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## FROM THE EDITOR

April's here, the clocks have gone forward, Easter is coming up fast, and the weather has been a lot kinder of late. The daffs are out, the birds are singing away and the sun has actually been shining - it's even been warm! Spring is here at last, and very cheering it is too. Except for the fact that I am way, way behind in my gardening and the moles and couch grass are creating havoc amongst the unweeded flower beds. One minute there's nothing that can be done in a garden, and the next there's absolutely everything! But the key is to enjoy being out there in amongst the green, gold and blue of April, forgetting the numerous cares of our currently crazy and chaotic world. The only fly in my particular ointment is the depressing sight of a local farmer spraying his field with herbicide, when the wind is in my organic garden's direction. My personal belief is that chemicals do our soil much more harm than good, and I wish that farmer agreed with me.

Have a very Happy Easter and enjoy the rest of the month - and don't forget to vote on May 1st!

**Sue Bonney - Editor**

### Deadline Dates

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

Articles and photographs for the **May 2025** issue should reach Sue Bonney no later than **Tuesday April 22nd**.

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## CHURCH OF ENGLAND BENEFICE

### Regular worship in our sister churches

**9.00 am** St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell  
**4.30 pm** Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Lavington

### Churchwardens

**St Peter's, Great Cheverell:** Pauline Jenkinson (813775)

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

Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Great Cheverell St Peter's	Little Cheverell St Peter's
<b>Sunday 6th April</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Service St Barnabas Church, Easterton				
<b>Sunday 13th April</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service	<b>9.00 am</b> Breakfast Church		<b>11.00 am</b> Simple Celebration  <b>4.30 pm</b> Palm Sunday Evensong followed by afternoon Tea	
<b>Thursday 17th April</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>			<b>6.00 pm</b> Agape Supper		
<b>Friday 18th April</b> <i>Good Friday</i>		<b>2.00 pm</b> Meditation			
<b>Sunday 20th April</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>7.00 am</b> Sunrise Service Open Air at Market Lavington Vedette (dogs and walkers welcome) <b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Communion St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell				
<b>Sunday 27th April</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service	<b>9.30 am</b> Praise and Worship		<b>10.00 am</b> Welcome to Worship	<b>11.00 am</b> Praise and Worship
<b>Sunday 4th May</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Service BCP Communion All Saints' Church, West Lavington				

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

## REFLECTION

*During this season in our Benefice without a rector, different church members are delighted to share a monthly reflection with you. This month it is written by Vanessa Reburn, who lives in Little Cheverell and is a Lay Worship Leader and member of the congregation in Great Cheverell.*

Today is a day of blue sky, white fluffy clouds and glorious sunshine. I can see daffodils, primroses and catkins blowing in enough wind to dry the washing. There are sheep in the field behind our house,

heavily pregnant. They are due to go back to their home field before they lamb at the end of the month, but I have a secret hope (well, secret when I'm writing this) that there'll be an early birth and that we might have a lamb or two in the field before they go.

What a contrast to those seemingly endless grey, wet days which lasted right through to February, some days so gloomy that I couldn't tell where in the sky the sun might be and started to feel I might never see it again. And what a metaphor for the triumph of life and love and light which we celebrate at Easter. There are details elsewhere in the magazine of services in various churches during Holy week and of a celebratory service for the whole benefice in St Peter's Great Cheverell on Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome – but whether you come or not (and whatever the weather by then) all our churches wish you and those you love a happy and joyful Easter.

### Benefice Office

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Benefice Administrator: **Beth Warren**

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

### Benefice 200 Club

#### March Draw

The winner of the March draw of the Benefice 200 Club was Irene Bulson of Easterton. Irene won the prize at almost the same time last year! March must be her lucky month!

**Bonnie Matters**

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### Annual Parochial Church Meeting St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held on **Sunday 27th April** immediately after the 11 o'clock Service. This meeting is important for electing the Churchwarden, Officers and members of the PCC. If you would like to consider serving your church in any capacity, please contact the Church Secretary, **Rachael Wright**, on [rachaelwright@btinternet.com](mailto:rachaelwright@btinternet.com)

## Progress on appointing a new Vicar

After a Priest leaves a post in the Church of England there is always a gap before a new Priest is appointed, giving churches time to reflect and prepare for their new Priest.

One of the most important tasks at the beginning of the Vacancy is to write a Benefice Profile, which is a description of who and where we are, physically and spiritually, and the kind of Priest we are looking for. The written part of the Profile has been completed and sent to the Bishop for approval. The Bishop will write the final section of the Profile about the Diocese of Salisbury and how our Benefice fits into this. We are extremely grateful to the Assistant Rural Dean, Revd Keith Brindle, for his support in writing the Profile, which he has commended to the Bishop.

The other task is to prepare the accommodation for the new Priest. The Vicarage was vacated last week, and the Property Department will visit shortly to survey the property and prepare a schedule of work required. The timescale for this work to be completed will determine when the post is advertised.

Our Benefice receives patronage (financial support) from Christ Church Oxford. The Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) met the new Patron, Revd Canon Peter Moger, in March and we have been very encouraged by his support for us.

During the Vacancy, all of the PCCs have been working hard to keep the churches running as close to normal as possible. We have been blessed with great support from Revd Caroline Spindlow who is leading two Benefice Holy Communions each month, rotating around the churches. On the other Sundays, each PCC has agreed its individual pattern of services led mostly by Lay Worship Leaders. The feedback from PCCs is that generally things are working well.

## VILLAGE LINK

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# Edington arts

It is interesting how many of the great opera tunes are familiar to people who don't identify as opera-lovers; adverts, television and film sound tracks often use them for atmosphere or to generate a particular kind of emotion. The melodies stand on their own merits, regardless of how bonkers some of their opera plots may be, let alone the great operatic tragedies.

So when our four great soloists – Anna Sideris-Dupuy, soprano, Beatrice Sideris-Dupuy, mezzo, William Diggle, tenor and Thomas Bennett, bass – get together to perform a programme of songs and arias from a wide range of operas, some of the pieces will already be firm favourites. They will also take the opportunity to introduce us to some less familiar music. Expect solos, duets, trios and quartets, all with piano accompaniment.

You can buy your tickets through the website, [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org), or by phone from **Chrissy on 01380 831256**, priced from £11-£25. There is, as always, a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18 and under come free.

The next concert in the Edington Arts 2025 series is another change of direction – **A Night at the Opera**, on **Saturday 10th May at 7.30pm** in Edington Priory Church.

## Tuesday Club

The Tuesday club will be holding a Table Top Sale, Raffle and Refreshments on **Saturday 3 May from 1000 to 1130hrs** at the Market Lavington Community Hall.

## CHEVERELLS; GARDEN CLUB

The speaker at the March meeting of the Cheverells Garden Club was Richard Cripps. His topic was how to deal with an ever-changing climate, the causes, effects, and what gardeners can do to help. He also covered unusual vegetables - which may be useful as the climate changes.

The next meeting is on **April 8th at 7.30pm in Great Cheverell Village Hall**. The topic is 'Fuchsias My Way' by Derek Dexter, a grower of award-winning fuchsias. He will be bringing plants for sale too! Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at: [Helen.woodlands@outlook.com](mailto:Helen.woodlands@outlook.com)



## Meet Wessex Water at Devizes Library

**Tuesday 6th May, 10am - 12 noon, and 1pm - 2pm**

Meet Wessex Water at Devizes Library in Sheep Street. This is a community drop in session, where you can chat to them in person if you have a query about your water bill, your water and sewerage services, how to save water, or how to prevent sewer blockages. Further information is available at [wessexwater.co.uk](http://wessexwater.co.uk).



## Rhyme Time Easter Date Changes

There is a change in dates for Rhyme Time in Market Lavington Library for April only because of the Easter weekend.

There will be **no Rhyme Time on Good Friday, April 18th**, as the library will be closed.

Therefore, instead of the first Friday, 4th April, there will just be the one Rhyme Time on **Friday 11th April at 10:15 to 10:45**.



## Devizes Police Station Changes

Changes to the Wiltshire police estate in Devizes have been announced by Chief Constable Catherine Roper. These plans are to make essential efficiencies within the estate footprint as part of the required £5.2 million in savings the Force must make in 2025/26. Chief Constable Roper has pledged to improve police visibility in communities and public access to the Force.

By the end of April 2025, the **Devizes Borough Police Station by the Wharf Car Park** will close with the local policing team and detective cohort relocating to **Police Headquarters on London Road**, where a fully functional front desk will be open to the public.

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be enhancing their visibility in our communities by increasing the use of mobile police stations and attending more local events. They will continue to proactively publicise where they will be and how people can engage with them.

Our Neighbourhood Policing Team is **Devizes Rural South**.





## NGS Open Gardens in April

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

### Sunday April 13th:

**Brow Cottage, Seend Hill, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6RU.**  
**1- 5pm Combined admission with Seend House, £8.**

A half acre contemporary cottage garden owned by a garden designer and created over the past 25 years. Lawns, well-stocked borders, topiary, potager, sunken pool garden, wildlife pond, short woodland walk, species bulb and wildflower lawn and canopied dining area. Open with Seend House and connected by a field footpath. Shuttle available. Due to be featured in The English Garden in April 2025. Wheelchair access over gravel driveway rather than steps from pedestrian gate on main road.

Parking on green in village centre. Footpath via fields as marked by yellow signs. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Church of the Holy Cross, Seend.

### Seend House, High Street, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6NR. 1-5pm

Seend House is a 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.

Parking on village green. There is a shuttle bus running between Seend House and Brow Cottage.

### Corsham Court, Corsham, SN13 0BZ. 2 - 5.30pm, Admission £5, Children £2.50.

Park and gardens laid out by Capability Brown and Repton. Large lawns with fine specimens of ornamental trees surround the Elizabethan mansion. C18 bath house hidden in the grounds. Spring bulbs, beautiful lily pond with Indian bean trees, young arboretum and stunning collection of magnolias. Wheelchair (not motorised) access to house, gravel paths in garden. 4 miles west of Chippenham, signed off A4 at Corsham.

### Saturday April 26th:

**Wellaway, Close Lane, Marston, SN10 5SN, 1-5pm, Admission £6, child free.**

Two acre flower arranger's garden comprising herbaceous borders, orchard, vegetable garden, ornamental and wildlife ponds, lawns and naturalised areas. Planted since 1979 for year-round interest. Shrubberies and rose garden, other areas underplanted with bulbs or ground cover. Springtime particularly colourful with daffodils, tulips and hellebores. Home-made teas.

**NB Tickets for the NGS open garden at Blackland House on April 9th and 16th are sold out, and the open garden at Oare House on Sunday 27th April is cancelled.**



## Summer arrives on wings!

Summer visitors cuckoos, house martins, swallows and swifts will all hopefully soon be with us, but sadly all their numbers are in decline

**Cuckoos** arrive in late April, leaving again as early as the first week of June. Their numbers are declining, especially in the southern half of Britain. Since 2011, British Trust for Ornithology researchers have been fitting tracking devices to Cuckoos breeding in Britain and elsewhere as part of the **Cuckoo Tracking Project**. This has revealed that while some birds migrate south-east via Italy, others take a western route. Interestingly, all of the birds winter in the same part of central Africa, and all of them return via the western route in spring.

**House Martins:** migrating to the UK from Africa in early spring, House Martins construct nest cups from mud, and lay two broods on average in a single summer. Declines in House Martin numbers (44% between 1995 and 2022) led to this species being added to the UK Red List in 2020. The reasons for this are not well understood, although birds that build nests on PVC as opposed to brick, concrete or wood have much lower breeding success, with nests more likely to collapse on the PVC substrate. If you are lucky enough to have house martins nesting in your eaves, please be tolerant of their building habits.

**Swallows:** a long-distance migrant, many of our Swallows spend the winter months in South Africa and begin to arrive in the UK during March, staying into October. In recent years a small number of birds have attempted, sometimes successfully, to overwinter in the UK. Swallows can be seen flying at speed just inches above its favoured grassland feeding habitat as it snatches its insect prey. These beautiful birds always return to their old nest sites, so please ensure access to them, as the birds will fly through small openings in order to reach their nesting sites. Numbers have fluctuated sharply in recent decades, with declines seen in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland since about 2010.

**Swifts** return to Britain in early May. The dark scythe-winged silhouettes of Swifts wheeling about in a blue sky are often accompanied by their screaming calls. Although widespread across much of Britain, they declined by 66% between 1995 and 2022 and are now on the Red List. The reasons for these losses include poor summer weather, a decline in their insect food and continued loss of suitable nesting sites. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole; we can help by installing swift nest boxes, available from the RSPB.

Swifts are believed to spend at much as nine months to a year on the wing, and they are known to nap whilst flying. Swift sightings can be reported to Bradford-on-Avon Swift Group at [climatechampions@gmail.com](mailto:climatechampions@gmail.com), or [www.swift-conservation.org.uk](http://www.swift-conservation.org.uk). There is also now a Swift mapper app which allows members of the public to identify, record and view Swift colony locations and nest sites, sharing their findings with conservationists at the RSPB as well as local Swift action groups. See [swiftmapper.org.uk](http://swiftmapper.org.uk)



## New Wiltshire RSPB Reserve

The RSPB is taking over the management of Wiltshire Council's Roundbarrow Farm which will see the transformation of a former intensive dairy farm into a sheep and cattle grazed chalk grassland farm and woodland.

Wiltshire is home to roughly half of the UK's chalk grassland, an internationally important habitat. The UK has lost 80% of these grasslands, and the species they support have faced severe declines. The new RSPB Roundbarrow nature reserve will provide a haven for chalkland species and help a variety of birds, including rare Stone-curlews, Grey Partridges, Skylarks, Corn Buntings, Lapwings and Yellowhammers. Chalk grassland supports a huge array of plant species, which also host many different butterflies, including rare species like Marsh Fritillary, Chalkhill Blue and Silver-spotted Skipper. The move will also help Wiltshire Council to deliver their ambitions for blue and green infrastructure in the area.

RSPB Roundbarrow sits in the internationally protected River Test catchment area. This rare chalk stream is currently at risk from excess pollutant nutrients. Removing intensive dairy farming and shifting to a lower number of sheep and beef cattle will reduce those nutrients and help to protect internationally important chalk streams all the way down to the Solent. The plans will also help to tackle the nature and climate crisis as the natural regeneration and planting of woodland will help to lock in carbon. In addition, a new permissive bridleway will be developed through the reserve, connecting Firsdon and Pitton villages for the first time, and there are plans for a new community orchard.

RSPB Roundbarrow is between Firsdon and Pitton, to the east of Salisbury and roughly seven miles south of the existing RSPB Winterbourne Downs nature reserve.



## April in the Garden

As Robert Browning said: "Oh, to be in England, Now that April's there"

April is when the garden starts to really come to life. The days are longer, the soil is warming, and everything seems to be growing at once — including the weeds! It's the perfect time to get outside, whether you're planting, pruning, or simply soaking in the spring energy. This is your last chance to split congested perennials.

**Planting for the Season:** April is ideal for sowing hardy annuals like calendula, cornflowers, and nigella directly into the soil. Sweetpeas can be sown at the base of supports. If you're growing vegetables, get carrots, beetroot, and chard in the ground, and if you're lucky enough to have space for potatoes, now's the time to plant them. Tender crops like courgettes and beans can be started under cover, ready for planting out in late May.

**Wildlife Matters:** Your local wildlife is waking up too. Bees are buzzing, birds are nesting, and hedgehogs are emerging from hibernation. Avoid cutting back early spring flowers just yet - primroses and forget-me-nots are vital nectar sources - but do dead head, as letting them go to seed can weaken growth. If you can, leave a few dandelions; they're a lifeline for pollinators. Pond plants can now be added to ponds.

### Jobs for Now

- Mulch borders to keep moisture in and suppress weeds.
- Weed regularly—they're much easier to deal with while small.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs like forsythia once they've finished blooming.
- Feed hungry plants like roses and clematis with an organic fertiliser.

April is full of promise, energy, and change. I've always thought it's the best month to be a gardener!

### Capability Charlotte





### Upcoming Local Roadworks

**31st March - 2nd April:** Great Cheverell street works. Diversion in force.

**31st March 1900 - 4th April 0100:** B3098 Lavington Lane overnight closure for new pedestrian crossing and road resurfacing.  
**NB:** Residents of the Hayfield estate in Lavington Lane have been advised that their access onto Lavington Lane will be closed overnight on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th April from 1900 to 0500.

**24th March - 13th April:** Lavington Lane. Installation of new pedestrian crossing. Traffic control in force using multiway signals.

**7th April 0930 - 17th April 1630:** B3098 Erlestoke, treeworks. Diversion in force.

**14th April 0930 - 16th April 1500:** B3098 Cheverell Road. Roadworks. Traffic control in place.

**26th April 0930 - 28th April 1500:** A360 Church Street and Tilshead Road closure, Gore Cross to Rutts Lane. Surface dressing and associated works.

**29th April 1900 - 2nd May 2359:** A360 West Lavington to Tilshead. Overnight road closure. Resurfacing, road marking, ironworks.

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



### DID YOU KNOW

#### Changes to the NHS and your local GP Surgery

It is NHS policy to move many services from hospitals to GP surgeries and from GP Surgeries to Community Pharmacies. As part of this, your GP surgery has been asked to provide new services from April 1st 2025.

Many of these services will involve training staff and purchasing new equipment so will not be immediately available at every surgery. Some may also involve going to a different site within the Primary Care Network rather than your local surgery.

Please be patient with your surgeries as they put these new processes in place. They will reduce the number of journeys you make to hospitals and other providers.



## West Lavington Fete 2025

**Saturday 12th July 2pm**

**Village Hall and Playing Field**

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

### Would you like a stall at the Fete?

We would like to add to the number of stalls at the Fete, either from community groups or commercial stalls. All are welcome! Contact Sue Bastone on [westlavfete@gmail.com](mailto:westlavfete@gmail.com) if you would like to book a stall.

**Sue Bastone on [westlavfete@gmail.com](mailto:westlavfete@gmail.com)**

### Lavington and District Swimming Club

#### Summer Term 2025

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



Summer Term starts on **Tuesday 22nd April** and includes 10 Tuesday swims and 8 Sunday swims, the last swim being **Tuesday 1st July**.

The Club swimming times are **Sundays: 3.30pm to 5.30pm;**  
**Tuesdays: 7.15pm to 8.15pm.**

Membership fees for the term:- £30 for individual and £60 for a family.

For further details about joining this offering, please contact **Alison Andrews**, Membership Secretary on [Lavingtonswim@gmail.com](mailto:Lavingtonswim@gmail.com)

Morning Swimming starts **Thursday 24th April** and is from **6.30am to 7.30am**. Membership fee for the term is £30.

For further information about the morning swimming please contact **Phil Richardson**, Membership Secretary on [ladscmorningswim@gmail.com](mailto:ladscmorningswim@gmail.com)

Alternatively, for any of the above contact Club Secretary **Anita Holness** via email at: [anita@kholness.plus.com](mailto:anita@kholness.plus.com)

## Devizes Flower Club at Salisbury Flower Festival

**Liz Cade from Littleton Panell is leading a team of local flower arrangers**

As a member of Devizes Flower Club, I will be leading a team of seven arrangers to create a very large floral display for the Festival of Flowers at Salisbury Cathedral this May. The theme this year is **'The Spirit of Water'** and arrangers come from churches within the Diocese, together with Flower Clubs, a number of colleges and individual arrangers.



Our job is to interpret the design title **'Wellspring'** which will be positioned at the spire crossing. It uses a huge tree stump kindly loaned to us by **Henry White of reclaimeddesign.co.uk**. Henry has the responsibility of getting the stump from his workshop into the Cathedral for us to work on. Despite the Cathedral being a large space inside, he tells me the access is not easy and I am glad that's not my job!

I don't want to give too much away about our design but it will be tall, very tall, using 2m pieces of willow with large flowers in between and a floral tapestry. I have been sourcing the willow and the Editor kindly gave her tree an early prune, so willow from Littleton Panell will be in the Cathedral.

Devizes Flower Club is part of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) and has had representation in previous Cathedral Festivals and the Dahlia Festivals at Stonehenge. The Club meets on

the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall** (Doors open 7pm). For more details email [devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com](mailto:devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com)

## Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival: The Spirit of Water

**13th - 18th May 10.00 - 16.15** (Wed 14th 10.00 - 15.45, Sun 18th 12.30 - 15.15)

**Tickets:** Adults £17, 5-18s £7, children under 5 Free. Souvenir Programmes £5

**Exclusive Preview Evening:** Monday 12th May 1830 - 2030, Tickets £50.

Book online at [bookings.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://bookings.salisburycathedral.org.uk) or contact the Cathedral Box Office on **01722 656 555**



**Wednesday 2nd April  
Starts 11am  
How German Artists  
Commemorated WW2  
Melksham  
Assembly Hall**



This tackles the challenging subject of how German artists responded to the challenges of commemorating WW2 and honouring the victims of war at a time of national shame. How do you remember what you would rather forget? If you love the arts and would like to meet a group of like-minded people then join our friendly group who meet ten times a year on the first Wednesday of the month. You can join us free for your first lecture or come as a guest for only £8.00  
[www.tasnorthwils.org.uk](http://www.tasnorthwils.org.uk)



## Market Lavington Library

The Old School, Church Street,  
Market Lavington,  
Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4DT

**01380 818358**

### OPENING DAYS & TIMES

Wednesday 2pm to 5pm

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 12 noon

### Easter Opening

The Library will be closed on Good Friday but will be open on Saturday 19th.

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**7:30pm Wednesday 2nd April to Saturday 5th April**

**Matinee 2:30pm Saturday 5th April**

**Dauntsey's School SN10 4HE  
Memorial Hall**

**Tickets from: Devizes Books &  
[www.DevizesMusicalTheatre.co.uk](http://www.DevizesMusicalTheatre.co.uk)**



## Devizes Chamber Choir

*Presents*

## Chilcott A Little Jazz Mass Mozart Requiem

**Saturday 5th April**

**at 7.30pm Doors open 7pm**

**St Andrew's Church Long Street**

**Tickets**

**£12 on the door**

**from choir members**

**Devizes Bookshop**

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

[www.devizeschamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.devizeschamberchoir.org.uk)  
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**Monday 7th April 7.30pm  
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with Market Lavington  
& Easterton WI

For further information please contact:  
[westlavpres@wiltshirewi.org](mailto:westlavpres@wiltshirewi.org)  
01380 813512

All wo/men welcome  
Guest Fee will be £5  
including tea & coffee  
Please bring any Churchill  
or WW2 memorabilia  
you may have



**The Wit & Wisdom of Winston Churchill**  
**Thursday April 10th at 7pm**  
**West Lavington Village Hall**

Drawing on the wealth of humorous stories,  
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Man voted the People's Greatest Briton  
by a BBC poll in 2002, Stewart Linford  
amuses, informs and entertains.

With an interactive style, dressed and speaking  
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**Saturday April 12th**

**Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm**  
**Members Free - Guests £5**

**TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMP**

**8th - 10th APRIL**  
**15th - 17th APRIL**

**£30  
A DAY**



**Join us for lots of tennis-related fun  
and games for 3-11 years this Easter**

DEVIZES TENNIS CLUB  
LONDON ROAD DEVIZES SN10 2DL

<https://tinyurl.com/dtc-easter25>



**Dates  
for your  
Diary**

Market  
Lavington  
Museum

**9th April Volunteer Training**  
*Please email for more information*  
[admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk)

**25th April Museum Miscellany**  
Market Lavington Community Hall  
*Details elsewhere in magazine*

**3rd May Museum opens 14.30-16.30**  
*Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday every week*

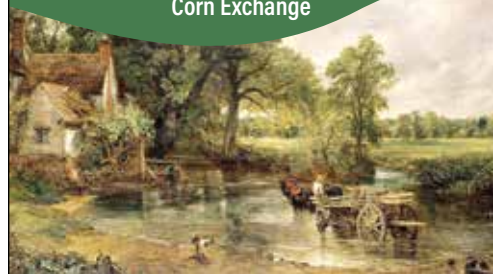
**29th October - closes for the winter**



**Wednesday 16th April**  
**Starts 10.45am**

**Fakes & Fortunes**

Sarah Cove  
Devizes  
Corn Exchange



Sarah Cove ACR founded the Constable Research Project  
in conjunction with the V&A Museum in 1986 to study John Constable's  
materials and techniques from a technical and scientific viewpoint.

Sarah was instrumental in the attribution of 3 significant  
Constable oils for BBC1's Fake or Fortune?

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

Membership from October to February is £50  
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The Arts Society Devizes  
[www.theartsocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartsocietydevizes.org)

**LAVINGTON & DISTRICT  
GARDENING CLUB**

**Wednesday 16th April 7:15pm**  
**West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4H**

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



**Clematis and Climbers**

**Marcel Floyd**

**of 'Floyds Clematis and Climbers'**

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## Baby & Toddler Day at Devizes library

Find out about local services and support for you and your children

**Friday 25 April**  
10am to 1.00pm

Do you have a baby or are you expecting one soon? Do you have a toddler and are looking for local activities, support or advice? Drop into the library, where professionals will be on hand to offer advice and support for you and your family.



- The Big Brush Club - NHS toothbrushing support programme
- Family Hub Navigators - with local information and advice
- Wiltshire Parent Carer Council - represents and supports parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 in Wiltshire
- Free Bookstart resources and information
- Free library activities and reading support

For more information contact: 01380 826190  
email: [libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Everyone attending will receive a lovely free book for your children (while stock lasts)



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Save  
the date  
**Friday  
25th  
April**

## Market Lavington Museum's Annual Miscellany

7.30pm at Market Lavington Community Hall

*Join us for an evening of entertainment  
with a variety of talks on local history  
and a taste of some historical recipes*

Food included and a paying bar & raffle

Tickets £8 from St Arbucks, Devizes Books.  
pay at the door or email below to reserve  
[admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk)



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Sellers from 6.30am  
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or 8.30am (£5)



**ALL SAINTS NEEDS YOU**  
OUR CHURCHYARD NEEDS SOME TLC  
Turn up with trowels, weeding tools,  
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**SATURDAY 10th MAY 10am - 4pm**  
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you help smarten the churchyard up*  
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Doors open 2pm, show starts 2.30pm  
Tickets: £6 each or 3 for £15  
Tickets to be purchased in advance  
Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!  
For tickets and more information please contact:  
St Arbuck's - Market Lavington, Devizes Books - Devizes  
Sue Hamlin Tel: 07973414601, Mike Gaiger Tel: 07789557859

## DEVIZES TOWN BAND presents *Springtime Serenade*

**Sunday 27th April at 2.30pm**  
Devizes Corn Exchange

Tickets £10 U16 £5  
From Devizes Books &  
[www.devizetownband.com](http://www.devizetownband.com)



Miss Glossop's  
Weekend Break  
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Between  
Mouthfuls  
by Alan Ayckbourn

**TWO PLAYS  
& A PUDDING**  
MAY 15th, 16th & 17th  
Bratton Jubilee Players



Bratton Jubilee Hall, Bratton BA13 4RW  
Doors & bar open 7pm Curtain up 7.30pm

**TICKETS £12** Includes a pudding  
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**FRIDAY 30 MAY - SUNDAY 15 JUNE**

**MUSIC - ALL SORTS**

**COMEDY - LOTS OF LAUGHS**

**TALKS & WALKS**

**DRAMA & WORKSHOPS**

**BOOK ONLINE** [www.devizesartfestival.co.uk](http://www.devizesartfestival.co.uk)  
**BOX OFFICE** at Devizes Books - 07833 342067  
28th April - 14th June



## Local Elections 2025



**Deadline for registering to vote – 11 April, midnight**



**Deadline to apply for new postal vote – 14 April, 5pm**



**Deadline to apply for new proxy vote – 23 April, 5pm**



**Deadline to apply for voter authority certificate (if you have no photo ID) – 23 April, 5pm**



**Polling day – 1 May, 7am - 10pm**

[wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections](http://wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections)

**Wiltshire Council**

### Don't forget to vote on May 1st!

Elections will take place on Thursday 1st May for 98 Unitary Wiltshire Councillors and for the councillors in the Parish and Town Councils in Wiltshire. The key dates for the elections are:

- You have until midnight on **Friday 11th April** to register to vote, if not already registered.
- You have until **5pm on Monday 14th April** to apply for a postal vote, or to change or cancel an existing postal or proxy vote. Apply to vote by post at: [www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote) If you are given a postal vote, you will not be able to vote in person at these elections.
- You have until 5pm on **Wednesday 23rd April** to apply for a new proxy vote (for someone to vote on your behalf) or to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if you don't have photo ID. You can apply to vote by proxy at: [www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote) If you appoint a proxy, you can vote if you wish, but **ONLY** if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf and has not got a postal vote for you.

You will only be asked to vote in a Parish Council election if there are more candidates than the number of vacancies. If so, you will be given a ballot at the polling station.

Polls are open on **Thursday 1st May from 7am - 10pm**. The election results will be confirmed on **Friday 2nd to Saturday 3rd May**.

If you are registered to vote, a poll card should have been sent to you a few weeks ago. This tells you where your polling station will be. You do not need your poll card to vote although it will help the staff at the polling station if you bring it with you. **You must bring your photo ID with you to vote at the polling station.**

For more details on postal and proxy votes, and Voter Authority Certificates, contact:

#### Electoral Services

Wiltshire Council

County Hall

Bythesea Road

Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Email: [elections@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Telephone: **0300 456 0112**

## 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](mailto:dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk)** or by phone on **07585 394 178**.

As mentioned last month, by the time you read this we will have entered the pre-election period where certain restrictions are placed on communications to ensure they remain politically neutral. Since I am standing for re-election as a Wiltshire Councillor, I wanted to tread carefully and so I thought it best to keep this month's update brief..., very brief!

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve my community as your local Wiltshire Councillor since May 2021. We are blessed to live in such a wonderful part of Wiltshire but also in a democratic society, one that many before us died to protect. Whatever your feelings on politics or public service, please use your democratic right to vote on 1st May, whoever you vote for!

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

This is an SOS call from the Chairman to all villagers to be involved in their community, especially in the following:

**Emergency Committee:** We need volunteers to help on an Emergency Committee. More information is available from our website. The more volunteers we can recruit, the merrier!

**Neighbourhood Planning Group:** We are forming a Neighbourhood Planning Group to help protect the village from overzealous developers. We are also going to define the village boundary,

hopefully in conjunction with Little Cheverell. Volunteers are needed for this.

We need seven villagers to sit on the Parish Council, who we hope will stand as candidates in the local elections on May 1st, as advertised in last month's News and Views. The deadline for submitting nomination papers to be a Parish Council candidate is **April 2nd**.

If you can help your village, please contact either the Parish Clerk on:

**[parishclerk@greatcheverell.org](mailto:parishclerk@greatcheverell.org), or the Chairman on [parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org](mailto:parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org)**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 7th April, at 7pm** in the Pavilion. All residents are welcome to attend the meetings and there is always a public participation opportunity. Agendas and minutes can be found on the Parish Council website at: <https://www.greatcheverell.org/>

**Contact for all enquires: [parishclerk@greatcheverell.org](mailto:parishclerk@greatcheverell.org)**

News this month is that our long-awaited Speed Indicator Device poles are being installed. These are the signs that flash your speed and tell you to slow down if you are going too fast. We are receiving two poles, one at the southern end of the village near Rickbarton for northbound traffic and one by the Littleton Panell bus stop for southbound traffic. In addition, our Speed Watch initiative has restarted, and the first one hour session saw 288 cars of which four were over 35mph and three were doing 43 mph. The Parish Council has lobbied the police for enforcement visits which are now taking place. These are three important practical measures that we hope will have an impact on reducing speed within the village.

You will have read that there are a number of road closures around the area for various works. Each time, we receive a number of messages asking for details. The source of knowledge is this website <https://one.network/> This is where all approved road works are posted, now and into the future. We will of course continue to provide details of roadworks on our website and our social media feed.

You may have heard that the Royal Artillery Hunt found its way into our Remembrance Avenue a couple of weeks ago. The reason for this is that the gate at the northwest end of the avenue has been stolen. This is the second time in a year that gates have been stolen from this memorial to the fallen. This will cost us - by that I mean all of us who pay Council Tax - approximately £500. If anyone has any information about the theft please do contact us or the police.

We contacted the Hunt about their presence in the Avenue and they told us their incursion was accidental and caused by the missing gate. The Hunt Master wrote *"I would like to apologise unreservedly for our presence there. It was in no way meant to be disrespectful"*. On inspection we found no damage or any mess, so we consider this matter closed.

Local elections take place on **Thursday 1st May** and that will include both Wiltshire Council and Parish Councils. Because of this, there are changes to our dates in May. The Parish Council meeting will now be on **15th May** and the Parish Annual Meeting, which is where the Parish Council reports activities to residents, is on **28th May**. You can find more details and key dates about the local elections elsewhere in this News and Views. Please vote, it is important for everyone to have their voice heard.

**Cllr Peter West, Chair WLPC**

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

Next Meeting: **Thursday 3rd April at 7pm** in the Giles room of the Village Hall

### A Parish Council Thank You:

to **Cllr. Lorna Gough** for her work in reinstating Community Speed Watch, and to our Wiltshire Councillor **Dominic Muns** for his work on road safety, particularly around Black Dog crossroads.



### West Lavington Planning Matters

**Wisteria Cottage, 77 High Street, Littleton Panell:** improvements to driveway

**The Willows, 11 Russell Mill Lane, Littleton Panell:** single storey extension

### LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday 15th May at 7pm** in the Village Hall.

The annual village meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22nd April at 6pm** in the Village Hall. This is an opportunity to come and meet your Parish Councillors and for them to listen to your views. This helps the Council to plan its direction over the coming 12 months, taking on board your priorities.

As is traditional in Little Cheverell, this will be a social event and the bar will be open, first drink on the Parish Council.



### Little Cheverell Village Hall

The Village Hall now has a fully licensed bar for entertainment and alcohol. The new heating system is operating now and the building is warm and cosy.

We have a number of events planned which you will find at <https://www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk/> under the Events menu.

The Hall is open for private hire at reasonable rates - please do give us a shout if you have something in mind and discuss your requirements. Contact **Barbara Phillips** at [littlecheverellvhall@gmail.com](mailto:littlecheverellvhall@gmail.com) or make contact via the above website. The Hall has an attractive outdoor area which is a great backdrop for photos.



## HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



**Our Spring Music Concert** was a fantastic celebration of talent, commitment and enthusiasm, with every musician delivering remarkable performances. From joyful singing to impressive instrumental pieces, the children showcased their hard work and musical growth. A big thank you to our peripatetic teachers who work so hard to ensure the very best outcomes for our children, and to our families for their wonderful support, making a memorable evening together.

**World Book Day:** Our annual Book Swap, lead by the Reading Leaders, was a huge success with most children taking home more than one pre-loved book. The chat and buzz around the books and the sight of so many children sharing their new book with friends was fantastic. Displayed in our foyer is a library of front covers and 'blurbs' representing every single child's favourite book.

**Maths IS Everywhere:** It was great to welcome parents to this workshop, led by Mr Gyllenspetz. We want to give our children a sound understanding of the basic foundations of maths so that they can then apply these in more complex and real-life situations. Most of the maths we use in our adult everyday lives we use without really thinking of it as maths. It is an essential skill that children will need and use throughout their lives, whatever their chosen career.

**A team from Guide Dogs** visited our school: the children learned more about the special bond of trust and loyalty, and the vital role guide dogs play in supporting independence. In small groups, the children explored what it is like to be visually impaired using VI adapted glasses, an obstacle course in the hall guiding a friend, choosing food for supper and a coin sorting exercise, and writing their names using braille sheets. Guide Dogs is a school council chosen charity, working to inform and raise awareness of this life-enhancing work.

In the coming weeks we welcome **Concerto! West of England Youth Orchestra** to the school, to further expand our Diversity Project with a Holi Colour Parade, have a Mother's Day celebration with cakes and posies, an Easter service at St Peter's Church and a PFA Dog Show on Friday 16th May at 3pm!

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

**Anna Woodman**  
Headteacher

## DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Spring is finally here! Our grounds are alive with blossom and our Forest School is bursting into life. The children are so happy when they are outside and lap up the sunshine as if they are sunflowers, turning towards the sun to take in the warmth!

**Pre-school consultation:** Having worked closely with everyone at Lavington Preschool over the years, we are now in the early stages of consulting to have them join our school officially, under the DAPS umbrella, as a part of EQUA Mead Learning Trust. This is such an exciting step for us all, joining together and creating a consistent and nurturing environment that supports children's development from the earliest stages through to Year 6.

With both settings already sharing a site and benefiting from a strong, working relationship, this merger represents a natural and positive progression. It would strengthen the continuity of education and care, reduce transitions for children and families, and enable a more cohesive curriculum approach. Furthermore, the integration would allow for shared resources and expertise, fostering professional collaboration among staff while enhancing the sense of community and belonging for families. Ultimately, this merger would create even greater opportunities for children to thrive and succeed. It is definitely an exciting time for us all!

**Mother's Day assembly:** We held a wonderful assembly in school for all our fabulous mothers and special someones which was packed to the rafters. The children showed off their singing, poems and pictures. It is wonderful to be able to invite our families into school and the children beam with pride performing in front of the school and their loved ones.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs:** Our after-school clubs are proving so popular that we have waiting lists for many of them! This year the children have had the choice between Judo, Football, Netball, Multi-Sports, Art Club, Young Voices Choir, Construction Club and Music Club. Many of our clubs are free of charge which allows the children to experience new activities and sports. Our wrap-around care is open from 7.30am – 5.45pm, offering essential additional care to the families that require it.

Being brave enough to try new things is a lifelong skill and one that we promote at DAPS in every way we can. If you think DAPS could be of interest to your child and you are considering an in-year transfer (we have a handful of places in our EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 classes), or you are new to the area and starting to look for a place for your little one for September, please do come and take a look around.

**Philippa Winbolt** Headteacher



We have had an exciting Term 4 with lots of fun learning. The children were very excited when we had a delivery of ten eggs in an incubator and they chose to make lots of wonderful pictures to help encourage the chicks to hatch. We have been very lucky as we had seven chicks hatch, four yellow and three grey. We have been looking at the life cycle of the chicken and the children have been very creative making an array of chicken pictures.

We held our Eco Green week, when the children helped to create recycling boxes for paper,

plastic, cardboard and crisp packets. We discussed why it is important to recycle our rubbish. We went out litter picking onto Lavington Playing Field and would like to thank Wiltshire Council for kindly donating the high viz jackets, gloves, bags and litter pickers for the children.

We celebrated Red Nose Day and the children gave voluntary donations of £1.00 and wore something red. They decorated biscuits to create a red nose biscuit which they really enjoyed eating. We spoke with the children about Red Nose Day and the importance of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We made Easter cards for all the residents of Dauntsey House Care Home which we delivered to the residents together with some biscuits. The children enjoyed singing some Easter songs to the residents.

We would like to thank all our families for their continued support, and wish everyone a Happy Easter.

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



At Old School Nursery we have recently celebrated **World Book Day**. All of the children and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books and we had a lovely day sharing books and completing fun-filled activities related to different books.

The children have been learning about their teeth and we had a visit from Urchfont Dental practice. The dentists showed the children how to clean their teeth, using a sand timer to make sure they were cleaned for the right amount of time. They provided some learning activities to help children discover which foods are kind to their teeth. They kindly gave the children a goody bag to take home with lots of learning challenges to complete. The children have been looking at plastic teeth and cleaning them with real toothbrushes and tooth paste. They have experienced the smell and the texture of the toothpaste as they have explored this activity.



**For St David's Day** the children had the opportunity to take a close look at daffodils and leeks that had been placed in the large tough tray and around the classroom. Some of the children decided to paint their own daffodils and we have some beautiful paintings around the Nursery walls.

We have started to plant flowers and herbs around the nursery ready for Springtime. The children have loved digging in the soil and watering the plants each day. During this time we can talk to the children about life cycles and growth. We will be using the herbs in our cooking activities.

We are fortunate to have the library van visit Great Cheverell and it parks right next to the Nursery. The children take turns to visit the library van and to choose books to share in the Nursery. This is a wonderful service and a great adventure for the children when they climb aboard.

We currently have spaces available for 2 year-olds. If you book a space by the end of March there will be no £30 registration fee. Please contact us on **01380 812418** or email **oldschoolmanager@southhillsschool.com** to book a visit.



## Booming Along

### Turning into our parents

I realised I had turned into my mother as I emptied my purse and counted out the exact money for a small purchase at Tesco. The assistant sighed, rolled her eyes and the queue shuffled restlessly as I gathered up my item and the loose change. I remember so well my exasperation as my mother did exactly this.

When we are young, our parents are everything. They're our heroes, our founts of knowledge and our protectors. When we become teenagers they're just embarrassing; we don't want to be seen out with them. Their calls of 'turn that music down', 'We're not Blackpool illuminations', and the guarding of the heating controls, lest we turn it up a degree or two, just seemed irritating.

My parents fought in WW2 and were brought up with rationing and shortages, so they didn't waste anything. One Christmas at my brother's, Mum had helped clear up after dinner and my sister-in-law Annie opened her fridge to find numerous Tupperware dishes, containing two Brussels sprouts, one roast potato, a bit of stuffing etc. She said 'Jean, the war's over' and threw it all away, whilst my mother tut-tutted.

When my parents moved to more manageable accommodation in their 70s, my brother and I spent all day going backwards and forwards to the tip. There were probably about 40 glass jars for jam-making, except my mother never made jam. There were numerous plastic kitchen items, all with a hole burnt in them - she'd place them on the stove forgetting the pilot light. Dad had tools he'd never used and bits and bobs of wood, chicken wire and rusty bolts. His mantra was 'they'll come in useful one day'.

I now find myself turning the heating down and putting on a jumper, turning off lights and not wasting food. Batch-making soup is a wonderful way to use up left overs. Bread pudding and bread and butter pudding are excellent ways of using up stale bread and that Lockdown staple, banana bread, is ideal for bananas on the turn. I made so much banana bread during Lockdown, I'm sure Wiltshire Council could have used it to fill their potholes.

My parents would be proud of me.

**Annemarie Seager**



## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

### Love so amazing

The crucifixion of Jesus was the supreme manifestation of human malice and hatred. Those who plotted his demise knew he hadn't done anything to deserve being executed upon a cross. Jesus proclaimed a message of love and showed that love in action by healing the sick and feeding the hungry. The ordinary people flocked to hear Jesus' preaching. That was the problem. The Jewish religious establishment was afraid that if

this Jesus movement took off, they would lose their position in society. Innocent though he was, Jesus had to go.

There was only room for one king in the Roman Empire. It was on that basis the religious leaders manipulated the governor of Judea, Pontus Pilate, into having Jesus put to death. *"If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend"* they cried. *"Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."* Sure enough, Pilate handed over Jesus to be crucified. It was customary to attach a charge sheet to the cross of a crucified man. Jesus' read 'The King of the Jews'.

We could see this as one of countless miscarriages of justice that have happened over the course of history to this day. What makes the crucifixion of Jesus unique is that this condemned man was the Son of God. The miracles he performed were signposts to his divine power. Why did Christ not use the power by which he healed the sick and raised the dead to extricate himself from being crucified? Jesus described his God-given mission to his followers in these words: *"Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Jesus died for our sins that we may be forgiven and be put right with God. Yes, the cross of Jesus was an act of vile hatred on the part of his enemies. But more profoundly, it was a stunning revelation of the love of God. Paul could reflect *"I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

Isaac Watts's hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' is often sung in church services at Eastertime. The hymn concludes on a note of wonder at the love of Jesus for his people:

*'Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.'*

**Guy Davies**

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

## OLD CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH

### Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our living Lord!

In Matthew 28, two grieving women came to the Lord's tomb to prepare His body for burial. An angel appeared to them and told them that Christ had risen from the dead. In verse 8 we read, *"And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples."* Why joy? They thought Jesus was the Messiah, yet they saw Him die. Everything they'd hoped for had been lost. Now He was alive!

He rose from the dead, so now we too have assurance. We can have unwavering faith for this life and eternity beyond because of the assurances given in the resurrection of Jesus.

Christ's resurrection assures us that we serve a living God. When He rose, Christ validated everything He taught. So we can believe Him when He says, *"The one who has seen Me has seen the Father"* (John 14:9).

That we have eternal salvation. With our God, salvation is not the result of our works, but a gift from the Father. It is the unconditional love of God shown in the sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus Christ, that makes possible our place in heaven.

Of life beyond the grave: The future holds more than any temporary comfort or pleasure. We can believe with confidence that there's eternal life because the Lord Jesus Christ paved the way.

That we too will be resurrected: Paul describes the death of the believer as being *"absent from the body ... home with the Lord"* (2 Corinthians 5:8). And when Christ returns, our bodies, and the bodies of all who died in Christ, will receive resurrection life, as body and soul are reunited in a glorified body.

That we can face all our tomorrows triumphantly: Jesus said to Mary and Martha, *"The one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies"* (John 11:25). We have the blessed promise of His comfort and strength as we face the future. Because Jesus rose from the dead and the Holy Spirit is living on the inside of us.

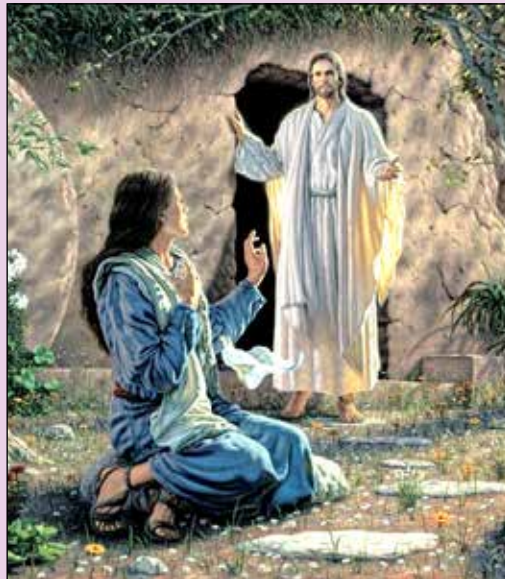
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## TRINITY CHURCH

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

<b>April 6th</b>	Trinity Church Service Led by Mrs Isabel Smears
<b>April 13th</b>	United Palm Sunday Service at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington, Led by Revd Graham Warmington
<b>April 20th</b>	Trinity Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd Gary Gotham
<b>April 27th</b>	United Church Service at St Mary's Church, Market Lavington Led by Revd Tom MacMeekin

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

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

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

APRIL	
<b>Wed 2nd:</b>	North Wilts Arts Society: German artists and WW2. Assembly Hall, Melksham 11am
<b>Wed 2nd - Sat 5th:</b>	Devizes Musical Theatre presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Dauntsey's School, WL. Tickets £16, £13 children from Devizes Books and from <a href="http://www.devizesmusicaltheatre.co.uk">www.devizesmusicaltheatre.co.uk</a>
<b>Thurs 3rd:</b>	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room WLVH, 7pm.
<b>Sat 5th:</b>	Devizes Chamber Choir Spring Concert, St Andrew's Church, Long St. Devizes 7.30pm, Tickets £12 on the door, from Choir members, Devizes Books or <a href="http://ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir">ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir</a>
<b>Sat 5th - Sun 6th:</b>	Devizes Lions Sports Coaching weekend
<b>Mon 7th:</b>	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, GC Pavilion, 7pm Cafe Scientifique '10 Reasons to be a Living Kidney Donor'. 7.30pm at Great Cheverell Village Hall
<b>Tues 8th:</b>	Cheverell's Garden Club meeting 'Fuchsias my way', GCVH, 7.30pm.
<b>Wed 9th:</b>	Market Lavington Museum Volunteer Training
<b>Thurs 10th:</b>	WL WI meeting: 'The Wit and Wisdom of Winston Churchill', WLVH, 7pm
<b>Fri 11th:</b>	Deadline for registering to vote in Local elections on May 1st
<b>Sat 12th:</b>	Film Club at the Pavilion, Great Cheverell. Door open 7pm
<b>Mon 14th:</b>	Deadline for requesting a postal vote in Local elections on May 1st
<b>Wed 16th:</b>	Devizes Arts Society 'Fakes and Fortunes', Corn Exchange, Devizes, 11am. Please be seated by 10.45am. Guests £8 Lavington and District Gardening Club meeting 'Clematis and Climbers'. WLVH, 7.15 for 7.30pm start
<b>Fri 18th - Mon 21st:</b>	Easter weekend
<b>Tues 22nd:</b>	Little Cheverell Annual Village Meeting, LCVH 6pm

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

<b>Fri 25th:</b>	Market Lavington Museum Annual Miscellany. MLCH 7.30pm Tickets £8 Baby and Toddler Day, Devizes Library, 10am - 1pm
<b>Sat 26th - Sun 27th</b>	West Kington Nurseries Public Plant Sale, SN14 7JQ. Sat 9am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 4pm. <a href="http://wknurseries.co.uk">wknurseries.co.uk</a> 01249 782822
<b>Sun 27th:</b>	Charity Fashion Show in aid of the Nestling Trust, MLCH, Doors open 2pm for 2.30pm. Tickets £6 or 3 for £15, to be bought in advance from St Arbuck's or Devizes Books. St Peter's Church, GC Annual Parochial Meeting, after 11am service. Devizes Town Band Springtime Serenade concert, Corn Exchange, 2.30pm. Tickets £10, U16 £5
MAY	
<b>Thur 1st</b>	Local parish and Wiltshire Council elections
<b>Sat 3rd:</b>	Tuesday Club Table Top Sale, MLCH, 10.00 - 11.30am Market Lavington Museum opens Sats, Weds and Suns until 29th Oct. 2.30 - 4.30pm
<b>Sun 4th:</b>	Plant Fair, Great Chalfield Manor, 10.00am - 4pm, Adults £5, children free
<b>Tues 6th:</b>	Meet Wessex Water, Devizes Library, 10am - 12 noon, and 1-2pm
<b>sat 10th:</b>	Churchyard Tidy Up, All Saints WL, 10am - 4pm. Cancer Research UK Stert Country House Collectibles and Car Boot Sale, Manor Farm, Stert, Devizes SN10 3JD Sellers from 6.30am, buyers from 7.30am (£10) or 8.30am (£5) Edington Arts 'A Night at the Opera', Edington Priory, 7.30pm. Tickets £11-£25
<b>Tues 13th - Sun 18th:</b>	Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival, The Spirit of Water Tickets: Adults £17, 5-18 years £7
<b>Thurs 15th:</b>	WL Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WLVH, 7pm Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7pm
<b>Wed 28th:</b>	Annual Parish meeting, West Lavington, WLVH.

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

**Art Group:** Thursday mornings, Giles Room, WL Village Hall, 9.30am - midday  
**Cafe Scientifique:** *usually* first Monday of the month, 7.30pm, The Raven , Poulshot  
*This month 7th April at Great Cheverell Village Hall*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lavington and District Swimming Club:** Sundays 3.30-5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm, Thursdays 6.30am-7.30 am, Dauntsey's School Pool. 22nd April to 1st July 2025.

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

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

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

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

**Rhyme Time: for babies through to pre-schoolers,** 1st and 3rd Fridays of month, including holidays. 10.15 - 10.45am, Market Lavington Library. NB April: Friday 11th April only.

**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,

**West Lavington Youth Club:** West Lavington Youth Club: Mondays 6-8pm Year 8 (12 yrs+), Tuesdays 6-8pm Year 7 (11 years), Wednesdays 6 -8pm Years 4-6, (Primary) WL Village Hall

**Whist Drive:** Every Friday, Great Cheverell Village Hall 1.30pm

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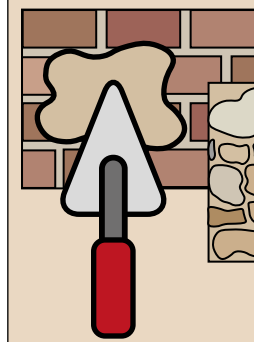
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