pm. Tickets £10, Under 16s £5.
Mon 23rd - Sat 28th:	Calendar Girls, Wharf Theatre, Devizes
Sat 28th:	Sat 28th: Little Cheverell Annual Village Barbecue, LCVH 12 noon.
Sat 28th & Sun 29th:	Flower Festival, St Peter's, Great Cheverell.
	Devizes Open Gardens, 11am - 4pm. Tickets £7.
JULY	
Wed 2nd:	West Lavington Village Hall AGM, WLVH 7pm.
Fri 4th/Sat 5th:	Beer and Cider Festival, The Wharf, Devizes. Fri 5.30- 10.00pm, Sat 11.30am - 10.00pm. Tickets £15. devizescamra.org.uk
Sat 5th:	Devizes Chamber Choir Summer Concert, St Andrew's Church, Devizes 7.30pm.
Mon 7th:	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, GC Pavilion, 7.30pm
Mon 7th - Sat 12th	Shakespeare Live presents Much Ado About Nothing, Cleeve House, Seend. 8pm, plus Sat matinee 2pm. Tickets £10-£25.
Fri 11th:	Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert, MLCH, 7.30pm. Tickets £8.
Sat 12th:	West Lavington Village Fete, Village Hall and Playing Field, 2pm
Sat 19th:	Furlong Close Summer Fete, Rowde. 2.30 - 5pm.
Mon 21st:	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7pm.
Sat 26th/ Sun 27th:	Fulltone Music Festival, The Green, Devizes.
Mon 28th - Fri 1st August:	Kids Summer Dance Club, WLVH. Book before end June for early bird ticket price of £25 per day: amy@starsdance.co.uk

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 10am.

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. 22nd April to 1st July 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: West Lavington Youth Club: Mondays 6-8pm Year 8 (12 yrs+), Tuesdays 6-8pm Year 7 (11 years), Wednesdays 6 -8pm Years 4-6, (Primary) WL Village Hall

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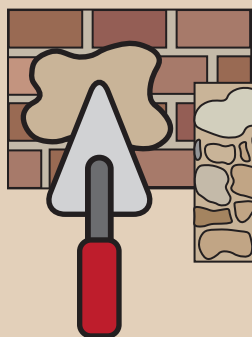
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