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FROM THE EDITOR

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." Emily Brontë

Despite the chilliness of April as this issue goes to press, things are warming up in May, with such things as annual village parish meetings, various plant sales and Fetes on the horizon, arts and beer festivals, summer concerts and more gardens opening for charity (for details, see inside!). Signs of spring moving into early summer at last. It's a lovely time of year, especially if you are lucky

enough, as we are, to live in the English countryside surrounded by the stunning bright greens of burgeoning trees and fields. It's no-mow May too, so put those strimmers and lawn mowers away and let your grass grow to allow insects and wild flowers to do their thing. It's amazing the difference it makes to bees and butterflies - and some of the varieties of grass that appear look wonderful in flower, and when moving in the breeze. Have a good month!

Sue Bonney

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Articles and photographs for the **June** issue should reach Sue Bonney no later than **May 20th 2024**.

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This Month's Cover: A member of the Chippenham Youth Theatre performing at West Lavington Village Hall.

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.

News & Views is the community magazine for West Lavington, Littleton Panell and Great and Little Cheverell. You should be able to find the latest News & Views in full colour on West Lavington Posts on Facebook, and on the West Lavington and Great and Little Cheverell Parish Council websites at:

www.westlavington.org.uk www.greatcheverell.org.uk www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk

Benefice 200 Club

The April draw was won by **Janet Hodges**, a loyal subscriber since the Club was formed by Quentin Goggs over 20 years ago. Thank you Janet for your continued support. You certainly deserve your modest win!

Bonnie Matters bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk

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: Andy and Pauline Jenkinson (813775)

Calendar of Services May 2024

The Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton

Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Great Cheverell St Peter's	Little Cheverell St Peter's
Sunday 5th May	10.30 am Benefice Communion - St Peter's Great Cheverell				
Sunday 12th May	10.30 am United Service Market Lavington Community Hall	9.00 am Breakfast Church <i>Families Welcome</i>		11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	
Sunday 19th May	11.00 am Communion	9.30 am Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship <i>Families Welcome</i>	
Sunday 26th May		9.30 am Praise & Worship <i>Families Welcome</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion	11.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am BCP Communion
Sunday 2nd June	10.30 am Benefice Communion - St Peter's Church Little Cheverell				

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REFLECTION

The winter is well and truly gone and spring is firmly here and our diaries are full of the coming commitments to family, friends and neighbours.

In our Churches spring cleaning is in full swing, with a careful eye passed over the fabric of our buildings to ensure they weathered the winter well. Many of our church family are entering into thoughts of fund raising activities. Whether it is making cakes or scones, jams, pickles or biscuits, preparing gardens to be

opened and plants to be sold, or working hard on the planning, organising and advertising of events to be found in our Benefice this summer, every penny helps. Of course, all this work is extra to the day-to-day running of our lives. Add to that the normal family commitments we all have, and life is once again hectic. Time to stop and take a moment or two for ourselves can so easily be lost in all the hassle that makes up our day.

For many Christians, and especially clergy, a time of prayer first thing in the morning not only follows the pattern of prayer given to us in the example of Jesus, but makes such a difference to our busy lives. With time and continuity, this practice of centring ourselves each day helps with our focus on the day ahead and gives us the energy we need to accomplish our work. To my mind the poem below sums this up very well.

The Difference by Grace L. Naessens

*I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish, I didn't have time to pray.*

*Problems just tumbled about me and grew heavier with each task;
Why doesn't God help me, I wondered; He answered, "You didn't ask."*

*I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, grey and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek."*

*I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."*

*I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.*

And why all do we do all this extra hard work? Just to raise funds? No. To reach out to our friends, our neighbours and our fellow villagers, offering our time and gifts in fellowship and joy. So, please do come and enjoy our offerings. Who knows, you may find old friends and make new friends joining in the fun!

Rev Marion Harrison

St Mary's Church, Market Lavington

Open Afternoons in May cancelled

We are sorry to report that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Open Church events at St Mary's on Saturdays May 11th, 18th and 25th have all had to be cancelled.



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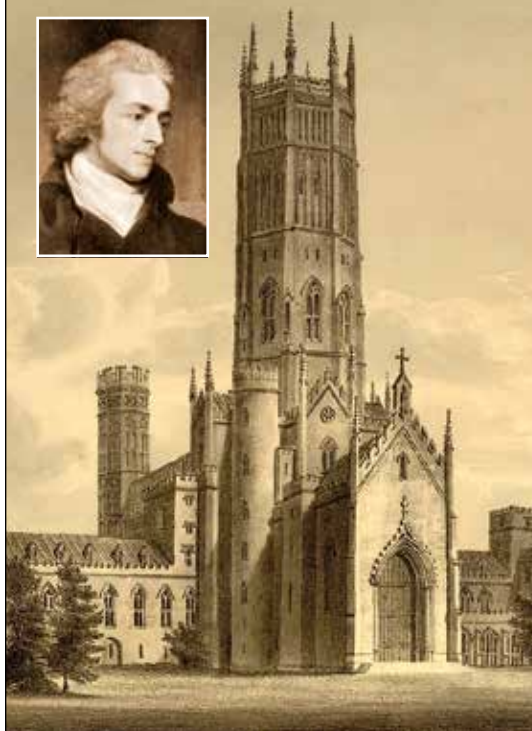
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Sun 5th: Allington Grange, Chippenham SN14 6LW £7.50. 14.00 - 17.00. Informal country garden with year round interest, mixed borders, walled potager. Homemade teas.

Sun 12th: Manor Farm House, Manor Farm Lane, Patney SN10 3RB £6. 14.00 - 17.00. 2 acre plantsman's garden, long border and gravel garden, formal vegetable garden with box parterres and meadow with spring bulbs. Limited wheelchair access. No WC. Homemade teas.

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Wed 29th: Riverside House, Axford, Marlborough SN8 2HA £5. 11.00 - 17.00. Acre+, cottage garden with wild areas, mature trees and herbaceous borders. A charming rose garden and lawns sweeping down to a stream and small pond, with fine views to the south over water meadows to hills beyond. Light refreshments in village hall opposite.

VILLAGE LINK

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CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

April's talk to the Club was given by Roger Hirons, aka the plant doctor, and was about how to make your garden easier and more successful. Roger is an extremely enthusiastic and knowledgeable plantsman who has run vast nurseries and a landscaping company and he shared his wealth of experience in a very expansive manner. We definitely hope that he will return to help to solve some of our garden problems!

The next meeting is on **14th May at 7pm** when we are visiting 'Found Outdoors' in Townsend Wood, a nature reserve, outdoor education, arts and rewilding space. It will be fascinating to see all the nature and the habitats that have been created.

On **18th May** we are holding our annual **Plant Sale from 10am to midday**, which is always packed with great plants and very popular - as is the tea and cake! If it's raining it will be in the Village Hall, if dry follow the signs to a nearby garden!

If you would like more information feel free to contact me at helen.woodlands@hotmail.co.uk

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We would love you to join us for a fantastic and inspiring day out!

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Our home, West Lavington Manor, is surrounded by five acres of walled garden, originally designed by Sir John Danvers in the 17th century. Besides being an inspirational garden designer (he brought the Italianate garden to the UK), Danvers was a politician and one of the signatories to the death warrant of Charles 1.

Over the last 15 years the garden has been restored with new features every year. There are hidden gems throughout, including the marriage crest of Danvers, and a Roman Torso, dating back from Danvers times. Unique aspects include: our Japanese Garden, a birch grove, an orchard with 25 different species of apples and pears, glorious herbaceous borders, a lake with duck house, a chess garden and rose garden.

There will be entertainment, local produce for sale (including apple juice from our orchard and homemade marmalade from Mallorca), an amazing refreshments marquee (worth the visit alone), with delicious cakes, scones, quiches, and of course the famous O'Pork Pulled Pork on the BBQ, all washed down with a refreshing Pimms, wine, prosecco. Or join us with your own picnic and bring your dog on a lead.

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to go to war with Germany, he returned to the Foreign Office. At dusk he could see from his desk the lamp man igniting the lamps in St James's Park. He remarked to his secretary 'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'.

Sir Edward was also possibly the first British politician to establish the 'special relationship' with the United States, thanks to a walk in the New Forest in 1910 with visiting US President Theodore Roosevelt, who was also a keen bird lover. On the walk, Roosevelt recognised the song of the Gold Crested Wren, our smallest bird, and also a resident in the US!

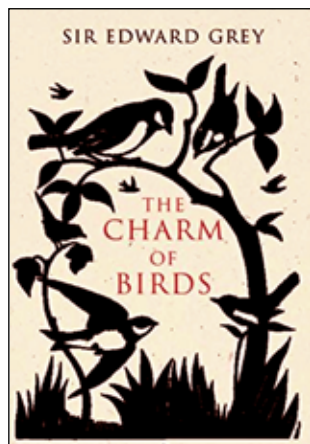
As well as holding a high State office, Sir Edward was a countryman at heart, a great lover of nature and an eminent ornithologist. He was one of the founders of the British Trust for Ornithology, created in 1932 to further the study of British birds. He studied robins when up at Oxford, and stone curlews on the family estate in Northumberland, and whilst Foreign Secretary he meticulously studied the flora and fauna of St James's Park. In 1927, he published a book on his love for birds (The Charm of Birds).

So what is our connection with Grey, the Foreign Secretary of 110 years ago, when Great Britain was at the height of her industrial power, the world's population was billions less than now and global warming would have appeared gobbledegookish? Why, robins! Some residents have noticed a decline in the number of these iconic birds over the recent winter of extreme inclement weather. This is mainly due to the excessive rainfall resulting in flooded habitats and environments, thereby reducing food sources and shelter over prolonged periods, and more wind storms than usual wiping out early nesters. Together with ever changing climate patterns, all of these factors have made real inroads into bird and wildlife numbers, pretty well over all continents.

It is our duty to do all we can to protect, help and regenerate our environment for wildlife. Let's hope the migrant numbers will be better this year, and the dawn choruses stronger. To assist in identifying and aiding songbirds: www.songbird-survival.org.uk is a useful source.

Otis Tarda

With the Middle East wars now prominent in world news, Foreign Secretaries come to mind. Many of us will remember the now famous quote of Sir Edward Grey (Foreign Secretary 1905-1916) in August 1914 at the pending outbreak of the Great War. Having explained cogently in Parliament why Great Britain had



Gardening in the merry month of May - Sowing Sue

In Capability Charlotte's temporary absence (she'll be back in June), I thought I might offer my own experiences in a May garden. Things are growing at a rate of knots, especially ground elder and couch grass - the latter ably abetted in my garden by an apparently Giant Mole, throwing up mountains of soil in my borders and enabling the couch grass to spread with ease. I have often wondered if this is a deliberate strategy by the GM - perhaps it eats couch grass roots as well as every worm my garden possesses. I generally spend my time in May fighting a rearguard action against weeds everywhere, especially in the flower borders, and wondering why they are so successful when my carefully nurtured plants frequently turn up their toes.

So why do I garden? Well, there is the honeysuckle scenting the air in May, and the roses (those that survive the Wiltshire blackspot), the iris sibirica in full bloom, and the bees and butterflies zooming around the long grass patches I have persuaded Him Indoors to allow to grow every year. Our bluebells and lilacs are already out, as is the apple blossom. There are a hundred different shades of fresh bright green, dotted with blues and yellows. It all feels rather hopeful, especially when the sun is out and you are sowing seeds that might survive and grow into summer plants. But then gardening is a thing of hope, and sometimes, just sometimes, it all works out the way you planned. Or nature surprises you with a design of its own.

This month, I shall hopefully be: planting out peas, sowing runner and French beans, sowing cucumbers and courgettes under cover, pricking out and potting on tomatoes and peppers, pricking out lettuce, planting out beetroot clumps a la No Dig, hardening off dahlias, pricking out summer flowers, sowing a cutting patch.....and, you never know, maybe even sitting out on a warmer evening with a glass of Noilly Prat and just taking the garden in!

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CAN YOU HELP? JOIN THE TEAM ON SATURDAY 6TH JULY

We are in urgent need of volunteer helpers to share the work in running the Fete on the day.
Why not give a little of your time and join the Fete team!

Many hands make light work and even a hour or two will make a huge difference.
Helping with setting up stalls and tents in the morning and taking them down later,
or helping out on the stalls or with the teas or Bouncy Castle.

It's a great way to meet people if you are new to the village - or even if you're not!

If you would like to volunteer or help us out on the day,
please contact the Fete organisers at

westlavfete@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at Fete 24!



Successful Village Hall Initiatives Highlighted at AGM

West Lavington Village Hall held a very successful Annual Meeting in April, attended by representatives of village groups who use the Hall and the local Police Community Support team, as well as representatives of the Parish Council and interested members of the public.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Lorna Gough, outlined all the challenges and achievements of the past year. 'Since the start of 2023, the VH Committee realised the year would be one of consolidation and catch-up' Lorna explained. She reminded everyone of the impact of Covid still being felt and also that the Village Hall was a charity which needs to raise funds and requires volunteer support.

Highlights of the year:

Implemented regular, planned safety checks throughout the VH.

Regular electrical testing, PAT testing of our electrical equipment including the stage lighting.

- An asbestos report had to be commissioned.
- Fire checks and report which led to the checking/replacement of Emergency lights.
- Essential maintenance including to our gutters and drainage system.
- Licensing of the Hall had to be addressed and we now have the correct Premises Licence which determines what we can do in the Hall and deals with the sale of alcohol. The Hall now has a Designated Premises Supervisor.
- Loos were given attention with new loo seats and long-expired batteries changed to ensure the water flushing functions were working in the male toilets.
- Seating and heating were highlighted as our priorities for 2024, as the Hall had lost bookings over hard seats and cold meetings!

During the year approximately 350 bookings were made, and it is encouraging that figure is already approaching 400 in 2024. "Without exception the hirers have been a pleasure to deal with, and happy with the facilities. We find the personal touch, via email, is what hirers tend to prefer and what works best" said Lorna. "Our regular hirers are very much appreciated."

New comfortable, colourful seats: The Parish Council kindly enabled the Hall to replace 150 chairs for which the Committee is very grateful. This has made seating comfier for hirers and gives the Hall flexibility to enable the old chairs to be used outside for fetes etc.

In addition a radio mic has just been purchased to make things easier to hear at meetings.



Theatre returns to the Village Hall: Theatre has made a return to the Village Hall after an absence of many years. Youngsters from the Chippenham Youth Theatre performed their end of season Showcase to an audience of 100-plus parents and friends at the end of March.



The full copy of Lorna's address as Chair of the Village Hall Committee can be found on the website at www.westlavingtonvillagehall.org.

New Wiltshire partnership to support unpaid carers

As part of its role in the Wiltshire Council and the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board (BSW ICB), Wiltshire Council has announced a new partnership to support unpaid carers in the county, which will replace its partnership with Carer Support Wiltshire. Age UK Wiltshire is working in a consortium called Carers Together Wiltshire with Community First, Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire Service Users Network, Citizens Advice Wiltshire and Wessex Community Action and many more charities. They will provide respite and a range of support to adult unpaid carers from the age of 18. This will include training, carer cafes and awareness raising in the community for unpaid carers. They will also work closely with Wiltshire Council to continue conducting carers' assessments.

Community First has been awarded the contract for younger adult and young carers from ages 5 to 25, focusing on support in primary schools. They will also support Wiltshire Council with their work with secondary schools and colleges to help young carers to understand their rights and what support is available to them.

Both providers will work together to support carers aged 18 - 25 and family support including parent carers. There is also investment in online support so carers can access training, chats, helpful guides and support at any time.

There will continue to be a Wiltshire Carer Card which will provide unpaid carers with ID as a carer and record emergency contact details. This will be available as a physical card and a digital app for people's smartphone, if preferred. Unpaid carers can continue to use the emergency card they already have while they wait for the new card.

Changes at Carer Support Wiltshire

As an independent charity, we have been providing services for unpaid carers for more than ten years in Wiltshire. Some of those were funded through charitable donations, and others, such as carers' assessments and the Carers' Emergency card, were services funded by Wiltshire Council. However, from 1 April we are no longer providing services on behalf of Wiltshire Council and will instead focus on providing services that you have told us you want and value. This change will give us greater flexibility to work with you on providing the services you've told us you need in our recent surveys and conferences.

We will continue to support carers in Wiltshire in the following ways:

Carer cafes

- Hear to Talk – our telephone befriending service
- Family activities and support – Family Fun Day 6th July
- Young carer activities
- Carer wellbeing workshops – starting in April
- Bereavement Help Points in partnership with Dorothy House and Prospect Hospice
- Access to grants from the Carers Trust
- Distribution of the dementia wristbands
- GP carer-friendly award
- Hospital carer-friendly award

If you would like to talk to us about any of our services, you can contact us on 0800 181 4118 or email: Admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk

Visit [carersupportwiltshire/what's-on](https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/what-s-on) for more information

We look forward to continuing to support you in your caring role.

DID YOU KNOW

Road Closures in May

A360 West Lavington to Tilshead

There will be roadworks and overnight road closures on the A360 from West Lavington to Tilshead over several days in May to allow for carriageway retexturing and associated works.

7th May to 8th May - 0930 to 1430

Roadworks with traffic management from Tank Crossing F.

9th May to 11th May - 1900 to 0600 and

14th May to 17th May - 1900 to 0700

The A360 will be CLOSED overnight between West Lavington and Tilshead.

A long diversion will be in place.

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR THE LAVINGTONS



A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

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

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

Politics... I despise it at times; most of the time in fact. It often leads to what James O'Brien (LBC presenter) calls 'footballification', where people offer blind support to anyone on the same 'team'. I am regularly frustrated by footballification in local politics where those working hard for their community are abused because they happen to have a party membership card gathering dust in a drawer somewhere. Some people need to stop thinking like a football hooligan and look at the individual and their efforts.

Over the last few years I have had cause to shake my head at a great many MPs who have brought politics into disrepute due to complete stupidity or disregard for morals. I work very hard for residents across five parishes and I refuse to be tarred with the same brush as bad politicians, whatever colour they wear.

I have helped many residents over the last few months with a huge range of problems in line with my role as your local councillor. Following the recent flooding (the worst being in Easterton and West Lavington), I was able to co-ordinate street sweepers and clean-up crews and advised residents and landowners on how they can work pre-emptively to minimise future risks of flooding. I have also been lobbying for additional spend on gully clearance, culvert repairs and other maintenance tasks with success, and we will see more money spent as a result.

I spend hours each week assisting residents with planning applications, either defending against harmful ones, supporting beneficial ones or simply advising parish councils and residents on the complexities each application brings. Specific local issues recently include a 200-acre solar farm, a traveller site, a residential and commercial development, and applications outside the settlement boundary. My recent focus also includes planning enforcement which seeks to ensure that everyone follows the rules and nobody tries to cheat the community by building without consent, or ignoring important conditions. It isn't an easy topic because pragmatism is required, but I am also lobbying for "more teeth" to dissuade contraventions rather than just dealing with the consequences.

I have also been supporting residents with community projects across the area, from orchards to bus service improvements, playparks to road safety initiatives. As well as community matters, I regularly speak to residents on issues that are more personal and I have helped people obtain blue badges, education support, taxi licences and improved care packages, amongst many other things. I have also taken housing associations to task when they have failed in their duties to protect residents and I continue to challenge Wiltshire Police to better support residents on matters of speeding and anti-social behaviour.

Through all of this hard work I have not once been asked about, nor highlighted, my political affiliations. *I am just me working hard to support you.* For me, party politics can stay in Westminster.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Village Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at **7pm at the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th May** and we hope as many Little Cheverell residents as possible will attend.

The meeting will include an update on the Village Hall, the activities of the Parish Council and a chance to let us know what you would like the Council to focus on in the future. Refreshments will be provided free of charge.

Repainting The Phone Box: Little Cheverell Parish Council is looking for someone to repaint our K6 Telephone box. A specification will be provided for the job. If you are interested, please contact the chairman **Mike Phillips** on **07908 143389** or email: littlecheverellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? Little Cheverell Parish Council is looking for two more councillors to join us. If you have lived in the Parish for at least 12 months and are interested in supporting your community, please contact us on the above email address or phone for an informal chat.

Little Cheverell Village Hall

The Village Hall recently held a Jazz on Sunday afternoon event which was very successful and enjoyable. We aim to repeat the event at the end of June, date to be confirmed.

The next big event which is open to everyone will be the **Little Cheverell Fete on Saturday 18th May starting at 12 noon**. Entry is free and it's a family occasion with a lot for the children and adults alike on the agenda, including traditional games, table top sales, local crafts, a raffle and a Tombola with some great prizes on offer, and of course a Bar for the grown-ups!

Any raffle prizes you may have to offer us would be very much appreciated. These can be collected by the organisers or you can drop them off by arrangement in Little Cheverell - contact details below. We are particularly keen to promote local businesses through prizes donated but will also be grateful to receive anything suitable.

If you would like to take part in the Fete, either by offering your assistance on the day or by showcasing your craft skills, please contact the organiser **Barbara Phillips** on **07934 855404**,

or email: littlecheverellvhall@gmail.com, or visit the events section of the Parish Council at www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk where you will find more information and a contact form.

All proceeds from the Fete will be used for the Hall maintenance and improvement programme. You can also donate to the Hall, which is a registered charity, by visiting our website and making an online Go Fund Me donation at - <https://gofund.me/b2d8d525>.

Every donation will be acknowledged and will be most welcome. We can now accept card/contactless payments, but if you have cash it will help us if you have small change. The funding campaign has raised more than £2000 in the last month and will help us access some grant funding we need to update our Hall.

Please remember us if you need an event venue! We have flexible hire rates from £10 per hour and can accommodate 30 – 40 people, depending on the configuration.

We have a lovely green space, the use of which is included in our rates.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 8th April the Parish Council met to discuss a wide range of topics. The meeting was very well attended by around 30 people, including Cllr Dominic Mins and the Victoria Park Residents Association.

One topic on the agenda was the proposed **War Memorial** for the village which is being led by residents in the village. The Parish Council is supporting this project and will eventually take on the memorial as an asset. The Council is working with the project group to facilitate a public consultation to agree the details of the War Memorial. This will take place on **Thursday 6th June at 7pm in the Pavilion** – everyone is welcome to attend.

Parishioners also spoke about a recent petition to encourage the **No.2 bus service to Salisbury** to pass through the village. Several signatures have been collected which have been forwarded to Wiltshire Council and the bus company. This bus would allow villagers to access the Tuesday market in Salisbury.

The Parish Council has agreed a new contractor, Sean Bailey, to help with village maintenance over the spring and summer and work has already begun on trimming hedges and mowing the grass. Sean will start strimming as soon as possible, now that the weather is looking a little dryer.

Cllr Muns has raised the issue of the overgrown path from the main road down towards the school and Pavilion with the Highways team at Wiltshire Council and an officer is due to visit the area to see what can be done to improve the situation.

A successful litter pick has been completed by Councillors and village volunteers – thank you to all those who gave their time on a (mostly) sunny Sunday morning. Several bags of rubbish were collected.

The Parish Council adopted the end of year accounts 2023/24 and the audit is due to be completed shortly. As usual, plans will be in place for anyone to view the accounts during the summer.

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will take place on **Monday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Pavilion**. This is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting for parishioners to come along and tell us about their year and give their views on any subject. There will be cheese and wine available. This will be followed by the Annual Council Meeting (ACM) where a Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected for the coming year.

Please note that all agendas, minutes and information about the Parish Council can be found on the website: <https://www.greatcheverell.org/>

Vacancies on the Parish Council:

There is a casual vacancy on the Parish Council. Do get in touch with us if you would like to join our friendly team! For further information, including how to apply, please contact the Clerk at parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org

On Thursday 28th March a torrential downpour sent flood water through our village at an alarming rate. Months of rain saturating the ground meant that there was nowhere for this water to go other than to flow off the hills as surface water. Your Parish Council knows of two families that had their homes damaged, one very significantly. Our thanks go to all their neighbours and friends who helped.

Were you impacted by flood Water as well? Did you have a near miss? If you did, we would like to hear from you. The Parish Council wants to build a picture of all the areas in Littleton Panell and West Lavington that have a risk of flooding. Please contact us either by email at wlcra@westlavington.org or via our website contact page at:

<https://www.westlavington.org.uk/contact-us/>

Our villages need a Flood Warden: could that be you? Flood Wardens share out Parish resources like sandbags and road signs; warn residents at risk when weather warnings are issued; co-ordinate our responses with Wiltshire Councils Flood Team; and liaise with neighbouring village Flood Teams to warn residents of road closures and hazards. We would like someone independent, who lives in West Lavington or Littleton Panell and can give 30 minutes a week to help Councillors who run our emergency plan to manage flood risk and recovery. Please let us know if you are interested, using the contact details above.

Lavington Lane crossing: The road at the entrance to the Hayfield site was due to have a pedestrian crossing added during the schools Easter break. This work had to be postponed by Wiltshire Council and the Developer due to changes in the materials being used. The Parish Council has written to both, to ask them to set the new date during half term week at the end of May to avoid disrupted access to Lavington school. We had not had a reply when News and Views went to press.

West Lavington Posts: Our village is a welcoming and friendly community. On Facebook, West Lavington Posts is the place for finding out about our village events, and experiences of our community. My request to all that use it is, be kind. There have been two or three posts recently that have been quite cruel and directed at individuals. This is not representative of our community, so please think before you type, be factual and courteous. Thank you.

Our Annual Parish meeting is on **16th May at 6pm** in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to come and hear from Village organisations and the Parish Council on projects and initiatives within the village. Everyone is invited, especially if you are new to the village. It's a chance to meet Parish Councillors and fellow residents and who knows, you may find a shared interest and join one of our many local clubs.

Unusually, our next formal Parish Council meeting is the second **Thursday, 9th May, at 7pm**. As always there is a public participation section at the beginning of the meeting. Come and have your say.

Peter West - Chair, Parish Council

pwest@westlavington.org.uk

Planning Applications West Lavington

Planning decisions confirmed: 02:52:25

PL/2024/01602 - Field off Strawberry Hill, SN10 4LP

Prior Notification - Building: Grain Store

Decision Date: 05-03-2024 Decision: Prior Approval Not Required

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/aoiQ30000044ZPt>



The Parish Annual Meeting

Thursday 16th May at 6pm West Lavington Village Hall

Come and hear about the Youth Club, Streetscene, Village Emergency Planning and lots of other topics.

This is your opportunity to ask questions, meet your Parish Councillors, and hear about some of the wonderful things that go on behind the scenes in West Lavington and Littleton Panell



West Lavington Parish Council



PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

Can you help?

We need volunteers to help with weekly inspections of the very popular swings, slides, etc.

They can be carried out whilst you are walking the dog, or before/after you have dropped your child off at School.

All that is required is a sharp pair of eyes and common sense. You do not need to be a member of the Council to be a member of the Playground Group.

Contact Peter Blundell on **818091/07516 328860**

pblundell@westlavington.org.uk

He will gladly answer any questions you may have



LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL



We have welcomed three new families to Pre-school this term - we look forward to getting to know you all.

We would like to thank all our grandparents who visited us on our last day, to watch the children's Easter bonnet parade. The children loved decorating their bonnets and were thrilled to have visitors come in to see them and listen to their songs.

This term we are focussing on Spring and life cycles. We have caterpillars in the classroom and we will be watching them change and grow into butterflies which we will release into our garden. We have been out walking around the village and have enjoyed seeing the baby lambs in the fields. We have also been busy planting a variety of herbs and plants in our back garden and look forward to seeing these grow over the next few weeks.

We will be holding our sponsored Trike Ride on Wednesday 22nd May. This is an event for our school leavers, who will be cheered on by our younger children.

We currently have limited spaces for 2-year-olds and 3-4 year olds until September 2024, when more spaces will become available when our older children move onto school. If you have any queries, please either call us on **01380 812551** or send an email to lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com or managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com

Julie Langlands Manager



SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



Here at Old School Nursery we have had a busy few weeks over the Easter period. The children enjoyed participating in an Easter egg hunt outside and baking their own Easter biscuits, when they learnt about measurements through weighing the ingredients on the scales.

Baking has become one of our favourite weekly activities and we have recently made Soda bread, Easter biscuits and homemade pizzas. We follow the children's interests and allow them the opportunity to learn holistically. As well as learning about measurements and weighing, we have also been discussing the importance of safety whilst using certain tools to bake, healthy eating and why it is important for our body and also learning new vocabulary as we explore different textures.

We have been enjoying the sunshine and making the most of our wonderful outside space. The children have particularly enjoyed practicing their balancing skills on the wooden planks where they have been learning about managing their own risks. Over the next few weeks we will be planting a number of seeds in our garden, ready to harvest later in the year. We will be planting potatoes, carrots, peas, rhubarb, strawberries, tomatoes and rocket. The children will care for their growing plants and begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment. They will go on to bake with the fruit and vegetables that they have grown.

As the children enjoyed learning about life cycles when we recently had chick eggs, we have gone on to learn about the life cycle of a caterpillar. They have watched the small caterpillars grow and eventually turn in to chrysalides. The children are excited to see the butterflies emerge which we will then release in our garden.

We offer a variety of sessions between 8am and 5pm on both term time and all-year round contracts. If you are interested in a place for your child from aged 2, contact us on **01380 812418** or email oldschoolmanager@southhillsschool.com to arrange a viewing.



HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

Designed and made for Holy Trinity: Designed by the school council, funded by the community and exquisitely made by local, talented craftsman Clint Edwards, we are thrilled with the bespoke beautiful oak story tellers chair with four benches for our reflection area and the creation of a wonderful new boat, our vision vessel, with mast, tiller and plenty of seating for learning, activity and play. Our flourishing community has turned ideas, events and small change into reality, gifting a legacy of play, adventure and reflection. *All thanks to the generous support from the Parents and Friends Association, Friends of St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell Soap Box Derby, The Bell Inn, Village Shop, Platinum Jubilee Committee and King Charles III village celebrations.*



Adventure Play Trails: Two fabulous timber trails have been installed and there is great excitement! We have made the most of this opportunity for curriculum development (science, technology, engineering and maths – STEM subjects) for the children during the design and construction process with toolkit talks, demo of the installation equipment, meeting the carpenters and builders and seeing the design process in action. This bespoke equipment will support children's learning and development through creative and imaginative play for all age groups. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the fundraising, design and construction process.

New Foundation Stage Children: It is always great fun to start the induction work with children who will be joining the school family in September. We all love to find out who is coming to our school, to meet them and get to know them. The new children are offered three afternoons in school during June to help them settle in before the summer holidays. We make contact with their nursery settings to make sure we are doing all we can support a good transition into our school. Our new families are welcomed into the community too so that they have a support network which will last for their time at our school and beyond.

Music Concert: We are all preparing for the Summer Music Concert on Tuesday 25th June at

4pm. The standard of performance from such young children is very high and we are always very proud of the courage and commitment which enables them to stand up in front of an audience and perform so beautifully. We shall hear from the school choir, brass instrument players, ukulele club, recorder players, and pianists and guitarists, playing solo and ensemble.

Every day is an open day: If you think you would like your child to attend our outstanding school, please call **01380 813796** and book an appointment to look around and chat to the headteacher. Lots of photos, our weekly newsletter and information can be found on our website **www.holy-trinity.co.uk**.

Anna Woodman - Headteacher

01380 813796, or visit our webpage at: **www.holy-trinity.co.uk**



Streetscene

The Streetscene volunteers have been busy preparing for summer planting in our planters throughout Littleton Panell and West Lavington. The main task has been to gradually replace old planters which have now reached the end of their life. The new planters will be appearing within the next few weeks. We owe a huge thanks to the Parish Council who have generously

given us an additional grant for this. Also thanks to Jewsons in Devizes, who discounted the wood, and Men In Sheds Devizes, who have made some of the new planters.



Streetscene aims to brighten our streets and make them more interesting and attractive. We are always looking for volunteers to help us plant and water our displays, and do occasional heavy lifting of compost etc. If you appreciate our planters throughout West Lavington and Littleton Panell, and have an hour or so to spare to help us maintain them, especially in the more hard to reach areas such as the Chocolate Poodle, or where the pavements are

narrow and access is restricted, then we would love to welcome you to the Streetscene team. Do please contact **Jill Thorne on 07388 490102** or **Susan West on 07957 224453**.



Oak class Bikeability: In the coming weeks our year 6 children will be taking part in Bikeability, the government's national cycle training programme. It helps the children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads, giving them the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. No doubt you will see the children out on their training rides as well as cycling to and from school, so thank you in advance for your patience as they master this crucial skill.

Outdoor adventures: May is a busy and exciting month for our year 4 and year 6 children as they go on their overnight school trips. Our year 4 children enjoy 3 days in Hooke Court, Dorset and our year 6 children celebrate the end of their learning journey at DAPS with a 5-day trip to the Bideford Ultimate Adventure Centre enjoying surfing, assault courses, campfires, archery and so much more. The week is a big step for all our children, as it is often the first time they have been away from their families for so many nights, but they have so much fun and learn so many new skills that it always proves to be a fantastic success.

DAPS Sponsored Run: Following the last two years' hugely popular Sponsored Runs, during which the children have run a staggering 1,200km and raised a huge £7,000 for our school, they will be tying up their trainers and going again this year!

We are incredibly privileged to have amazing grounds for our children to explore and enjoy on a daily basis and one of our hidden treasures is a school pond. Unfortunately, our pond has been off-limits for several years due to safety issues with our wooden dock. The pond is teeming with wildlife and we would love to improve access to this wonderful natural resource for the children. Education budgets are tight and for us to be able to develop this area to benefit all our DAPS children, now and in the future, the children will be running to raise the funds to makeover our pond!

If you have sponsored one of our children, thank you in advance for your generosity. If you would like to collectively sponsor the children for all of their hard work and to help us raise the funds needed to restore such a wonderful natural resource, feel free to drop a little donation into school for them. Every penny we raise on will benefit all our children enormously and I look forward to reporting back next month with how the children got on!

Additionally, if you are a local expert in pond wildlife and restoration or building wooden docks for that matter, please do drop into school and let us know!

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher

OLD CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH UK

God's will, not man's will

We are made in the image of God and whether we like it or not, we have an opportunity to relate to God in prayer and receive God's words from the Bible. This said, we are more able to communicate in prayer if we are following the scripture in submission to God's request to be obedient to His word. A relationship with God allows a joyful spirit to live within us as we humble ourselves before Him. Our great example of humility is Jesus.

We have an ego and pride which can fight against God's will and be replaced with our self will. This can be a stumbling block in our relationship with God who gives us all things in love. God listens to a pure heart full of compassion and sincerity. However, we are all human and therefore we make mistakes and go against the will of God by sinning. We can repent and be forgiven.

Jesus, God made flesh, didn't insist on the position and privileges that were rightly His. Instead, He became a servant. But He didn't stop at token humility, He took this step all the way to death, in fact, the excruciating death by crucifixion. This is a powerful statement of God's character. What the Lord delights in is not arrogance but a servant's heart.

Jesus set aside power to serve in humility. As believers, we want to gain in Christlikeness, so a life of service is required. To avoid losing sight of this calling, let's keep in mind the lengths our Father went to: He reached into death and raised Jesus to new life 'resurrection' life. God 'highly exalted' the Saviour, giving Him the name 'above every name.'

Even if we somehow miss the breathtaking meaning of the Saviour's love and service during His life on earth, it will be clear when He returns. Philippians 2:10 says that every knee will bow before Jesus.

In God's view, the way up is down. We don't please or honour Him by exalting ourselves. Rather, we pour out what we have in service and humility, to the glory of God the Father.

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at the newly refurbished Bristol Beacon on the Friday evening. Hence the change of plans.

I've been a fan of Weller ever since I was a teenager and he fronted The Jam, followed by The Style Council, and then as a solo artist. He has a new album out this month, called '66' (his age this year, apparently). At the Bristol gig Weller played a variety of old and new songs, including the first single to be released from 66, 'Soul Wandering'. It's an intriguing track, full of spiritual yearning. Weller sings, 'I want to believe in something greater than me'. You'll find it on YouTube if you fancy a listen.

It seems that even being a successful rock musician has not satisfied the singer's soul. The idea of believing in 'something greater than me' put me in mind of the teachings of Anselm (1033-1109 AD), the great medieval Archbishop of Canterbury. His writings are an expression of faith, seeking a deeper understanding of God and his ways. The theologian proposed that God is, "something-than-which-nothing-greater-can-be-thought". He is a perfect being, without flaw or creaturely limitations.

But how could such a God be known that we may believe in him? The Christian faith teaches that God has revealed himself to us through the universe he created by his powerful Word. The world we encounter each day speaks to us of the wisdom, power and goodness of our Creator. Further, God reveals himself by his written Word, the Bible. The pages of Scripture disclose God's matchless being, mighty acts and righteous laws. Above all, God has revealed himself to us by the Living Word he sent into the world, Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit he has poured out upon his people.

According to the Bible we are lost and wandering, far from God, due to sin. Jesus came to bring us back to God by laying down his life for our sins on the cross. Are you also longing to believe in, 'something greater than me'? Your wandering soul will find rest in returning to the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is none greater.

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Saturday Brunch

Saturday 18th May, from 10.30-12.00 with guest speaker Professor Stuart Burgess: 'Designing the fastest bike in the world'. See website for more info: www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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Services For MAY 2024

May 5th	Trinity Church Service in the Old School, Market Lavington Led by Jeannie MacMeekin
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WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

MAY 2024	
Sat 4th	Seend Beer Festival, Seend Community Centre. Midday to 11pm
Sat 4th to Mon 6th	Urchfont Scarecrow Festival - 9.30am to 6pm (Mon finishes at 5pm) 55 scarecrows, a quiz, stalls, refreshments. Lots of fun for the kids. Free
Tues 7th	Little Cheverell Parish Council Annual village meeting, LCVH 7pm
Wed 8th	Gardeners' Fair in aid of Save the Children, The Shambles, Devizes, 9am - 2pm
Thurs 9th	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL VH 7pm West Lavington WI meeting, My Career in Art, WL Village Hall, 7.00pm
Sat 11th	CRUK Stert Country House Car Boot Sale, Manor Farm, Stert SN10 3JD. From 7.30am www.devizescruk.org Plant Sale, Lavington and District Gardening Club, Co-op ML, 9 - 11am Great Cheverell Pavilion Film Night, 7pm for 7.30pm. Members Free, Guests £5
Mon 13th	Cheverell Magna Parish Council Annual Parish and Council Meetings, The Pavilion, GC. 7.30pm Cafe Scientifique, A Zoological View of Sex and Sexuality, The Bell GC, 7.30pm
Tues 14th	Cheverell Garden Club visits 'Found Outdoors' in Townsend Wood, 7pm.
Wed 15th	Lavington and District Gardening Club talk 'Horatio's Garden - Nurturing', WL VH, 7.15 for 7.30pm start
	Arts Society, Devizes Lecture 'The Architectural Madness of William Thomas Beckford'. Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall, 10.30 seated for 11am.
Thurs 16th	West Lavington Parish Council Annual Parish meeting, WL Village Hall, 6pm
Fri 17th	DAPS Charity Quiz Night, ML Community Hall. 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50
Sat 18th	Cheverell Garden Club Plant Sale, plus tea and cake, GCVH 10am - 12 noon Saturday Brunch with guest speaker. Ebenezer Baptist Church, 10.30am - noon Little Cheverell Fete, Little Cheverell Village Hall 12 - 4pm Devizes Vegan Market, Market Place, Devizes. 10am - 3pm Spring Sing, St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell. 7.00 for 7.30pm. £15 including wine and canapés.
Fri 31st to Sun 16th June	Devizes Arts Festival. Tickets available from May 1st, from Devizes Books or call 07833 342067 , or book online at devizesartsfestival.org.uk

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

JUNE 2024	
Thurs 6th	Cheverell Magna Parish Council public consultation re village war memorial. The Pavilion, 7pm
Fri 7th	Dauntsey's Choral Society Summer Concert, Urchfont Church 7.30pm
Sat 8th	Open Garden, West Lavington Manor, with market stalls, 11am - 6pm Adults £10 Worton and Cheverell FC Football Fete, Elisha Field ML, 2pm
Thurs 13th	West Lavington WI Strawberry Sparkle, WL VH, 2pm
Sat 15th	Edington Arts Choral Workshop, Priory Church Edington 10.00am to 4.30pm, £25
Sat 22nd	Furlong Close Summer Fete, Marsh Lane, Rowde SN10 2TQ, 2.30-5.00pm



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Bereavement Help Point, Devizes: 7th May, 21st May, 4th June. 10.30-12.00

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

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

Cafe Scientifique: first Monday of the month, 7.30pm, The Bell Inn, Great Cheverell

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

Dauntsey's Choral Society: Monday evenings, term time, Old Hall, Dauntsey's School 7.30-9.30pm

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 4-5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm, Thursdays 6.30am-7.30 am, Dauntsey's School Pool.

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

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

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 WLVH, November to March 2pm.

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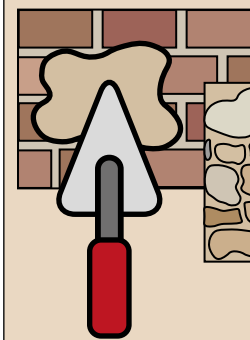
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