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**FROM
THE EDITOR**

Deadline Dates

It was disappointing to see so few people at the West Lavington Annual Parish meeting in May, although the 6pm start was possibly too early for those at work and young parents. But even the retired/older generation were few in numbers. Apart from being a forum to air views and ask questions, it was also a chance to meet and show support for our Parish Councillors, who are all volunteers and don't have to spend their time making sure things run as smoothly

as possible in the villages. Without input from the people who live in the Parish (and I don't just mean complaints when things go wrong!), how can our Councillors know they are doing what we would like them to do with our money? A great many things and organisations in our villages rely on the work and commitment of volunteers, who decide to step up and do something to help others. They get a lot from it, and so do the villages and the people they support. If you have, or can make, some spare time to get out and about and do something to improve your village, or the lives of your neighbours, then don't just think about it, do it! Don't assume someone else will take it on - those someone else are fast disappearing. Many organisations in this issue really need your help and input!

Sue Bonney - Editor

A reminder to our contributors that the next issue of New and Views is a double one for July and August, and the next News and Views will not appear until September.

Editorial copy and photographs should be sent to editor4newsandviews@gmail.com
Articles and photographs for the **July/August double** issue should reach Sue Bonney no later than **June 20th 2024**.

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This Month's Cover: Pupils from DAPS taking part in the Swimming Gala at Dauntsey's School in May

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

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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 June 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 2nd June	10.30 am Benefice Communion - St Peter's Little Cheverell				
Sunday 9th June	10.30 am United Service at St Mary's	9.00 am Breakfast Church <i>Families Welcome</i>		11.00 am Simple Celebration Communion	
Sunday 16th June	11.00 am Communion	9.30 am Communion		10.00 am Welcome to Worship <i>Families Welcome</i>	
Sunday 23rd June		9.30 am Praise & Worship <i>Families Welcome</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion	11.00 am Lay Led Service	
Sunday 30th June	10.30 am Benefice Woodland Communion Service outside All Saint's Church, West Lavington				

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Friday is the Rector's day off.

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More information can be found at **www.lavingtonchurch.org**

Benefice 200 Club

The May draw was won by Irene Bulson, who lives in Easterton. Have a coffee or two somewhere nice on the Benefice! Thank you for taking part.

Bonnie Matters bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk

New Lay Worship Leaders

Leslie Doyle Davidson (West Lavington), Jackie Knipe (West Lavington), **Anna Spear** (Great Cheverell) and **Mark Spindlow** (West Lavington) have been training and are now ready to be commissioned and join the team of people leading non-eucharistic services in our churches. They will be having a special lay worship leaders Commissioning Day and we are invited to join them on **Wednesday 3rd July at 7pm at St Johns Church, Devizes** for a special service.

Please come and support them and continue to pray for them as they carry out this vital and demanding role.



The West Lavington Branch of the Mothers' Union met in April when our main topic was Domestic Abuse. The Mothers' Union initiative in helping victims of domestic abuse is called **RISE UP**, which stands for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. Reverend Marion Harrison led us in prayer and was also able to give valuable information regarding safeguarding. There is a freephone helpline called **Fear Free** on **01225 775276** for those needing support in Wiltshire.

Domestic abuse was also one of the main topics at The Mothers' Union Spring Gathering, which was held at West Lavington Village Hall on the 24th April. This is an annual meeting for the Salisbury Diocese Mothers' Union. It was a great day, attended by at least 70 members. Also discussed was the Mothers' Union holiday home at Rockley Park in Poole, which provides assisted funding holidays for families on low income or facing hardship. Amongst other topics we heard about the Virtual Baby project, which is a programme that gives Year 10 students skills and experience of becoming a parent. This was successfully carried out last September at Lavington School.

The meeting in May was a preparation meeting for the West Lavington Village Fete on 6th July where our stall will sell fresh produce, preserves and cakes. We gratefully accept donations - please contact me on **07729 602868**.

Our meeting in June is a talk on **'Being a Christian in Japan'**, given by **Anne Wilson**, who has spent considerable time in Tokyo. Please come and join us at 2.15pm on Monday 10th June at 54 The High Street, West Lavington.

Jackie Knipe jack_knipe@hotmail.co.uk

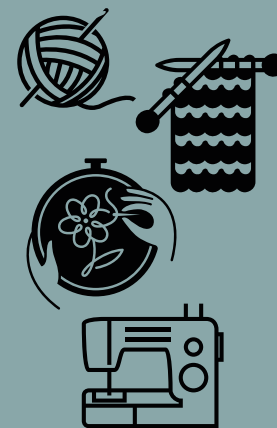
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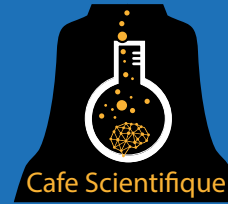
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All these services are operated by the Faresaver bus company with funding from Wiltshire Council.

Service 3A: Devizes, Potterne, West Lavington, Market Lavington, Easterton, Urchfont, Devizes

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Service: 87/87A: Trowbridge, Westbury, Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke, Gt Cheverell, Worton, West Lavington, Market Lavington, Urchfont, Poulshot, Potterne, Devizes.

Service 877: (Saturdays only): Trowbridge, Bratton, Edington, Coulston, Erlestoke, Gt Cheverell, West Lavington, Market Lavington, Potterne, Devizes.

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Choral Workshop Saturday 15th June **CANCELLED**

Edington Arts is sad to announce the cancellation of their Choral Workshop on June 15th, because of a seriously low level of interest which meant we could not afford to do the day.

All the professionals involved in it have been extremely kind and understanding, but it remains for us to establish exactly what were the reasons for our first workshop failure in ten years. We would be very grateful if you could let us know why you couldn't join us; was it a date clash with another local concert or event? Was it the choice of music? Any other reason? We hope to re-schedule the Workshop for next year.



Dauntsey's Choral Society Summer Concert **CANCELLED**

It is with great regret that, due to unforeseen circumstances, Dauntsey's Choral Society has had to cancel its Summer Concert at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Urchfont, on Friday June 7th.

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THE RUH Dyson Cancer Centre

The new Dyson Cancer Centre at the RUH Bath opened for its first patients at the end of April. Thanks in no small part to RUHX and our wonderful supporters, who together raised £10 million towards this cancer services hub for half a million people in the South West.

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day

The main national events to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day will take place in Portsmouth and Normandy on 5th and 6th June, and will be televised. A series of beacons will be lit across the country in villages, towns, cities of all sizes at **9.15pm on 6th June, including on Roundway Hill, Devizes.**

A commemorative Torch of Liberation will travel to capital cities and key cemeteries and memorials around the country, including in Edinburgh, Manchester and Portsmouth, before travelling to Normandy across the English Channel with D-Day veterans. The Royal British Legion will be hosting a service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum on 6th June.



**British Normandy Memorial at
Ver-sur-Mer, Normandy**

In Normandy, there will be a spectacular light show at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Bayeux War Cemetery on June 5th, and on June 6th, the MOD and the RBL will host the UK's national commemorative event at the British Normandy Memorial in Ver-sur-Mer.

The British Normandy Memorial was inaugurated on 6th June 2019 on the 75th anniversary of D-Day and is the only memorial in Normandy listing the names of the 22,442 people who died under British command on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy. The UK Government and generous donors collaborated to fund the memorial, which was officially opened on 6th June 2021. The 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings will be the first time this new Memorial has been at the heart of major anniversary commemorations. It is a stunning place to visit, sitting above Gold Beach. You can find out much more about it, including videos and photographs, at www.britishnormandymemorial.org.uk

Members of the public can register with the British Normandy Memorial to receive updates about their D-Day 80 events at <https://www.britishnormandymemorial.org/#signup>

Local D-Day 80 events

Sun 2nd June: Anniversary event, Mill Road Field, Potterne. 12- 4pm

Thurs 6th June: Lighting of Beacon, Roundway Hill, Devizes to celebrate D-Day 80. 9.15pm. Arrival from 8.30pm.

Thurs 6th June: D-Day 80 Anniversary Concert, Tidworth Garrison Theatre, 7.30pm.

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Bottle Stall (donations and Collectors): We need your bottles! Contact **Sharon Hayward on 07890 418492**, or **Mark Hayward on 07815 158606**. We will be collecting house-to-house on June 22nd and 23rd. Any bottles welcome (but please check any Best Before dates!). Please leave contributions by your front door if you will be out. Many thanks.

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No donations can be taken on the day.

Mothers' Union: Contact **Jackie Knipe on 07729 602868** to donate your produce, preserves, cakes and scones, or any other bakery goods!

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

If you can help us at the Fete on the day, with either setting up in the morning, or taking down in the evening, or teas in the Village Hall, contact **Sue Bastone on 01380 813512** or **westlavfete@gmail.com**

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



Gardening Jobs for June

From Capability Charlotte

● As we approach the longest day, June is the true start of summer. 'Ne'er cast a clout 'til May is out', which means all risk of frost has passed and you can finally put out your tender plants and your hanging baskets.

● I like to give my houseplants a little garden holiday especially on a rainy day. Put them somewhere shady and protected, strong sun can be a bit of shock for them.

- The quote 'June is busting out all over!', always amuses me because June is a difficult month for flowers. The spring flowers are over and the summer flowers are only just getting going. The only things that seem to be 'busting' in June are the weeds. Keep on top of them with hoeing and mulching - yes, you can mulch any time of the year.
- Start to pinch out the side shoots of your tomatoes to stop them getting too bushy - these are the little shoots that sprout above each leaf.
- Keep your plants deadheaded to encourage repeat flowering.
- Step up your watering regime, especially with pots and newly-planted plants. Be water-wise and use water harvested from your house and shed roofs, and water in the morning or evening when it is cooler and less likely to evaporate. It is better to give plants a good drench once a week than a little dribble every day. This encourages strong, deep roots.
- Keep a low bowl of water out for birds and hedgehogs, and add marbles to it so bees can also drink from it.
- Shade greenhouses to keep them cool.
- Cut back any leggy looking perennials by about a third (the Chelsea Chop). This will delay flowering and encourage side shoots giving a fuller appearance.
- Stake plants like peonies that are likely to flop.



DID YOU KNOW? National Fare Cap Scheme

All bus passengers are able to make use of the Government's National Fare Cap Scheme, which has now been extended to the end of 2024. All single fares will be capped at £2 single on most services, although home to school services are not included in this scheme. The flat rate cap only applies to single journeys – one trip, on one bus – at any time of day. Return and multi-bus journeys and daily or weekly tickets continue to be charged at their usual price, so it may be cheaper to buy single tickets instead. The cap only applies to bus routes, not to coach fares, and only applies to journeys in England.



NGS Open Gardens in June

Some of the nearby Wiltshire gardens open in June. Free entry for children except where otherwise stated. For more information on gardens open elsewhere, [visit ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk).

Thurs 6th, Fri 7th, Sat 8th: The Botanic Nursery, Coombe Lane, Atworth, Melksham, SN12 8NU. 11am - 4pm.

Combined admission with Rookery Cottage £10.

Many rare specimen trees, underplanted with hardy perennials. Year-round seasonal interest. Peonies towards end of May early June, National Collection of Digitalis (Foxgloves) feature

throughout June. Tea, coffee and biscuits in aid of Julia's House.

Rookery Cottage, Coombe Lane, Atworth, Melksham, SN12 8NU.

Combined admission with The Botanic Nursery.

Delightful garden evolved by the owners over the past forty years. Mown paths through beautiful trees and shrubs with unique features. The planting and artistic use of unusual containers will give you lots of inspiration. Refreshments at The Botanic Nursery.

Sat 8th: West Lavington Manor, 1 Church Street, West Lavington, SN10 4LA. 11am - 6pm.

Admission £10. A C15 manor house with spectacular 5 acre walled garden. Delightful aspects including laburnum walk, replanted herbaceous border, Japanese garden, mulberry rotunda, orchard with 25 different apple and pear species, an arboretum with outstanding specimen trees and lake with duck house. Lots to eat, drink and do!

Sat 8th: Conock Manor, Conock, Devizes, SN10 3QQ. 11am - 4pm, Admission £8.

A relaxed family garden embracing C18 architecture and defined by its long south-facing wall. There are lawns and wildflower meadows, mixed borders and climbers, a magnolia grove and a vegetable garden with greenhouse. Views out to the surrounding hills and the Alton Barnes white horse. Teas, coffee, cold drinks, cakes.

Sat 15th: Seend House, High Street, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6NR. 1.00 - 5pm.

Combined admission with Seend Manor £10.

Georgian house with 6 acres of gardens and paddocks. 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. Homemade teas in aid of Seend Village Hall and/or church.

Sat 15th: Seend Manor, High Street, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6NX. 1.00 - 5pm.

Combined admission with Seend House £10.

Created over 20 years, a stunning walled garden with 4 quadrants, grotto, fern walk, fountains, parterres, stone loggia and more. Kitchen and courtyard gardens, water features, topiary and hedging and one of the best views in Wiltshire. Homemade teas in aid of Seend Village Hall and/or church.

Sun 16th: Chisenbury Priory, East Chisenbury, SN9 6AQ. 2-6pm. Admission £5.

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

Sun 30th: Oare House, Rudge Lane, Oare SN8 4JQ. 2-6pm. Admission £8.

Traditional walled garden with fine herbaceous borders, vegetable areas, roses and grand mixed borders surrounding formal lawns. Large arboretum with many unusual trees. Homemade teas in the potting shed.

CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

We visited **'Found Outdoors'** for our May meeting. Rich and Fiona showed us around their 54 acres of land - they were only looking for about 10 acres originally! It is part rewilding project and part outdoor event space, hosting workshops and retreats for art, education and wellbeing. They work with schools, youth groups and universities and host low impact events. They aim to increase biodiversity and have a positive impact on climate change. We were treated to an extremely informative and enlightening evening by two wonderfully passionate people. We are very grateful and looking forward to coming again!

Our meeting on the **11th June is a visit to Atworth Botanic Garden and nursery**, who are holders of the National Collection of foxgloves and purveyors of wonderful unusual plants! For further details please email me at helen.woodlands@hotmail.co.uk

Found Outdoors (foundoutdoors.org) have launched their Wiltshire Small Rewilders network for everyone, from back garden rewilders up to 50 acres. Find out more at wiltshiresmallrewilders.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Wiltshire Bus passes valid from 9.00am

Wiltshire Council has confirmed that holders of Wiltshire concessionary bus passes are now able to use their passes for travel from 9.00am on local bus services on weekdays.

Normally, concessionary bus passes for older and disabled people cannot be used to travel before 9.30am on weekdays, but Wiltshire Council has agreed with bus operators to amend this restriction to 9.00am until further notice, for all journeys that start in the Wiltshire Council local authority area.

Additionally in Wiltshire (but not in Swindon) the bus pass gives free travel on buses after 11pm, where these operate. Concessionary bus passes can be used to travel on any bus service at any time on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays



Nurturing Nature

Struggling to survive

Having survived a miserable and inhospitable spring, our garden birds especially are having a hard time. A blackbird built a beautiful nest in early spring only to abandon it due to the unfavourable weather. She has since rebuilt, and managed to get a small brood through to fledgling stage, having survived the increasing number of hazards and predators, such as corvids, grey squirrels, cats and the local marauding sparrow hawk. The only other birds in our garden are a robin or two and a wren, plus the occasional tit. Overwintering blackcaps were few, and other winter migrants were also scarce.

As more land is developed with housing, industry and solar panels, we are losing acres of traditional farmland where birds feed, so the corvids are turning to residential gardens and feeding stations for food, thus depriving the native small birds of their regular sources. Rooks especially are very crafty at getting food from the most sophisticated of feeders with their hammer drill beaks. Some folk have removed their feeding stations due to the incessant filching of food by corvids. Gone are the house sparrows, starlings and the finches. This bodes ill for our already declining garden bird populations. Other residents in our village and further afield are reporting similar declines and intrusions. Some plan to give up feeding completely, especially if they also have the very bold wood pigeons as residents, fouling bird baths and spreading disease.

As for summer visitors, the writer's family has yet to see a single hirondine, though swifts were reported to have arrived early in Yorkshire. Who has seen any locally, or heard a chiff chaff in their usual haunts? Other warbler species are also fewer, and who has heard a cuckoo? Who's seen a bat this year so far? We haven't, and always have in previous years. Anyone who is lucky enough to hear a nightingale, please post the info on your local Facebook page and inform your county website. One piece of good news is the recovery of puffin and kittiwake numbers on the Yorkshire coast due to the banning of sand eel extraction.

Who has seen or heard the large but quite harmless maybug, the noisy cockchafer, barging its way towards lights? However, should you see the far from harmless Asian Hornet, you should report this to DEFRA, or on the Asian Hornet Watch app. It is slightly smaller than the European Hornet at 25 mm long, but has bright yellow lower legs and an orange/yellow stripe on the back of their abdomen.

2023 was the hottest year since modern records began, as hot as the temperature 2,000 years ago. Scientists know this by counting and measuring the growth rings in the trunks of ancient tree species which provide information about the climate at the time. Changing climate patterns are predicted to have ever more negative effects on Planet Earth.

Otis Tarda

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**WILTSHIRE
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**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**.

On my way back from County Hall this evening with the sun shining and the windows down, it felt like Summer! Cutting a path between lush green fields and rolling hills with the music turned up I was struck, as I am each Spring, with the absolute beauty of where we live.

Tomorrow is Full Council where two fellow Cabinet members are tabling a motion seeking acknowledgement of the 'cumulative impact' of solar farms on Wiltshire. As it stands, Lime Down Solar Park threatens more than 2,000 acres of agricultural land in the north of the county. It is so large that it will literally surround some villages on all sides. Obviously, villagers are extremely concerned about the impact to their surroundings over an area equivalent to 1,250 football pitches. Closer to home, Potterne and Easterton also face relatively huge solar applications which will impact the beauty and enjoyment of the area, and the ability for us to grow food on land which has always been farmed.

Considering the huge number of solar applications Wiltshire has been burdened with compared to other counties, I am concerned about how our green landscape might be changed forever. Will there be a time when I drop down the hill from the Bell pub in Seend and no longer see green fields laid out in front of me, but instead just a sea of black reflective panels?

I am equally passionate about doing more to tackle climate change and switching to renewable energy wherever we can. Last week I hosted an event at County Hall which welcomed councillors and campaign groups from Dorset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Bristol, and BANES to share ideas on renewable 'community' energy. Standing against huge proposals like Lime Down does not mean I am 'anti-solar' any more than objecting to any particular planning application doesn't make me "anti-house building". In both cases I want to see good proposals in the right places.

Considering the large expanse of industrial buildings around the area with no solar panels on the roof, I have to question why we are covering our quality crop-producing fields with them. If we get to the stage which many diehard environmentalists would like to see, where all our fields are covered with solar panels, we will be able to power the entire country with renewable energy, which would seem great... for a second. However, we will need to import every single piece of food and every naturally grown ingredient we consume because we will have given up the land needed to grow our own. Therefore, the nett gain for the environment will be negative, the planet will be worse off whilst food security for us in this country will be entirely diminished. Furthermore, it is rarely the farmers choosing to swap generations of crop growing for solar on their land. More often it is wealthy landowners evicting tenant farmers, leaving them homeless and without land to farm.

We have to find a balance which protects agricultural land for crop growing and insists on solar panels being placed on industrial buildings and all new houses with some carefully considered solar farms in strategic locations which do not impact crop growing potential.

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LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Village meeting took place on 7th May and was well attended. During the meeting we presented our vision for 2024-2025 and invited ideas from the public. If you missed the meeting, please go to our website at www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk to access the agenda which includes the Chairman's annual report and the public presentation. You can contact the Council about this or any other matter via the website.

Village Gates: We will soon install village gates at the entrance to Little Cheverell from the West which we hope will focus drivers' attention and reduce speeds into the village. The work should be completed by mid-June at the latest.

Repainting the Phone Box: Little Cheverell Parish Council is looking for someone to repaint our K6 Telephone box which houses a defibrillator. 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. Note that this work is open to anyone who can demonstrate the right skills.

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 at littlecheverellparishcouncil@gmail.com or call **Mike on 07908 143389** for an informal chat. We currently have six meetings per year, so the workload is minimal, but the role is fascinating.

Little Cheverell Village Hall - Events and News

The Village Hall recently held a Jazz on Sunday afternoon event which was very successful and enjoyable. The next event which is open to everyone will be the **Little Cheverell Village Barbecue on Saturday 29th June** starting at midday. Tickets cost £12 for adults and £5 for children, Barbecue and Pimms included. Please bring a salad along if you can. Tickets are available from the Events section of our website www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk. Our regular Jazz event will be immediately after the BBQ, so you can stay for some entertainment and a few drinks from our licensed bar.

We can now accept card/contactless payments, but if you have cash it will help us if you have small change. All proceeds from the Barbecue will be used for the Hall maintenance and improvement programme. You can also donate to the Hall, which is a registered charity, either by visiting our website or by going direct to <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/26089>. Every donation will be acknowledged and will be most welcome. The funding campaign has raised more than £3,800, which will help us access the grant funding we need to update our Hall. Please tick the Gift Aid box when donating if you are a UK taxpayer.

Finally, 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. Included is our lovely green space. Clubs and societies are most welcome. Why not call **Barbie** for a chat on **07934 855404** or email littlecheverellvhall@gmail.com

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held two important meetings recently – the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Council meeting, both held on Monday May 13th.

At the Annual Parish meeting, parishioners attended to hear the Annual Report from the Chairman, Cllr Paul Stevens and to mingle over wine and nibbles. The Parish Council has a new grounds contractor in place to undertake strimming and hedge trimming, with the grass being kept neat and tidy by Cllr Hayward. Work on the park fencing is imminent now that the weather is a little drier. The Parish Steward is available to undertake small maintenance jobs on the village grounds - please contact Cllr Burgess if you have any suggestions. Litter picking has been a successful community event over the year with another one planned for Autumn – thank you to all those who attend to help.

Reports were also heard from a variety of groups including Victoria Park Residents Association, the Gardening Club, the Village Hall, the New Pavilion Trust and the Community Speedwatch group. A key theme emerging from the evening is the ongoing need for more volunteers to step forward and support local community groups. Volunteers are always in demand to make sure that the village continues to be a vibrant place to live and work with lots of activities available to all. Please contact the organisations directly or the Parish Council if you are interested in volunteering for any of our community groups.

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

Please continue to support The Bell Inn and the village shop as important community assets.

After the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Council meeting was held. Cllr Paul Stevens was re-elected as the Chairman and Cllr Rob Hayward as Vice Chairman. There are two vacancies on the Council to be filled. Agendas and minutes are available on the website:

<https://www.greatcheverell.org/>

The next meeting of the Council is on **Monday July 1st at the Pavilion at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Community Events

Please note that there are two upcoming community events at which your support would be most welcome:

War Memorial Consultation: Thursday 6th June at 7pm in the Pavilion;

Village Craft Fair: Saturday 15th June 10am to 2pm, again in the Pavilion.

June 6th 2024 is the 80th anniversary of D Day. The first troops landed just after midnight and through the course of the day and the days after thousands gave their lives to free the world from tyranny. In remembrance, beacons will be lit across the country.

In Devizes, a beacon will be lit at the **White Horse on Roundway Hill**. The ceremony starts at **20:30** and everyone is invited. If you have served, or are serving now, thank you for what you do.

Our Annual Parish meeting took place in May. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but a meeting where you, our community, can indicate how you want the Parish Council to spend your money. Attendance is never high but it is important. If you couldn't make it you can still have a say at any Parish Council meeting. There is always a public forum at the beginning for questions, statements or requests for grants. Everyone is welcome, come and have your say.

I want to address the emotive issue of dog mess. We do have bins around the recreation ground which we have to pay to be emptied. This is not something Wiltshire Council does. It is a local parish cost, so comes out of all our pockets. One of the questions at the Annual Parish meeting was why can't we have more bins. The answer is simple - we don't have enough money. If we did provide more bins it would impact our ability to support village groups like the Youth Club and the management of the playgrounds.

In a rural community, it is important that dog poop is picked up and disposed of correctly into a bin. You can use any litter bin, the red bins at the rec, or you can take it home and put it in your black bin. Dog mess and farm animals are not compatible. It especially affects cattle and can cause mothers to abort calves. It is essential it is picked up where animals graze or on any field where silage is cut. Dog mess in silage, which is a grazing animal feed, is a real and ongoing problem for our farmers. At this time of year, trees and hedges around the village are looking especially beautiful, but this look is not enhanced by the addition of hanging plastic bags with poop inside. Please pick up your dog's poop and dispose of it properly!

Hedges House has been demolished, but as yet we have not received any information from Aster on when construction will start. We will continue our dialogue with them and advise you accordingly.

We are now in the run up to the summer holidays and I want to end by wishing everyone who has taken, or is in the process of taking exams the very best of luck.

There are no new Planning matters this month.

Peter West - Chair, Parish Council

pwest@westlavington.org.uk



Our theme for May was a Book Award winner, which was a good choice as every book chosen was worth reading!

Amsterdam by Ian McEwan, winner of the Booker Prize 1998: described as 'a sharp, contemporary morality tale, this is a dark tour de force' concerning old friends and the pact they make at their ex-lover's funeral.

Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow by Peter Hoeg, Silver Dagger Award 1994. An unusual crime thriller set in Denmark full of mood and atmosphere.

For Thy Great Pain, Have Mercy on my Little Pain by Victoria Mackenzie, Scottish National First Book Awards 2023. A pocket epic - this electrifying debut compares the spiritual adventures of Margery Kempe and Julian of Norwich.

Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan, Orwell Prize for Political Fiction 2022, Booker Prize shortlist 2022. A short but powerful novella concerning one man's discovery of the awful truth about the Magdalen laundries.

I'm the King of the Castle by Susan Hill, Somerset Maugham Award 1970. A tragic tale of a young boy bullied to death explores themes of persecution, punishment and the exploitation of the weak.

Life after Life by Kate Atkinson, 2013 Costa Book Award winner. Themes of fate, family life and renewal are brilliantly explored in this story of a life lived in wartime Britain.

Also by **Kate Atkinson**, **Behind the Scenes at the Museum**, Whitbread Book of the Year 1995. Spanning from the 1990s back to the 1800s, many stories centring round one family. A complex and satisfying novel.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, 2016 Kirkus Prize. Sentenced to house arrest in Moscow's Metropol Hotel, Count Alexander Rostov nonetheless lives the fullest of lives, discovering the depths of his humanity. A masterly encapsulation of modern Russian history.

Cuddy by Benjamin Myers, Goldsmith's Prize 2023. A novel that combines poetry, prose, play, diary and real historical accounts in retelling the story of the eponymous Anglo-Saxon saint Cuthbert and his connection to Durham Cathedral. Absorbing and magnificent.

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett, Orange Prize for Fiction 2001. A group of terrorists invade a birthday party for an important foreign businessman, taking everyone hostage including a famous opera singer. The relationships between captors and captured become blurred and confinement becomes a way of life.

Sue Bastone

LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL



We would like to welcome Arthur and his family to preschool - we look forward to getting to know you all.

During Term 5 we have been focusing on activities which are linked to our Book of the Week, which the children choose through a voting system. The children used a variety of resources to recreate the Three Little Pigs houses, talking about the different textures and which houses the wolf would or would not be able to blow down. Whilst playing on the field the children found some footprints which they decided must have been made by the 'Big Bad Wolf' and they then tried to find him, but he was nowhere to be seen! We went on our very own Bear Hunt, and we also made some delicious bear-shaped biscuits which the children decorated. The children built their own beanstalks using the building blocks and they compared sizes to see which was the 'biggest' or 'smallest'. The children also created their very own castles using building bricks in the shaving foam clouds.

The children were very excited to find we had caterpillars in the classroom. We watched them grow bigger, turn into cocoons and then emerge as butterflies. Once all our caterpillars had changed to butterflies, we released them out onto the playing field.

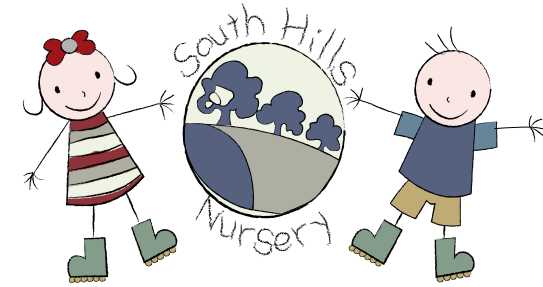
We have made the most of the wonderful weather, playing out in the garden and making dens which provided somewhere cosy and shaded for the children to explore. We have discussed the importance of wearing sun hats, sunscreen and making sure we drink lots.

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 email lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com or managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com

Julie Langlands Manager



SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



A few weeks ago we released our butterflies in to the garden. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and they often speak of this experience. We are hoping to get some duck eggs in the near future to continue exploring their interests and learning about other life cycles.

We have spent a lot of time in our garden recently and have been learning about how we can protect our skin from the sun on hot, sunny days. We have planted many seeds in the garden including potatoes, rhubarb, strawberries, peas and lettuce and the children are eager for them to grow so that we can bake with our home grown ingredients.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying role play over the last few weeks where they have been builders, ice cream shop owners and train drivers. This is a great way for children to express their creativity and explore their imagination.

We will soon be welcoming in our Fathers and Grandfathers for a Father's Day stay and play. The children will get to build dens and obstacle courses with their parent/grandparent and they will then have a picnic in the garden.

We would like to say a big welcome to Amy Harris who is our new Nursery practitioner. All the staff and children are so happy to have her join the team.

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 oldschoolmanager@southhillsschool.com to arrange a viewing.

Kealey Henstridge Nursery Manager



HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY ACADEMY



We are well into the last half term now, and the children are looking forward to our Sports Day, with a family picnic on the field afterwards. We also have performances of 'The BFG' by our Year 3 and Year 4 children at the start of July; our very popular adventure camp outs for Y3,4,5; and an action packed Y6 Residential trip to the Forest of Dean. The School Eucharist led by the Bishop of Ramsbury, many leavers' activities and lots of Forest Schools work will also take place this term.

Wonderful children: As our Year 6 children enter their final term, we take time to reflect on the achievements of our extraordinary children. Our school is consistently placed in the top few percent of the country in English and Maths SATS tests and in the Year 1 phonics screener. Our outcomes in Key Stage 1 and the Early Years are also judged to be outstanding, year after year.

We are even more proud of all the other areas in which our children excel. They are people of compassion, courage, aspiration and joy. Their spiritual development, whatever their belief or non-belief system, is outstanding. They are good at sport, music, art, the humanities, philosophy and friendship. People always remark on their outstanding behaviour and the warmth of the spirit in our school.

New Intake: We are always delighted when people choose our school for their children. The transition and induction programme for all those who have accepted places at our school for September has begun. Our close links with Old School Nursery and with other local nursery and preschool settings help to ensure that our new children come into school confidently and happily and start their journey through primary school with excitement and enthusiasm.

Eco Schools: England incentivises communities to become as green as possible by rewarding green schools with eco status, and we are on the journey to achieve this. Far reaching initiatives across our school include such things as rewilding and nature projects in science, geography and technology topics, monitoring energy, waste and water, recycling clothes, and environmental consideration for sourced resources and services. Staff, governors, parents and children are championing climate action, making positive changes to our school to make the world a better place to live.



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Anna Woodman Headteacher



Great Cheverell War Memorial Consultation Event



There will be a community event on Thursday **June 6th at 7pm** to seek parishioners' views about the siting of a village war memorial, either on church-owned land outside the church yard, adjacent to St Peter's Church, bordering Church Lane or alternatively, on the Parish-owned land at Witchcombe.

Tea and Coffee will be available from 7pm

Venue: **The New Pavilion, Great Cheverell**

Thursday June 6th June at 7pm

DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL



It is lovely to see the sun shine on our fields and to finally let the children play on them, now the fields have finally dried out from all the rain! Our school grounds have exploded in colour and our brood of two and four legged animals are basking in the sunshine at every opportunity.

I have felt privileged to be able to show around many new families to our school and we are excited to welcome them, and our Early Years intake for September, over the next few months to familiarise them with our school.

The summer term is always busy! We have SATS exams, school residential trips, inter-school sports tournaments, school sports day and so much more.

SATS week for our Year 6 children: When your Year 6 class smile and laugh their way through their SATS week you know that you have done something right. It may have been the delicious breakfast that was served to them every day as a team, or the support they felt from the whole school community and the confidence they felt that their best was what we were looking for, or it may have been the afternoons of outdoor learning. Whatever it was, in times when the papers are full of frightening statistics about children's poor mental health and the huge pressure put on them to perform, we feel really proud that our pupils approached their SATS in a calm, relaxed and purposeful manner wanting to do their very best. SATS measure their competence in Reading, Writing and Maths. They don't measure how resilient, kind and compassionate, how inquisitive, brave and thoughtful our pupils are or how well they sing, draw and create, as well as performing and competing in a huge variety of sports.

Fundraising for our pond project: A big thank you to all the family and friends of our DAPS children for supporting them in their Sponsored Run. The children ran an amazing 3,545 laps of our school field and a total of 630 km - a truly staggering amount for such little legs! This year we were raising funds for our pond renovation project, for which our wonderful PTA team have already raised £4,000. So it is with great joy that I can announce that the Sponsored Run raised £5,505, bringing the total to £9,505 so far this year- an amazing amount. This, together with any additional money raised at the quiz night and other summer fun activities planned, will allow us to renovate our pond and to build a dock for the children for use in their outdoor learning lessons.

I am so grateful to everybody who supports our school. The support that we receive really enriches school life for all our children and makes a huge difference to them too.

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

DAPS in the community

We were kindly invited to take part in a Swimming Gala at Dauntsey's School on 10th May alongside three other local schools. We sent 12 of our strongest swimmers from Year 5 who all behaved beautifully, and when they got in the water they blew us away! And they won too! Well done to all our swimmers.

We also held our first DAPS Quiz Night at the Market Lavington Community Hall in May and it was lovely to welcome so many people from our school and local community to join in the fun! Thanks to DAPS parent Cllr Dominic Muns for being our Quizmaster and making it such a fun and entertaining evening.

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Giving to those in need is an act of selflessness. God is the owner of everything, He holds all the resources we need in His hands. So we must trust that He will take care of us, that He will give us those resources He holds for ourselves and to give to others.

When we give generously and sacrificially, we show our love for God. Giving is an expression of obedience. Yes, but also gratitude, trust, and increasing joy. God seeks out and recognises those who worship Him. God blesses those who generously give as it not only impacts others but also glorifies Him. If we sow sparingly we will reap sparingly, but if we sow generously we will reap generously.

Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. The act of giving holds a special place in God's heart. God cares about the way we share what we have. He delights in cheerful givers who act with a joyful heart and willing spirit.

When we give grudgingly or out of duty, we miss the delight of aligning our heart with God's generous nature. Sharing with others should be seen as a privilege, not a burden. It's an opportunity to participate in God's work and to be His hands and feet by meeting the needs of those around us.

The condition of our heart, not the size of our gift, is what determines how the Lord views what we offer. Giving cheerfully reflects gratitude for His blessings and trust in His provision. It acknowledges that everything we have belongs to God and we are merely stewards. So, allow the joy of giving to fill your heart as you partner with God in blessing others. It's not about the amount but the love behind your gift.

God's motivation for giving was love. He gave himself in the person of Jesus, in response to our need. As we use this example for the basis of our giving, we realise that the only giving God recognises is giving wrapped in love.

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According to the old cliché, church ministers only work one day a week. That would be nice, but no. In fact, I only tend to take one day off a week, Saturday. Apart from when there's also a Bank Holiday Monday, of course. The wife and I thought it would be fun if we went to Bournemouth either on the first Saturday of May or the Bank Holiday Monday. But as the weekend drew nearer rain was predicted both for both days, and so it turned out. However,

it was glorious sunshine the following Saturday, so to Bournemouth we did go.

On such days you'd think parking anywhere near the beach would be a hassle. But there's a street we know where you can park all day for free, only five minutes' walk from the seafront. We've never failed to find a space and, as it happened, one was available immediately we turned into the road. From there you stroll to the seaside down a street with pay and display parking bays which cost you £13.50 for six hours and that's before you've even bought an ice cream. Extortionate.

Oddly, cars were queuing up to park on the pay and display street. Every bay was taken. Some drivers seemed to grow tired of waiting and left to find a space elsewhere. Others chanced it and parked on double yellows. It was dead quiet where we pulled up. No fiddly parking app. No fumbling for change. Free parking all day long. We didn't feel at all smug, honest. In fact, being a preacher and that, this little episode was suggestive of a modern-day parable.

People were bypassing what was available for free, while falling over themselves to park at great cost. It's a bit like that with the Christian faith. With most other outlooks on life, you 'gets what you pays for'. The religious hope that if they keep the rules demanded by their faith, they will earn an eternal reward. Those with a more secular outlook often believe that given enough hard work, they'll get what they deserve and soon they'll be 'living the dream'.

The Christian message is different. It is based not on merit, but grace. Which means God giving us what we don't deserve, free of charge. Jesus willingly paid the price of sin by dying in our place upon the cross. God offers eternal life to everyone who puts their faith in his Son as their Saviour. What's not to like? Yet many people spurn this gracious offer, preferring to pay their own way. Eternal life, however, is a gift that can't be bought.

Of course, it's my bounden duty as a minister of the gospel to proclaim to anyone who will give me a hearing that salvation full and free is available for all in Jesus. The whereabouts of that road with freebie parking, a short stroll from the golden sand and shimmering sea of Bournemouth? Now, that would be telling.

Pastor Guy Davies

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

TRINITY CHURCH

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

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All services are accompanied by refreshments and we follow current regulations to help keep you safe.

Services For MAY 2024

June 2nd	Trinity Church Service Revd Tom MacMeekin
June 9th	United Church Service at St Mary's, Market Lavington Led by Revd Gary Gotham
June 16th	'Father's Day' Service with Holy Communion Led by Jeannie MacMeekin and Carole Coupe
June 23rd	Trinity Church Service Led by Jo Williams
June 30th	Trinity Church Service Led by Mr Eric Clifford

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Black Dog Crossroads road closure trial

Wiltshire Council is trialling an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) at the Black Dog Crossroads with the closure of the spur road to the north of the crossroads, which is often used by motorists at peak time to avoid queuing at the main junction. This trial scheme will look at whether closing the spur road reduces collisions and if there is an impact on the surrounding network. This trial is the first stage of improvements to the crossroads: the Council will also be realigning the junction at the crossroads in 2025.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways said the Council will be listening to feedback from locals and motorists to determine whether this temporary change reduces risk at the junction. If this trial is successful, the road closure could be made permanent.

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

JUNE 2024	
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
Sun 2nd	D-Day 80th anniversary Event, Mill Road Field, Potterne, 12-4pm
Thurs 6th	Cheverell Magna Parish Council public consultation re village war memorial. The Pavilion, 7pm D-Day 80 Anniversary Concert, Tidworth Garrison Theatre, 7.30pm. UK Forces Veterans Show Band and Military Wives Choirs performing music of 1940s. Tickets £15. ukforcesvb@googlemail.com Lighting of Beacon, Roundway Hill, Devizes to celebrate D-Day 80. 9.15pm. Arrival from 8.30pm.
Fri 7th	Polperro Fishermen's Choir Concert in aid of RNLI 200, Assembly Rooms, Devizes Town Hall 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £15 from Devizes Books
Sat 8th	Open Garden, West Lavington Manor, with market stalls, 11am - 6pm Adults £10 Worton and Cheverell FC Football Fete, Elisha Field ML, 2pm GC Pavilion Film Club Film Night, The Pavilion, 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Members free, Guests £5
Sat 8th/ Sun 9th	Worton and Marston Open Gardens. 12.00 - 5pm. Teas at Worton Village Hall.
Sun 9th	Devizes Lions on the Green Family Fun Day, Large Green, Devizes. 10am - 4pm
Mon 10th	Mothers' Union talk: 'Being a Christian in Japan', 54 High St, WL. 2.15pm Cafe Scientifique meeting "Crime Scene Evaluation", The Bell, GC 7.30pm
Tues 11th	Cheverells Garden Club trip to the Botanic Nursery
Thurs 13th	West Lavington WI Strawberry Sparkle, WLVH, 2pm
Sat 15th	Great Cheverell Craft Fair, The Pavilion, 10am - 2pm 30th Anniversary Concert for The Mathieson Music Trust, ML Community Hall, Dinner 6pm, music from 7.15pm
Thurs 20th:	Summer Solstice Summer Dreams concert in aid of Friends of Erlestoke Prison, All Saints Church, Chitterne, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £15.
Sat 22nd	Furlong Close Summer Fete, Marsh Lane, Rowde SN10 2TQ, 2.30-5.00pm
Sat 29th	Little Cheverell Village Barbecue and Jazz Event, LC Village Hall, from 12 noon. Tickets £12, Children £5

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

JULY 2024	
Mon 1st	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, GC Pavilion, 7.30pm.
Fri 5th	Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert, ML Community Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £8
Sat 6th	West Lavington Fete, Village Hall and Playing Field from 2pm
Sat 13th	Devizes Beer and Cider Festival, Devizes Wharf, 11.30am to 10pm. Live music. Ticket holders only. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a ticket holder. Tickets £15, includes free glass. online from devizescamra.org.uk
Sun 14th	Picnic in the Park, Hillworth Park, Devizes
Sat 20th/ Sun 21st	Market Lavington Vintage Meet Fun Family Weekend. The Elisha Field, ML.
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REGULAR MEETINGS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Knitting Club: Baptist Church hall on third Wednesday of the month at 10am.

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

Lavington and District Swimming Club: Sundays 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, April-Oct 7pm, Nov-March 2pm.

West Lavington Youth Club: Tuesdays for Years 8+, Wednesdays Years 4-6, Thursdays Year 7, WL Village Hall. 6 - 8pm

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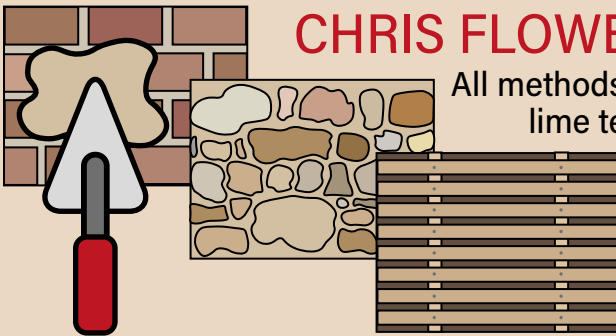
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