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FROM THE EDITOR

I was surprised and disappointed to learn at the West Lavington Annual Parish meeting that only a small percentage of residents had responded to the Housing Needs Survey In March - just 11%. This means that the results of the Survey cannot be given due weight as so few people responded. So, a wasted opportunity to tell the Parish and Wiltshire Councils what residents think. A similar opportunity now arises with the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan, which will guide future development in the Parish until 2036. The draft revised plan is available to view on the West Lavington Parish Council website and now is your chance to say how you think future housing in the Parish should develop, if at all.

The plans for a development behind Orchard Place have attracted a lot of opposition from residents on the Wiltshire Council website. So don't waste this chance to affect housing development over the next ten years, or you may be one of the voices objecting to a future development and wishing you had said something earlier.

It's all very well living in a lovely rural area and enjoying it - to preserve it, you need to take responsibility as a resident and play your part, not just let other people take on that responsibility for you, and then blame them when things don't turn out the way you wanted. As they say, you have to be in it to win it.

Sue Bonney - Editor editor4newsandviews@gmail.com

Deadline Dates

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

Articles and photographs for the **double July and August issue** should reach Sue Bonney no later than **Saturday June 20th**. Anything arriving after that date may not be included in the magazine.

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This Month's Cover: Stunning June roses in West Lavington Manor gardens

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REFLECTION

Rogationtide In Wiltshire

The Rogation festival originated in Roman times. However, previously the festival of Robigalia was a medieval, pagan rite, where an animal was sacrificed to the God Robigus in order to prevent ‘wheat rust’ (a common disease of cereal crops).

Over time, this has been replaced by the Rogation procession called ‘beating the bounds’. In times when maps were rare and expensive, the community needed a way to remember exactly where the parish boundaries were, which determined things like tax liabilities and burial rights. Priests, together with children and their parents, would walk the entire perimeter of the parish. At each boundary stone or landmark, the group would beat the marker with willow wands. To ensure the younger generation never forgot the markers, boys were ‘bumped’ against the stone – or even flipped upside down to tap their heads on the landmark. This practice is no longer allowed due to Health and Safety regulations!



In June, the Wiltshire countryside awakes and bursts into life. Hedgerows that stood bare a few weeks ago now show leaf and blossom. Hawthorn lines the lanes, and elder begins to show. Boundaries become places of movement and sound with birds calling. There is little silence now – only the ongoing exchange of birdsong carried across fields up into the open sky.

Across the farmland, green deepens. Wheat rises in ordered rows, still young but established. Grass thickens in the pastures, and livestock move through with unhurried ease. Lambs cross the fields in quick bursts of motion, then settle again, testing the space around them. Cattle stand and graze shaping the land by their quiet presence.

Flowers appear in great number. Bluebells gather in the woods, holding the shade. Cowslips and buttercups spread along verges and into meadows. None of it feels arranged; it comes as part of a pattern that repeats but is never quite the same. The air carries more warmth now, and with it the scent of soil and leaf. Light stays longer in the evening, giving time for work to continue. Villages and farms sit within this, not separate from it, but held by it.

To walk in Wiltshire at Rogationtide is to see a place that is continually changing. This is not the uncertainty of early spring but a period of growth. The land is not rushing; it is continuing. Each field, each hedge and path takes its part in something larger driven by the season. The change is clear in the fullness of the fields, in the steady return of life to every corner, and in the sense that the countryside is once again doing what it has long been trusted to do.

We are, indeed, very fortunate to live in this beautiful county that God created.

Peter Carr - Lay Worship Leader, St. Peter's Church, Great Cheverell.

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

Benefice Office

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Calendar of Services June 2026

Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Little Cheverell St Peter's	Great Cheverell St Peter's
Sunday 7th June	<p>10.30 am St Peter's Little Cheverell Benefice Service Communion</p> <p>4.00pm All Saints' West Lavington Contemporary informal service with refreshments</p>				
Sunday 14th June	10.30 am United Service with Trinity and St Barnabas at St Mary's	9.00 am Breakfast Church 9.30 am Service	10.30 am United Service with Trinity and St Mary's at St Mary's	2.30 pm to 5.30 pm Living Heritage Day	10.00 am Songs of Praise Olivia Sparkhall from Hymn pact
Sunday 21st June	10.30 am - St Mary's Market Lavington Benefice Service Communion				10.00 am Welcome to Worship
Sunday 28th June	10.30 am United Service with Trinity and St Barnabas at St Mary's	9.30 am Praise and Worship	10.30 am United Service with Trinity and St Barnabas at St Mary's		6.00 pm Hymns & Pimms
Sunday 5th July	10.30 am - St Barnabas Easterton Benefice Service Communion				

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

Great Cheverell Neighbourhood Lunch Club

Wendy Wilshin organised our first Neighbourhood Lunch at The Bell since COVID. It was a delicious meal and a happy social occasion enjoyed by all. It's a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours over food - what's not to like? Wendy intends to have these lunches on every third Thursday of the month. See the poster in the Village Stores for details.

Church Wardens

West Lavington

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Mark Spindlow **07776 195 871**

Market Lavington

Amanda Newbury **0771 0149 066**
Ben Bannister **0758 769 1963**

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Sue Allen **01380 813603**
Pat Morrison **01380 812357**

Great Cheverell

Pauline Jenkinson **0798 665 8187**

Little Cheverell - Parish Contact

Marlis Rawlins **01380 816318**

UPCOMING LOCAL ROADWORKS



26th June (1900) to 29th June (23.59): B3098 Victoria Park Road to Erlestoke High Street. Road closed. Diversion in force.

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/>

CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

Our speaker at the May meeting of the Cheverells Garden Club was Lewis Higgs who set up Wylie Valley Plants. He told us of his route to opening a nursery and the unusual way it came about. He was a wonderful entertaining speaker who also brought some lovely plants for us to Hoover up - my favourite combination!

On Saturday 16th May the Club held its very popular plant sale, which was very successful, helped by the clement weather and wonderful homemade cakes to go with the tea and coffee. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to Debs and John for all their hard work in preparation for us invading their garden!

In June we are having a special extra visit to Cadenham gardens near Chippenham, a glorious French style 4 acre garden which isn't usually open to the public! The usual June event on Tuesday 9th is a visit to Eastwell Manor gardens in Potterne.

If you would like any information about anything please contact me at:

Helen.woodlands@outlook.com





Taking on the gruelling Longest Day Challenge for Cancer Research

My name is Nick Bland, a resident of Great Cheverell for over 15 years. I am preparing to embark on the most difficult challenge I have ever attempted. On 21st June, I will be participating in the Longest Day Challenge, an annual midsummer event now in its thirteenth year. We're raising vital funds for Cancer Research UK.

The task is daunting: ride a motorcycle from Land's End to John O'Groats, from sunrise to sunrise, within a 24-hour window. To make the journey even more gruelling, the rules state that the motorcycle used cannot cost more than £600, and the use of motorways is strictly forbidden. Covering nearly 1,000 miles in a single day – the equivalent of riding from London to Barcelona – this challenge is a true test of endurance. I also need to ride to Land's End the day before, and then ride home from John O'Groats!

We've all been impacted by cancer, whether individually or we know someone that has either won or lost their own battle with cancer. The money raised will go directly to supporting research to help kill cancer.

If you can and would like to support the cause, please use the QR code to access my Cancer Research UK sponsorship page or go to:



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/nicks-longest-day-up-challenge>

I also have a Cancer Research collection box at **92 High Street, Great Cheverell**, if that's easier. Every donation, no matter the size, helps bring us closer to a world without cancer.

Thank you! **Nick Bland**

Armed Forces Day

Saturday 20th June, Devizes Market Place, from 1 - 5pm

This will be quite spectacular, so don't miss it. Marching, music, vehicles & stalls. A great day out for the family.

There will be a parade of veterans and cadets, lead by the Air Cadet band at 1.30pm. There will be vintage military vehicles, re-enactment displays, music by various bands, and stalls. Organised by the Devizes branch of the Royal British Legion.



West Lavington Friendship Club

We are going on the horse drawn canal barge trip again on **Wednesday June 24th**.

It is the morning trip with a ploughman's lunch, and the cost is £30.00.

We will leave West Lavington at approx 10.00am. For further details contact:

Eileen on 01380 812364.

People's Emergency Briefing - what you need to know!

Friday 26th June, 7pm - Market Lavington Community Hall

An important public information film is being screened at the Market Lavington Community Hall on **Friday 26th June at 7pm**. This is an eye-opening 50-minute film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like extreme weather, food security, health and the cost of living.



The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing (NEB) in Westminster (featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times) with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK. It is being screened at venues across the whole country supported by local councils, churches, environment groups and education centres. Bring a friend, neighbour or family member: everyone is welcome.

After the film there will be an open discussion about about the issues raised and how the Lavington communities can work together to build resilience. We hope to bring together leaders and residents from Market Lavington, West Lavington, the Cheverells, Easterton and Urchfont, as well as from further afield. Our local MP, Brian Mathew, will join with us for this important discussion about our future.

Seats are free but please book in advance and to find out more about NEB, at

<https://buytickets.at/na243/2219282>

<https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map>



Curtain Call!

Interested in am drams? Contact us!

We are seeking any interested parties to start a fun amateur drama group based in the Lavingtons and surrounding villages, with the aim of presenting one or two shows a year. Our first production would probably be in late November this year.

We will need off stage as well as on stage members - sound and lighting technos, stage management, costumes, make-up, props, front of house and, of course, actors.

We hope to hold a meeting in the near future with everyone who expresses an interest to discuss how we set up the group and ideas for our first production.

If this sounds like your idea of fun, then register your interest by contacting **Sue Keyes** on susanjkeyes@yahoo.com or **Stephen Keyes** on stephenkeyes1@gmail.com



Devizes Policing Team in Market Lavington Wednesday 10th June, St Arbucks, 10am - 12 noon

The Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a Community Consultation at St Arbucks in Market Lavington, between 10am and 12 noon on Wednesday 10th June. A chance to chat with your local policing team, whether you've got a question, a concern, or you just want to say hello. No appointment is needed, and everyone is welcome.



Wiltshire Steam and Vintage Rally Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June Park Farm, Whistley Road, Potterne

Steam traction engines, trade and market stalls, tractors, classic cars, miniature steam, stationary engines, a working arena, a fairground, motorbikes, an autojumble, rural crafts, military vehicles, and a dog show.

Organised by **The Wiltshire Agricultural Preservation Group**.



Meet Wessex Water at Devizes Library Tuesday 7th July, 10am - noon and 1pm - 2pm

A community drop in session, where you can chat to Wessex Water in person if you have a query about your water bill, your water and sewerage services, how to save water, or how to prevent sewer blockages. Further information is available at wessexwater.co.uk.



West Lavington Village Fete

Saturday 18th July at 2pm

West Lavington Village Hall & Playing Fields

The West Lavington Fete is only a few weeks away and we are, as ever, in need of donations for our village community stalls. If you have any bric a brac, soft toys, bottles or books you would like to donate to a good cause, or a possible prize for our Grand Draw, please get in touch with the following:

- Bric-a-brac: email Anji Scofield on anjiscotland@icloud.com
- Books: email Angela Spencer on angesp@hotmail.co.uk
- Bottles: email Jo Ellitt on jo.ellitt@live.com
- Soft Toys for the Teddy Tombola can be delivered to Lavington Pre-School between 9.30am and 3pm Monday to Friday, or email: managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com

If you would like to donate a prize for our Grand Draw, please contact Mike Page on jandmpage@gmail.com

As well as being a fun afternoon for everyone, all the money raised goes to village groups, so please support your village by getting involved! We are also looking for people to join our committee to ensure succession into 2027 and beyond.

For more information or offers of help please contact westlavfete@gmail.com

Thank you! We hope to see you at the Fete!

Sue Bastone - Fete Chair

Lions Family Fun Day on The Green

Sunday June 14th, Devizes Green, 10am - 4pm

The Lions invite owners of historic vehicles to display them for people to admire and enjoy. Some owners will be invited to offer visitors a ride as a passenger, for a small donation to the Lions. Market stalls, fairground rides, live music.

Entry free although donations appreciated.



Market Lavington Library opening times:

Wednesday afternoons: 2 - 5pm

Fridays all day: 10am - 5pm

Saturday mornings: 10am - 12 noon

For further information, pay a visit to the Library, or contact Wiltshire Libraries on **01380 818358** or email libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk



Did You Know? - Get Wiltshire Walking

Get Wiltshire Walking is a Public Health funded project which aims to ensure every community within the county has access to a free weekly led walk. The free weekly walking groups are led by fully qualified walk leaders. Friendly and fun, they are a great opportunity to get fit, meet new people and get to know your local area.

Starter Walk: 30 minute walk across largely flat stable terrain at a gentle pace with frequent pauses. For those wishing to become more active or recovering from surgery or illness.

Stroller Walk: 45 - 60 minute walk across varied terrain with some pauses. For those looking to increase their physical activity and build stamina.

Strider Walk: 60 - 90 minute walk across varied terrain including some gradients. Intended to offer a more vigorous pace and workout.

There are **Get Wiltshire Walking** groups in Devizes and Shrewton:

Devizes Group:

Devizes Leisure Centre, Southbroom Road, SN10 5AB. **Fridays 0930 - 11.00 am.**

Shrewton:

Shrewton Sports and Social Club Car Park, SP3 4JL. **Tuesdays 0930 - 11.00 am**

For more information, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-cycling-walking-and-running

Or contact **Louise Gale** on **0734 206 6608**; email: louise.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk

Details of the Wellbeing Walks can also be found on the Ramblers website at: <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/wellbeing-walks>

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Pat and Wendy Wilshin have been the central distributors of News and Views in Great Cheverell for over twenty-five years, but have now decided it's time to hand on the baton and put their feet up. News and Views cannot thank them enough for all they have done in getting the magazine to its readers in Great Cheverell, in all weathers throughout the years. We wish them a very happy retirement, and welcome Diane Dean, who has taken over the role.

Can you help?

News and Views would be lost without its volunteer network of distributors in the four villages we serve and is always looking for new recruits. We are currently looking for a central distributor for Littleton Panell. This entails receiving a bulk lot of magazines and then splitting them up into packs for each distributor in the village. It takes a few hours once a month. If you could help, please contact:

Anji Scofield on **01380 812720**,
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CLASSICS AND JAZZ

Saturday June 20th, Edington Priory, 7.30pm

On **Saturday 20th June**, no less a classical musician than **Jess Gillam** will be coming to Edington Priory Church, to play us a programme of jazz – and more.



Her instrument, the saxophone, is more commonly associated with jazz than classical music, but with the backing of her long-term colleagues, bassist **Sam Becker** and pianist **Zeynep Özsucu**, Jess will demonstrate its extraordinary versatility and range. She herself has a huge reputation in the classical world as the first saxophonist to win the Woodwind Final of the BBC Young Musician competition, as well as through her presenting roles at the BBC. Her musical performances are equally celebrated, for her electrifying talent, magnetic personality and vibrant stage presence.

The Trio will give us a programme of lesser-known repertoire, with some fresh takes on firm favourites from Corelli to Gershwin, from the jazz influences of Sidney Bechet, Barbara Thompson and Rudy Wiedöft to shades of folk. Truly a programme for everyone and a rare and fantastic opportunity to hear one of the musical greats of her generation.

Tickets are on sale now from www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on from £11 to £25, with 18 and under and those in full time education coming free. Angels as always have the benefit of a 10% discount on ticket prices.

Walk for women and Dorothy House

Dorothy House is launching a Women's Walk: United in Care on **Saturday 4th July** to raise vital funds to help care for people that need Dorothy House's support, whether that's end of life care or bereavement support.

Taking place in central Bath from 3pm to 9pm, the event starts in Henrietta Park, BA12 6LR, and offers two inclusive walking routes, enabling people of all ages and abilities to take part:

Short route (5km) - a family-friendly and accessible loop.

Long route (12km) - a more challenging and scenic walk.

These routes can be downloaded from the Dorothy House website.

The walk will end with a shared celebration including a free drink and delicious hot food waiting for participants at the finish line. There will be powerful, uplifting female speakers sharing stories of care, courage and connection.

Tickets for the Women's Walk: United in Care are now on sale: standard entry is £25 (some Early Bird Entry tickets for £20 may still be available). Funds raised will help Dorothy House expand specialist hospice services, easing carer strain and ensuring more families can access expert, compassionate support when they need it most.

For further information or to register, visit

<https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/get-involved/events/womens-walk/>

West Lavington Manor Open Garden Day

A Fun Day Out For All The Family!

Saturday 13th June 11am to 6pm

West Lavington Manor's open garden day will offer live entertainment, refreshments and activities for all ages!

- Edington Brass will be performing two sets with their 40 piece band at 12:30 and 3:00pm.
- Head Gardener Jonathan will share his knowledge and skills on making your own compost, which has been a huge success in the garden.
- Owner Andrew Doman for the first time will conduct a tour sharing the history of the house and the garden at 2:15pm.
- Garden designer Capability Charlotte will host Gardener's Question Time inviting the public to bring her their garden challenges.



Workshops include willow sculpting from Jo Sadler, and garden art and metal pieces from Bartys Trading. The West Lavington WI stall will feature their 70 year history and will be running a Bumper Hamper Raffle in aid of the Salisbury Women's Refuge. The Nestling Trust will be running their Find the Yeti treasure hunt and selling their special products from Nepal. There will be homemade produce for sale - apple juice and jams from the garden, and organic olive oil and honey from Mallorca.

Other attractions include Welly Boot Throwing, Peter Rabbit appearances, and face painting, not to mention delicious refreshments: home-made cakes and scones, quiche, sandwiches and delicious BBQ O'pork buns. There will be a full bar with Pimms, cava and wine. Or you can bring your own picnic!

All funds raised go to local charities including **The Nestling Trust, as well National Garden Scheme charities, including Horatio's Garden.**

Entry £10 pp to charity and children free. Dogs on a lead are welcome.

For more information contact:

Jordina Evins Doman on Jordina.evins@gmail.com or phone 07772 231958



Light, Darkness and the Living Garden

The first thing I noticed when we moved to West Lavington from a house on a main road in Melksham five years ago was not only how beautifully quiet it was but how dark it was. I could finally see the stars. It's so rare nowadays to find true, dark skies, and here the hills help mask so much light pollution. Unfortunately, even our gardens can contribute to light pollution.

Lighting can completely transform a garden after sunset. A softly lit path, the silhouette of a tree, or gentle light catching grasses and flowers, can make a garden feel magical and extend its use long into the evening. Thoughtful lighting also allows the garden to become part of the view from indoors during winter months, adding atmosphere, depth and drama when seen through windows on dark evenings. Good lighting should guide the eye and create mood, not simply flood a space with brightness.

I love garden lights and it is easy to become addicted to fairy lights. At one point in my old garden I had so many lights you could land a plane on my garden. However, our growing love of outdoor lighting comes with consequences. Artificial light affects not only us, but the wildlife we share our gardens with. Humans rely on natural light cycles to regulate our circadian rhythms, the internal body clock that influences sleep, hormones and wellbeing. Bright blue-white lighting late at night suppresses melatonin production and can interfere with healthy sleep patterns. Wildlife experiences similar disruption. Bats alter feeding routes, moths become disoriented, and insects waste vital energy circling lights instead of pollinating plants or breeding.

Designers such as Hudson Lighting are leading the way in 'dark sky' garden lighting, proving that gardens can still be beautifully illuminated while respecting nature. Their work with the Bat Conservation Trust Nocturnal Garden at Chelsea highlights key principles: use warm lighting, keep fittings low and downward-facing, avoid uplighting trees, and only light areas when needed. Deep amber tones around 1800K–2700K are far less disruptive to wildlife than harsh cool-white LEDs.



A wildlife-friendly garden should still contain darkness. Shadows, moonlight and starry skies are part of the beauty of a living landscape.

Capability Charlotte

I offer one-to-one consultations to create a resilient garden on a budget.

Email me at info@capabilitycharlotte.com



Nearby NGS Open Gardens in June

Children's entry is free unless otherwise stated. For latest information go to www.ngs.org.uk

Thurs 4th June:

Cadenham Manor, Foxham, Chippenham SN15 4NH, 2 - 6pm, £10. Pre-booking essential.

4 acre garden. Specimen trees, fountains and statues, stunning displays of old roses. Swathes of spring bulbs, wisteria, irises, a

water garden in the old canal, and extensive vegetable and herb gardens. Refreshments in aid of local charity. contact@cadenham.com

Sat 6th June:

Seend House, High St, Seend SN12 6NR 1 - 5pm Adult: £10 joint ticket with Seend Manor

Highlights include cloud and rose garden, stream lavender, view of knot garden from above, fountain with grass border, walled garden as well as formal borders. Amazing view across the valley to Salisbury Plain. Opens with Seend Manor. Homemade teas in aid of Beyond Dementia.

Seend Manor, High Street, Seend, SN12 6NX, 1-5pm, £10 joint ticket with Seend House

Extensive walled gardens, water features, garden structures, topiary and hedging and one of the best views in Wiltshire. Chinese and African gardens, walled kitchen garden and classic cottage garden.

Sunday 7th June:

2 Naish House, Spirhill, Calne SN11 9HW, 1-5pm, £8.

A wild wellbeing garden of approx 8 acres including meadow walks, labyrinth, ponds, courtyard garden, orchard and polytunnels. Join a talk at 2pm or 4pm outlining the magic of microbial life in healthy soil. Refreshments.

Shell Cottage, Alton Priors, SN8 4JX, 1.30 - 5.30pm, £7.

A charming cottage garden set within medieval thatch topped walls, herbaceous borders, orchard, pond and a glasshouse. Extensive cutting flower garden. Homemade teas.

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

5 acre garden on chalk. Mature garden with fine trees within clump and flint walls, herbaceous borders, shrubs and roses. Moisture loving plants along mill leat, carp pond, orchard and wild garden, many unusual plants. Homemade teas.

Saturday 13th June:

West Lavington Manor, 1 Church Street, West Lavington SN10 4LA, 11am - 6pm, £10

See page 16 for full details.

Sunday 14th June

4 Westwood Road, Trowbridge, BA14 9BR, 11am - 5pm, £5.00

New garden of approx 1 acre created over the last 5 yrs. Vegetable area with raised beds and espalier fruit trees and greenhouse. Small wildlife pond becoming established. Mixed herbaceous borders with many roses. Small woodland area. Homemade teas.

Drax House, Orcheston, SP3 4RL, 1.30 - 5.30pm, £6.00

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. Homemade teas.

Sunday 28th June:

Oare House, Rudge Lane, Oare SN8 4JQ, 2 - 6pm, £10.00

Traditional walled garden with fine herbaceous borders, vegetable areas, trained fruit, roses and grand mixed borders surrounding formal lawns. Light refreshments.

Duck Pond Barn, Church Lane, Wingfield, Trowbridge, BA14 9LW 10am - 5pm, £5.00

2 acres with large duck pond, orchard, vegetable garden, large greenhouse, wood and wild areas of grass and trees with many wild flowers. Large dry stone wall topped with flower beds with rose arbour. Refreshments.

Out for the day? Take a picnic - not a barbecue!

If warmer days mean you might be visiting one of Dorset and Wiltshire's local heathlands or outdoors spaces to enjoy the wildlife and wilderness, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) is encouraging residents and visitors to take a picnic and not a barbecue when out and about. Warmer and breezy weather increases the risk of accidental or deliberate fires in our open spaces.

A wildfire can escalate quickly, so DWFRS is asking everyone to follow some simple steps:

- Stay alert for signs of fire - smoke, heat, or unusual smells. If you spot anything worrying, call 999 immediately. Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.
- Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Disposable barbecues and campfires are banned in many parts of Dorset.
- Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows – take your litter home!
- If you're at the beach, don't set off flares, have campfires or light barbecues, as these can easily lead to gorse and foliage on the cliffs catching fire.
- You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths to CrimeStoppers by calling 0800 555 111 (100% anonymous).

Landowners and land managers are also advised to be prepared for fires and ensure that where possible fire breaks are cut and well maintained with any cut grasses and vegetation removed from the site.

If you encounter a wildfire don't attempt to put it out yourself – call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue service.

For more information on heath fires and countryside safety, visit the DWFRS website at:

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/heath-fires-and-countryside-safety/>

MAY RHYME TIMES

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

Rhyme Time is held every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month
For babies toddlers pre-schoolers primary-age children & their carers

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

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Middlewick House Open Garden
6-7 June 2026

Middlewick House
Corsham • SN13 0PX
10am - 4.30pm

Tickets:
Advance ticket purchase required

Adults = £20*
Conc = £10*
Car Parking = £6*
Under 12's go free
*Excludes VAT

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middlewickhouseopen garden.com

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10.00 – 12.00
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YEARS

Platinum Anniversary

Join us for our

Strawberry Sparkle Celebration

See the display showing the history of our WI

Thursday 11th June at 2pm

West Lavington Village Hall

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FRIDAY 12TH JUNE
at 7pm

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TICKETS £25

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The Great Cheverell
PAVILION
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IT AIN'T THE SEA THAT'S ROCKIN' THIS BOAT

Saturday June 13th
Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm
Members Free - Guests £5

WEST LAVINGTON MANOR GARDEN OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

11AM – 6PM

A DAY OF NATURE, LIVE MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS & ACTIVITIES

- 11:30 Compost Tour with Our Head Gardener
- 12:30 Edington Brass Band
- 1:30 Gardener's Question Time
- 2:15 Manor History and Garden Tour
- 3:00 Edington Brass Band

Tickets £10 pp (children five) at gate, or visit www.ngs.org.uk
All proceeds support NGS Charities & The Nestling Trust

- Willow Sculpting
- "Ballabob Cranmond" scenes from Rondo Theatre Co.
- Welly Boot Throwing, Face Painting, Treasure Hunt, Peter Rabbit appearances
- Hot and cold refreshments
- Bar - Pizzas and wine
- Dogs on lead are welcome and picnic

West Lavington Manor, 1 Church St, West Lavington, SN10 4LA.

THE WI at WEST LAVINGTON MANOR

GARDEN OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

11AM – 6PM

CELEBRATING OUR 70 YEARS 1996-2026

- We have a stall raising funds for Salisbury Women's Refuge
- There will be a Bumper WI Hamper raffle
- Commemorative gifts and also a display

St Peter's, Little Cheverell

LIVING HERITAGE DAY

Sunday 14th June
2.30-5.30pm

FREE ENTRY

Outside in the churchyard
Join us for short talks and displays about the heritage and wildlife around St Peter's.
Bats and owls - our amazing wildlife neighbours.
The WWI Memorial
The listed tombs of benefactors available

Inside the church
Discover the stories behind what you see

- The history of the building from its beginnings to today
- The stained glass window its design, meaning and maker
- The graffiti Medieval marks with messages from the past
- The church bells How they were cast and what they mean to us

Everyone welcome - come and explore, learn and enjoy!
Contact Sophie Hughes ☎ 07557 304845

You are invited to

St Peter's Great Cheverell

for a service of

Songs of Praise

On **Sunday 14th June**
at 10am

with refreshments afterwards

We are delighted to welcome some children from Holy Trinity Primary Academy to sing with us and help lead the service.

Olivia Sparkhall from Hymnpact! will be joining us, to teach us a new song.

Do come and join us!
All ages are welcome.

HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Wed 17th June 2026
Starts 10.45am
Elizabethan Houses & the
Transformation of Britain
Devizes
Corn Exchange



Dr Jonathan Foyle, a lecturer at the University of Bath, a broadcaster and former Curator at Hampton Court, talks about the Elizabethan era, which saw the transformation of Britain's medieval dwellings into the basis of modern houses: chimneys, open staircases and glazing became the norm.

Underpinning the story is the social change wrought by the end of the monasteries, the growth of cities and the discovery of a world beyond our shores.

World-class lectures from October to July

 The Arts Society Devizes
www.theartsocietydevizes.org

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 17th June 7:15pm
West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4H
Existing members and those interested
in joining our friendly club are very welcome



Salisbury Plain a talk by Richard Brooks

Come along and listen to what promises to be
a fascinating presentation
on this important ecosystem
that's right on our own doorstep

Competition - a vase of flowers of one colour

Come and join us for what promises to be
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Refreshments available

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



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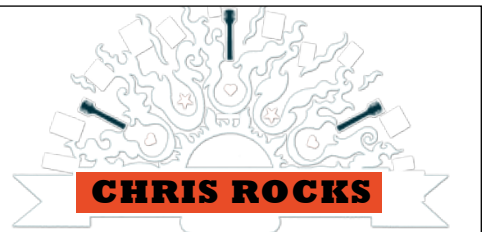
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DEVIZES MARKET PLACE
Saturday 20th June 2026

14.00hrs - 17.00 hrs • Parade 13.30

 PARADE 13.30	 FLYFAST MILITARY VEHICLES	 4TH WILTSHIRE LIVING HISTORY GROUP	 FOOD • MUSIC & LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET
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CHRIS ROCKS

SATURDAY 20th JUNE 4pm - midnight
Plough Lane - Marston

Hosted by **Clive Mantle** from Game of Thrones

Carla Mendonça sings Fitzgerald

The Peace Lilies with guitarist Gary Sanford
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The Hanging Bandits up the tempo!

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People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Market Lavington

Market Lavington Community Hall
Friday 26th June 7pm



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Film Screening and
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Refreshments

www.nebriefing.org

St Peter's Church
Great Cheverell

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Saturday
27th June
3pm - 5pm

All ages welcome - fun for everyone!

St Peter's
Church
Great Cheverell

Hymns
&
Pimms

Sunday
28th June
at 6pm

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Lavington
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Save the Date!

LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Summer Concert

Friday 3rd July 2026
7:30pm

Market Lavington Community Hall
St Mary's Rd, Market Lavington, SN10 4DG

Tickets £10
On sale in June from St. Arbucks,
Market Lavington and Devizes Books

Programme to include
Karl Jenkins'
The Armed Man
and Elton John medley



WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 18TH JULY
 from 2pm
 at the Village Hall and Field

NEW THIS YEAR:
BBQ with Hot Dogs and Falafel Burgers
Retro Relics Games
 Live Music from the **Amesbury Town Band**
GRAND PRIZE DRAW
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FUN FAMILY DOG SHOW Sponsored by Rangebourne Pets
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!
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 Lots to see, do and buy!
FREE ENTRY AND PARKING!



WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 18th JULY from 2pm
VILLAGE HALL & FIELD

Family Dog Show-2.30pm
CLASSES Classes start from 2.30 pm

Golden Oldie (over 7 years) Why not enter your pet?
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BEST IN SHOW

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WEST LAVINGTON 2026 VILLAGE FETE

RANGEBOURNE PET CARE



ROWDE SUMMER FETE
SATURDAY 25th JULY
 12.30pm - 3pm
 Furlong Close, Marsh Lane, Rowde SN10 2TQ

DEVIZES TOWN BAND - DOG SHOW
ARTS & CRAFTS - TRADITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT
BBQ - ROWDEY COW ICE CREAM - REFRESHMENTS
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!
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The Danger of Portable BBQs

They remain hot long after you've finished cooking and can start a fire

Animals can smell the discarded BBQ and will investigate and get severe burns

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The Annual Parish meeting took place on Monday 18th May preceded by the Annual Parish Council meeting, when Cllr Mike Phillips was selected as Chair for the ensuing year and Cllr Clive Broe was selected as Vice Chair. Cllr Dominic Muns for Wiltshire Council was present and expressed concern that Wiltshire Council intended to withdraw the Wiltshire Local Plan due to pressures from the Government Inspectorate. This might lead to speculative

planning applications from developers being submitted due to the lack of an effective planning framework being in place. The Inspectorate wants many more houses to be built than was proposed in the submitted Local Plan.

The Parish meeting was well attended. Cllr Mike Phillips presented an overview of the Council's activities in the past year and explained where the precept is spent. The Council has focused its attention on improving public green spaces, especially the Village Hall green, and has taken responsibility for some of the running costs of the Hall itself, as it does not generate enough income to be self-supporting. Questions were invited from those attending.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Barbara Phillips, presented an overview of the Hall's events, finances and plans for the future.

Peregrine Rawlins presented an update on the fundraising to support the costs of repairing the roof of the church. Fundraising is going quite well, but more is needed and a number of events are planned, not only for fundraising but also to highlight the church's heritage, its role in the community and as a sanctuary for wildlife. The first of these events, Living Heritage Day, will be held on **Sunday June 14th from 2:30 - 5:30 pm** and will focus on both the inside of the church and the churchyard. The event is free to attend and promises to be very interesting.

The Chair hopes that residents of the Parish will contact the Council from time to time to let them know where they would like to see improvements to the village. The Parish Council wants to ensure the village is a safe, pleasant and well-maintained place to live and can be contacted easily via its website, by emailing the Clerk or speaking to any of the Councillors.

The Parish Steward has not visited this year so far due to being deployed to other duties, but his visits will resume on 23rd June. Residents are encouraged to note any issues he might be able to attend to, such as small potholes, blocked drainage gullies and excess vegetation or weeds and report these to the **Parish Clerk by 15th June**. The Clerk can be contacted by emailing clerk@littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly with the next meeting planned for **7pm on 20th July**. All are welcome to attend, and the public may address the Council prior to the main meeting commencing.

Cllr. Mike Phillips - Chairman

Tel: 07908 143389 www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk



Little Cheverell Village Hall

Our annual Fete took place on 16th May, followed by a special Pop-Up event featuring a Pizza Kitchen kindly provided by Dough Jo Pizza Co and a live performance from local band Permission Slip. The day was highly successful despite the weather not being ideal, and a great deal of money was raised which will help support the Village Hall and make it sustainable for future generations. The Chair of the

Committee, Barbara Phillips, would like to thank all the willing volunteers that helped to make the day possible. Our objective is to run events which bring the community together in an informal, fun environment and at a reasonable cost. Our events are open to everyone and we welcome people from the surrounding area, and their families. Well-behaved dogs are welcome, just like any country pub.

Our series of Pop-Up pubs continues, and the next date is **Saturday 20th June from 6pm**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We now have a new marquee and if the weather is looking fine, we will erect this on the green to provide an enhanced outdoor area to enjoy. As the Pizza was very popular, we will invite Dough Jo Pizza come back again in the future. Meanwhile we are developing ideas for a summer menu - our pies have been very popular, but perhaps a little heavy for midsummer evenings!

The Hall is available for hire and is suitable for many different activities - contact us for information and to discuss your requirements. As a reminder, our facilities include modern heating and cooling, licensed bar, public free WiFi, card payments, a lovely outdoor space bordering a stream, a 6x3m Marquee, and indoor seating for up to 45 people on tables, or more without tables.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions - if you have any comments, please drop us a line at littlecheverellvhall@gmail.com

VILLAGE LINK

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell

Tel: 07598 947180

Call this number if you need transport for medical appointments and have no other means of getting there. Donations to cover expenses will be requested.



West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation on Draft Review (2026–2036)

West Lavington Parish Council is consulting on a draft review of the West Lavington Neighbourhood Development Plan, which will guide future development in the parish for the period 2026–2036. The Neighbourhood Plan gives our community a legal voice in planning decisions, helps shape what gets built and where, and aims to protect the character and distinctiveness of West Lavington and Littleton Panell.

The Neighbourhood Plan is an important document for our Parish and our community. It sets how we want our parish to look and importantly it indicates what additional housing development our community wants, how many houses we think our village can accommodate and where we think any development should be.

The draft revised Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Parish Council website at: www.westlavington.org.uk A printed copy is held at the **Churchill Arms**, available on request.

We are seeking views from residents, local businesses, community organisations, landowners, statutory bodies and anyone with an interest in the future of our parish. Comments and feedback can be submitted in the following ways:

By email to: wlcrc@westlavington.org.uk

By using the online comments form at:

www.westlavington.org.uk/NeighbourhoodPlanComments

The consultation runs for six weeks from **Saturday 1st June to Sunday 12th July**. All comments must be received by **11:59 pm on Sunday 12th July 2026**.

All comments received will be considered by the Parish Council and will help shape the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to Wiltshire Council for independent examination and a parish referendum.

The June Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Giles Room of the Village Hall on **Thursday 4th June at 7pm**.

Peter West – Chair, West Lavington Parish Council

West Lavington Planning Matters

PL/2026/02443: Land at White Street, SN10 4HR.

Parish Council will finalise our objection to this proposal.

PL/2026/02544: 49 White Street, West Lavington, SN10 4LP. Log Cabin in rear garden.

PL/2025/09476: 69 High Street, West Lavington, SN10 4JB. Amended plans.



The summer term is always one of the highlights of our school year. It is a pleasure to see our beautiful grounds in full bloom, and the children relish the chance to spend time outdoors, enjoying both learning and play in such a lovely setting.

This term brings many special experiences for the children. We have a full programme of trips and visits, giving pupils opportunities to learn beyond the classroom and create lasting memories. One of the firm favourites is our much-anticipated ‘Yes Day’ when we set aside some of the usual rules, whether around uniform, food or daily routines, which brings great excitement and smiles.

Our older pupils also enjoy memorable residential experiences. Year 6 will take part in their week-long residential trip, which is always a significant and rewarding milestone as they prepare for the next stage of their education. Meanwhile, our Year 4 pupils will spend three days in Dorset, building independence and confidence while enjoying time together away from school.

We also look forward to our annual Sports Day and whole-school Picnic, both of which are wonderful opportunities for the community to come together and celebrate the children’s enthusiasm, teamwork and achievements.

SATS week for our Year 6 children: The children approached their SATS calmly and tried their very best. SATS measure their competence in reading, writing and maths but don’t measure how resilient, kind and compassionate our pupils are, or how well they sing, draw and create as well as performing and competing in a huge variety of sports.

Zoom to Bloom: The children, supported generously by their families and friends, achieved an outstanding £5,340 through this year’s sponsored run, covering an impressive combined distance of 603 kilometres. We are incredibly grateful for this support, which will allow us to continue developing our wonderful school grounds. We plan to install a polytunnel alongside a series of raised beds to provide our pupils with the opportunity to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers throughout the year. helping them to gain a clear understanding of how plants grow and where food comes from. Gardening is a practical skill and offers many valuable benefits. It encourages children to take responsibility, work together and develop patience.

Sip and Paint: We would be delighted to welcome you to our upcoming ‘Paint and Sip’ evening, taking place in the school hall on **Friday 12th June from 7.00pm**. It promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, whether you are an experienced artist or simply wish to try something new in a relaxed and friendly setting. We would encourage you to book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be easily purchased by scanning the QR code on the event poster. We very much hope to see many of you there.

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher

HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



What a triumph!: The PFA Holy Trinity Dog Show was a wonderful afternoon, filled with fun, laughter and families enjoying time together – a fantastic community event. From agility, skills, talent and tricks to photography, a treasure hunt, games, stalls and delicious refreshments, there was something for everyone. Events of this scale take a great deal of organisation, and we are incredibly grateful to all who supported it. As well as celebrating community spirit, the event raised valuable funds to enrich our children’s education.



Sarum Class Visit: Sarum Class recently enjoyed a hands-on visit to the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes, extending their learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children explored artefacts from local graves and discovered what they reveal about life in Anglo-Saxon times. Highlights included making decorated clay pots, trying rune writing and recreating bronze embossed designs.

Guide Dogs Partnership: Guide Dogs is our School Council’s chosen charity. A team visited the school, helping children learn about the special bond of trust and loyalty and the vital role guide dogs play in supporting independence. This term, we have welcomed several visits as part of an ongoing training programme, including a young puppy and its handler. These

experiences help the dogs grow in confidence in new environments, while giving pupils a memorable insight into this life-enhancing work.

The Big Assembly: Our children recently took part in a special assembly marking the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. They learnt about his remarkable work with wildlife and his inspiring message about caring for our planet: “It’s surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on earth.” At Holy Trinity, we encourage our pupils to



pause and notice the wonder of the natural world around them, from the smallest plants to the widest landscapes, and to recognise that we are part of it too. Each of us, however small, has the power to care for our planet and contribute positively to the world we share.

We began the week by placing eggs in the incubator and are ending it with the joyful arrival of our chicks, lovingly cared for by Stonehenge Class.

If you think your child would enjoy being part of our school community, please book a visit to look around and meet the Headteacher. Further information can be found at www.holy-trinity.co.uk, or by calling 01380 813796 - Every Day is an Open Day.

Anna Woodman - Headteacher

Vacancy: School Crossing Patroller Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy

Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy is seeking a friendly and reliable School Crossing Patrol Officer to support pupil safety. This term-time role involves supervising the crossing outside school for 30 minutes each morning and afternoon (8.15–8.45 am and 2.45–3.15 pm on Fridays).

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We have had a busy Term 5 looking at life-cycles and nature. The children have been really excited watching both our caterpillars and tadpoles grow and change, which has led to fun discussions and activities such as printing butterflies. We were able to release the butterflies and the frogs before the summer half-term holiday.

Some of our children chose to plant a sunflower seed, and we have been watching these grow and talking about what a seed needs to grow. The children took their sunflowers home at the end of term. We have also planted a variety of other seeds in poly-pockets, some in soil and others on cotton wool, giving the children the opportunity to watch how the seeds develop roots and shoots.

We have been out and about on nature walks, looking at plants and listening to the environment around us. The children used natural resources they found in forest school to create their own sunflowers in the blocks of clay they had. Some of the children chose to squish the clay onto the trunk of a tree to see the pattern it would make in the clay.

The children have enjoyed learning the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have created a tall beanstalk, golden eggs, a giant and the giant's castle which are displayed in the classroom. When talking about the story the children have used amazing vocabulary such as 'enormous', 'gigantic' and 'massive' and discussed what 'poor' means.

We currently have spaces for 2-year-olds and spaces for 3-4-year-olds. If you have any queries, please either call us on **01380 812551** or send an email to **preschool@daps.equamead.org**

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With the upcoming transition to school, the children have been working on their independence skills through accessing the school uniform in the role play area and putting them on/off themselves.

We had a visit recently from a parent who is a Doctor, where he came and read a story to the children and they were able to learn all about the different equipment used such as the stethoscope. They then got to use the stethoscope as they listened to the teddy bear's heart.

Our tadpoles have now grown their legs and we continue to observe and care for them in preparation to release them in to our pond soon.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed being outside in the sunshine, whilst keeping cool through water play and learning about the importance of protecting our skin with suncream/sunhats and keeping hydrated on warmer days.

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

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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.

Sunday June 7th:	Trinity Church Service Led by Rev'd Tom MacMeekin
Sunday June 14th:	United Church Service at St Mary's Market Lavington Led by Rev'd Gary Gotham
Sunday June 21st:	Trinity Church Service Led by Jeannie MacMeekin
Sunday June 28th:	United Church Service at St Mary's Market Lavington Led by Ben Bannister

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

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Fruit in old age

It was bad enough when a woman of a certain age complimented me for looking 'dapper'. I thought only snappily dressed elderly gents were called that. Now people I haven't seen for a while ask me if I have already retired, or when I'm going to. For the record, I'm still the right side of 60 (just), and don't intend to stop working anytime soon. Nonetheless, I seem to have crossed an invisible line and suddenly become an older man. At least in the eyes of others.

This was exacerbated the other week when my boy racerish Vauxhall Corsa developed a fault, and the repair garage gave me an 'vintage' Honda Jazz as a courtesy car. Twice on a short journey, I was cut up at roundabouts. Other drivers obviously thought it would take an age for me to get anywhere near them, so they chanced it. The cheek.

Nothing against older people, of course. I just didn't expect to become one quite so soon. But the prospect of ageing doesn't mean it's all downhill from now on. Yes, a certain amount of physical and even mental deterioration can be expected with the advancing years, but old age can still be a time of spiritual growth and ripening fruitfulness.

I have known believers who became frail and housebound in old age, yet even with the advancing years they were full of faith, hope, and love. Spending time with them put me in mind of words found in one of the Psalms:

***The righteous will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,
proclaiming, 'The Lord is upright;
He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.'***
(Psalm 92:14-15)

Guy Davies

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You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm, followed by refreshments.

BOOKMARK - Great Cheverell Bookclub

A Neighbour's Guide to Murder by Louise Candlish - It's always disappointing when a book gets excellent reviews but fails to impress. The plot and writing were deemed formulaic and the characters lacked depth. Not one member enjoyed this book.

Reparations: Slavery and the Tyranny of Imaginary Guilt by Nigel Biggar - This was an academic examination of slavery throughout the centuries. He establishes that slavery has always been with us and continues today. All nations have been, or are involved and reparation is pointless as the real victims are long dead. Better that funds are used to put an end to the slavery that is happening right now.

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

JUNE	
Thurs 4th:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WLVH, 7pm.
Sat 6th:	St Barnabas Church Easterton Coffee & Bacon Rolls, Easterton VH, 10am - noon.
Sat 6th/ Sun 7th:	Middlewick House Open Garden in aid of Bobby Van Trust and Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance, Corsham SN13 0PX, 10am - 4.30pm. Advance Ticket purchase required: £10 - £20, Parking £5 middlewickhouseopengarden.com
Tues 9th:	Cheverells Garden Club visit to Eastwell Manor Gardens, Potterne.
Wed 10th:	Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team Community Consultation, St Arbucks ML, 10am - noon.
Thurs 11th:	West Lavington WI Platinum Anniversary Strawberry Sparkle Celebration, WLVH 2pm.
Fri 12th:	DAPS Paint and Sip event, DAPS WL, 7pm. Tickets £25, £2.80 booking fee.
Sat 13th:	West Lavington Manor Open Garden for NGS and local charities, 11am - 6pm
Sat 13th - Sun 14th:	Wiltshire Steam and Vintage Rally, Park Farm, Whistley Road, Potterne.
Sun 14th:	Songs of Praise service, St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell, 10am. Refreshments
	St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell, Living Heritage Day, 2.30 - 5.30pm
	Devizes Lions Family Fun Day, The Green, Devizes. 10am - 4pm.
Wed 17th:	Lavington Gardening Club talk on Salisbury Plain, WLVH, 7.15 for 7.30pm.
	Devizes Arts Society meeting: Elizabethan Houses, Devizes Corn Exchange, 10.45 for 11am. Guests £8,
Thur 18th:	Great Cheverell Neighbourhood Lunch Club 12.30pm at The Bell. Order and pay beforehand at the Village Stores.
Sat 20th:	Armed Forces Day in Market Place, Devizes, 2 - 5pm, Parade at 1.30pm.
	Chris Rocks Fest in aid of the MND Association, Plough Lane, Marston, 4pm - midnight.
	Pop Up Pub, LCVH from 6pm
	Edington Arts presents The Jess Gillam Trio, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
Sun 21st:	Summer Solstice

Wed 24th:	West Lavington Friendship Club Canal Barge trip, including ploughman's lunch, leaving WL at 10am. Tickets £30 from Eileen on 01380 812364 .
Fri 26th:	People's Emergency Briefing and discussion, MLCH, 7pm. Over 16s. Refreshments. Free entry, but book in advance at https://buytickets.at/na243/2219282
Sat 27th:	Cream Teas at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell, with Treasure Hunt and raffle. Bring your teddy! 3 - 5pm
Sun 28th:	Hymns and Pimms, with the Cheverell Singers, St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell, 6pm. Tickets £5 from Cheverell Stores or on the door.
JULY	
Fri 3rd:	Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert, MLCH, 7.30pm, Tickets £10 from St Arbucks and Devizes Books.
Sat 4th:	Dorothy House Women's Walk, from Henrietta Park, Bath BA12 6LR, 3 - 9pm.
	Devizes Chamber Choir Summer Concert, St Andrew's Church, Devizes, 7.30pm
	Kats & Kits Gift & Coffee Morning - from 10.00am at Needham House, Devizes.
Tues 7th:	Meet Wessex Water at Devizes Library, 10am - 12 noon and 1 - 2pm,
Sat 11th/ Sun 12th:	Fulltone Festival, Park Farm, Whistley Road, Potterne. 12 noon to 10.30pm
Fri 17th/ Sat 18th:	Chris McCausland at the Corn Exchange, Devizes. Doors open 7pm for 8pm. Tickets £25 must be booked in advance at devizetickets.com
Sat 18th:	West Lavington Village Fete, WL Village Hall and Playing Fields, from 2pm.
Mon 20th:	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7pm.
Sat 25th:	Furlong Close Summer Fete, Marsh Lane, Rowde SN10 2TQ 12.30 - 3pm.

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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 7.15-8.45pm, Thursdays 6.30am-7.30 am, Dauntsey's School Pool. From 21st April to 30th June.

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. May meeting at 2 Hooks Court, WL

Rhyme Time: for babies through to pre-schoolers, 1st and 3rd Fridays of month, including holidays. 10.15 - 10.45am, Market Lavington Library. June 5th and 19th.

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 WI: second Thursday of the month, Giles Room WL VH, April-October 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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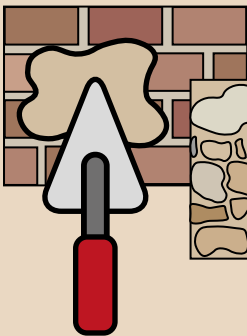
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