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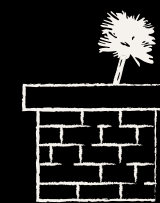
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FROM THE EDITOR

It's something of a minor miracle to me that this May edition of News and Views has appeared at all, let alone on time. I was hit by a horrendous coughing bug in the first week of April and have been relegated to my pit for much of the last three weeks, with no energy and barely functioning brain cells. But here we are, despite all that, thanks in no small measure to the unstinting support of our terrific designer Annemarie Seager. I hope this issue finds you totally bug free and ready to take part in all the myriad events in

May, what with two Bank Holidays and VE Day 80!

Enjoy the lovely weather apparently coming our way, having had your say in the local elections. Any errors in this edition are entirely down to me and my bug!

Sue Bonney - Editor

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND BENEFICE

Regular worship in our sister churches

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

Churchwardens

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

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

Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Great Cheverell St Peter's	Little Cheverell St Peter's
Sunday 4th May	10.30 am Benefice Service All Saints' Church West Lavington				
Sunday 11th May		9.00 am Breakfast Church	10.30 am United Service	11.00 am Simple Celebration	
Sunday 18th May	10.30 am Benefice BCP Communion St Peter's Church Little Cheverell				
Sunday 25th May		9.30 am Praise & Worship	10.30 am United Service Rogation	Rogation Service followed by BBQ	
Sunday 1st June	10.30 am Benefice Service Communion St Mary's Church Market Lavington				

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

The bells of St Peter's Great Cheverell, All Saints West Lavington and St Mary's Market Lavington will be ringing on the evening of Thursday 8th May to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Benefice 200 Club

April Draw

The winner of the April draw of the Benefice 200 Club is another resident of Easterton, Peter Parmee. Congratulations Peter.

Bonnie Matters bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk

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 Peter Carr who is a Lay Worship Leader and member of the congregation in Great Cheverell.

St. Peter was originally named Simon, and was a member of a group of Galilean fishermen some of whom were called to the faith by Jesus. Simon was a powerful and extrovert character, and Jesus gave him the name 'Peter' meaning 'rock', saying symbolically "on this rock I will build my church". A defining moment for Peter, and identifying him as a corner-stone of the early Christian movement.

As leader of the disciples, he witnessed many of the key moments of Jesus's ministry, including the transfiguration and the agony of Gethsemane. Peter is best known for his deep, though sometimes faltering faith – he famously denied knowing Jesus three times in Gethsemane – during events leading up to the crucifixion. Peter was also impetuous but, despite the odd human weakness, he demonstrated an extraordinarily deep faith.

After the resurrection, he was forgiven and restored by Jesus who instructed him to "feed my sheep", importantly commissioning him as leader of the early church. In doing so, Peter preached boldly and travelled widely performing healings and conversions, and helped to establish the church in Jerusalem and beyond. His travels ended with his martyrdom in Rome, where he was arrested, condemned to death by Emperor Nero, and crucified.

Our church of St. Peter's, Great Cheverell, reflects his legacy of faith and perseverance, and serves as a place of worship and community. His story of doubt, redemption and ultimate deep devotion resonates with all Christians making him a fitting Patron for this place of faith and worship.

We shall be celebrating St. Peter with a Flower Festival over the weekend of 28th/29th June, as well as a Teddy Bear Zip Wire Event on the Saturday and a Patronal service at 10.30am on the Sunday. All are welcome.

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Benefice Administrator: **Beth Warren**

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

GOOD NEWS

The Bell in Great Cheverell has been bought by new owners and following some alterations, should be open for business quite soon.

VILLAGE LINK

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Edington arts

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Saturday 10th May at 7.30pm
Edington Priory Church



The Programme includes some of the loveliest arias from operas by composers ranging from Mozart through Bizet, Wagner, Verdi, Rossini, Gounod, Offenbach and Puccini, and even includes some classic Gilbert and Sullivan, Leonard Bernstein and Johann Strauss. Most of the pieces will be familiar, but there are some which are less well known.

Our four great soloists are: **Anna Sideris-Dupuy, soprano; Beatrice Sideris-Dupuy, mezzo; William Diggle, tenor; and Thomas Bennett, bass.** Their accompanist is **Edward Picton-Turbervill.**

The full programme is on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org, where you can choose your seats and buy tickets. Alternatively you can phone **Chrissy on 01380 831256.** Tickets are £11-£25; 18 and under come free.

The Three Daggers in Edington will be offering a pre-concert supper menu from 5 to 6.30pm: please book direct on **01380 830940.**

Betty Mitchell 1930 - 2024

Many of you would have known dear Betty Mitchell, a long standing resident of 21 Hedges House and latterly moving to 5 Sandfield, West Lavington. She passed away peacefully on the 13th October 2024 at the grand age of 94 years.

Betty touched many people's hearts in so many ways with her warm and welcoming demeanour. Originally from Yorkshire, the proudness of her roots never left her. She would absolutely beam when the accent she never lost was picked up and commented on. She had a renowned, well-stocked cupboard where Yorkshire Tea and Yorkshire water always took pride of place. There was always a cuppa and slice of cake and her favourite chocolate biscuits readily on offer for anyone lucky enough to visit and enjoy her excellent company. Betty possessed a feisty, sharp, and humorous wit, often delivered with a chuckle and twinkle in her eyes. Not much escaped them, despite suffering large inoperable cataracts in each! She was definitely no fool and the way she dealt with scamming phone calls was simply legendary - if anyone was there when one rang it would bring tears of laughter and amusement for all for days to come. She absolutely relished them!



Her love of gardening was infectious and many a visit to a garden centre was enjoyed looking for plants and bulbs keeping her busy and always looking forward to what season lay ahead. Weekly trips out for coffee at her favoured Table 31 in Devizes and shopping afterwards at Marks and Spencer were a highlight for all involved. Betty always made a positive and cheerful impression wherever she went, often giving out bars of chocolate in appreciation of any help she received, which always brought a smile to the surprised recipient. Her stoic attitude to coping with her significant health issues were worthy of the highest accolade and particular gratitude must go to the team at Courtyard Surgery and Nunton Ward at Salisbury Hospital, and in particular her compassionate haematologist Dr Louise Gamble, for their excellent care, enabling her to live the fullest life she did. The many lovely heartfelt messages received from friends and people that knew her brought

much comfort to those that simply just chose to lovingly care and help her in any way they could and be a part of her daily life.

We have arranged for a bench in fondest memory of Betty to be placed in Roberts Playground, West Lavington. United as promised with her beloved and sadly departed only daughter Beverley Yates, and accompanying the existing bench she previously gave in dedication of George Light, who was her faithful and much-cherished companion for many years. We are hoping to have a gathering of friends once it is safely installed to remember this remarkable and very special lady and any that wish to be involved are welcome to attend. I know this bench will be a much welcomed addition to Roberts Playground and will be enjoyed by all in a village where she was truly loved and was a cherished part of the community for so many years.

If you would like to be kept updated on this, please contact:

Jayne Nicholson on 07984 677413 or
Kerry Barratt @ kbarratt35@hotmail.com or
Peter Blundell @ pbundell@westlavington.org.uk

CHEVERELLS; GARDEN CLUB

The April talk at the Cheverells Garden Club was by **Derek Dexter**, a renowned fuchsia grower. He was a very entertaining and engaging speaker who gave us lots of very useful tips and also brought lots of lovely plants for us to buy!

The talk on the **13th May** is all about **carnivorous plants** by the specialist grower **Denis Balsdon** - a very green method of removing unwanted flies and pests from the house! It's in Great Cheverell village hall beginning at 7.30pm - everyone is welcome.

The very popular annual garden club plant sale is on **Saturday May 17th, 10am - 12noon**, where there will be lots of lovely plants, tea, coffee and lovely, home made cake!

If you have any questions, please email me at:
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**.

Pre-loved Fashion Event

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st May, Marlborough Town Hall

A two-day sustainable fashion event in Marlborough will promote the use of pre-loved clothes as well as raise money for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. The Pre-loved Fashion Event, at Marlborough Town Hall on **Tuesday May 20th and Wednesday May 21st**, will showcase the importance of re-using clothes. The centrepiece of the event at **7pm on Tuesday** will be a fashion show featuring models wearing donated garments highlighting how choosing the right pre-loved clothes can be just as stylish and fashionable as buying new.

Anyone buying a £25 ticket to the fashion show will receive a glass of wine on arrival and exclusive access to the pre-loved sale featuring dozens of rails of nearly-new designer clothes, accessories and jewellery at bargain prices.

The pre-loved sale continues on **Wednesday from 9.30am to 3pm**, where entry is free. Tickets are available from wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events.

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (WBVT) provides a free home security service and online safety service for over 60s, and over 18s with a registered disability, and people experiencing domestic abuse throughout Wiltshire and Swindon. The charity funds the operation of three Bobby vans providing mobile workshops for Bobby operators to secure homes. Its team of Stay Safe Online Volunteers offer one to one home visits and community talks on online safety.



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May in the Garden - and the magic of Hawthorn

May is a glorious month in the garden — full of promise, colour, and life. With longer days and rising warmth, there's plenty to do: sow tender annuals, plant out dahlias, and hoe weeds before they set seed. Slugs and snails are particularly active now, so protect young plants. And while the lawnmower may be calling, consider joining the **No Mow May** movement — and leave a small part of your lawn uncut to support bees and other pollinators.

Beyond the jobs list, May brings the hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) into bloom. This spiny native tree froths through the hedgerows with creamy white flowers and a musky, unforgettable scent. Beloved by bees and steeped in folklore, hawthorn is the true tree of May — and likely the root of the old saying, *'Ne'er cast a clout till May is out.'* The phrase warns not to shed your warm layers until the hawthorn blossom is out - not just the month - a nod to the unpredictability of British spring.



In folklore, hawthorn was sacred to the fairy realm, marking thresholds, crossroads, and wells. A lone tree was often a fairy tree, never to be cut, and bringing blossom indoors was said to invite misfortune. It was also a symbol of fertility and protection, central to May Day celebrations. So when you have tended to your garden, take a walk up Strawberry Hill, find some hawthorn: breathe in its wild scent and honour its magic.

Capability Charlotte

Upcoming Roadworks

The A360 is due to close in early May, as follows:

April 29th - May 2nd, 1900 to midnight: A360 from West Lavington Church Street Village Boundary to Tilshead.

May 6th - May 8th, 0930 to 1500: A360 from Rutts Lane to Gore Cross.

Both closures relate to road surface work.



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/>



Nearby NGS Open Gardens in May

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

Friday 16th:

Biddestone Manor, Chippenham Lane, Biddestone, SN14 7DJ.

11am - 4pm - Adm £8. Home-made teas and cakes. Refreshments in aid of Alzheimer's Support, Wiltshire. 5 acres of garden to enjoy. Lake, ponds, streams, arboretum, vegetable and cutting gardens and orchard. Formal front garden featuring box and yew topiary. Wheelchair access to most parts, a few steps.

Sunday 18th:

Knoyle Place, Holloway, East Knoyle, Salisbury, SP3 6AF. 2pm -5pm. Adm £10,

Very beautiful, elegant 9 acre garden created over 60 years. Above the house there are several acres of mature rhododendron and magnolia woodland planting. Box parterre, rose garden, vegetable garden and, around the house, a recently planted formal garden.

What3words app: theme.poets.gadget. *Turn off A350 into East Knoyle and follow signs to parking at Lower Lye. Walk 5 mins to Knoyle Place through village following signs.*

1 Southview, Wick Lane, Devizes, SN10 5DR. 1.30 - 4.30pm, Adm £5

An atmospheric and very long town garden, densely planted with pots near the house and large borders further up. It houses a collection of beautiful and often unusual plants, shrubs and trees, many with striking foliage. Colour from seasonal flowers is interwoven with this textural tapestry.



Trymnells, 1a Coxhill Lane, Potterne, Devizes, SN10 5PH. 12 - 5pm, Adm £5.

Trymnells garden was started eight years ago. It is now maturing and has many trees, shrubs, hedges and perennials. The garden is steep and slopes up from the property and reaches a steep bank at the very top. Sleepers, fences, walls and plants have imposed a sense of structure with bulbs and perennials providing wonderful colour. Parking at Potterne Village Hall, some space on drive for those with limited mobility.

Saturday 31st:

Eastwell Manor, Eastwell Road, Potterne, Devizes, SN10 5QG. 1.30 - 5pm Adm £8

Eastwell Manor was built by the family in 1570 and is representative of a small manorial estate with its own brew house, granary and stables. The garden, based on terraces, features a banqueting house against a backdrop of woodland, with wonderful views to Salisbury Plain

over water. Eastwell boasts various specialist trees and mature palms. There are uneven steps and limited wheelchair access. Homemade teas in aid of St Mary's Church, Potterne.

Conock Manor, Conock, Devizes, SN10 3QQ. 11am - 4pm. Adm £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. The garden utilises a ha-ha to sit comfortably in the surrounding wooded parkland with views out to the surrounding hills and the Alton Barnes chalk-horse. Soft lawn, some gravel paths. Teas, coffee, cold drinks, cakes & pastries.

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The Mothers' Union has continued to meet over the last two months. On 10th March we were delighted to welcome our speaker for the afternoon, Anna Spear, who spoke on the topic of 'Dementia and The Church'.

Anna's career began as a general nurse, and this broadened into the dementia field when she worked with families in our local area. She then became a Dementia Trainer. Anna explained the meaning of the different types of dementia. It is a progressive condition in which the brain cells die more quickly than happens with the normal ageing process. This results with the person struggling to remember things like names and dates and becoming confused. This then leads to difficulties with communication, as well as with mobility and perception. The four needs to be addressed in a person with dementia are physical, emotional, social, spiritual and attending church fits all these. People with dementia rely heavily on their family and friends and some will also need their Church Family.

At our meeting on 14th April we had a summary from Sandra Gamble, the Salisbury Diocese Mothers' Union President, of the recent visit to Sarum College, Salisbury of the Worldwide President Kathleen Snow. Kathleen gave a speech which included this encouragement: 'As Mothers' Union members we are strong, united and living in hope. I hear this when speaking to members around the world. The deep and abiding faith that we have is an encouragement to others in this bright-sad season of Lent, and we are witnesses when we share our joy on Easter morn. We know that he is risen and that He has made a place for us in heaven.

So let us walk this way together. Let us support one another in prayer, in worship and service. Let us be a force to end poverty, injustice and violence. We can and are making a difference in our walk with Him and with each other'.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 12th May** at 54 High Street, West Lavington, at 2.15pm. Our speaker, **Elaine Jeremiah**, will talk about mental health. Everyone is welcome, so please join us.

Jackie Knipe jack_knipe@hotmail.co.uk



We read daily of animals and birds driven to extinction, but here's one of the extinct species which could be regenerated. It's 10,000 years since there were woolly mammoths here on Planet Earth, but scientists in the US are working towards bringing it back from extinction. They have engineered mice to grow thick, warm coats by using DNA from mammoths remains. The future aim is to use this technique on elephants so that they become woolly mammoths.

Elephants in a California wildlife park demonstrated their remarkable intelligence recently. They can detect early warnings of earthquakes through their feet, and' during the 5.2 magnitude earthquake that shook Southern California last month, formed what is known as an 'alert circle' scrambling to protect their calves by surrounding them. In central Africa, 95% of the elephant population is slaughtered for their ivory. Their near extinction alters the whole eco system of the area. Nature must be allowed to restore its own balance and we must ensure that we assist Nature to survive and restore and nurture these fine balances. Another excellent series currently on BBC TV is 'The Americas' (both North and South), narrated by Tom Hanks, which demonstrates the fragile balances in the different eco systems.



Those readers who bought the Royal Mail's special Wildlife stamp issue will recognise how much of nature is around us and in our own gardens to enjoy. Now is the time that nestlings are becoming fledglings and are at their most vulnerable to predators, especially from corvids, grey squirrels, raptors and our own domestic moggies. Please do all you can to ensure that nestlings and fledglings are protected, the latter until they have learned to fly. Please also remember to keep your feeding stations and bird baths scrupulously clean because there is still avian flu about. Also, as reported in earlier years, be aware, especially if you are a bee keeper, that Asian hornets are now more prevalent. You can report sightings via the Asian Hornet app. Let us ensure our own habitats are safe for nurturing nature. On a visit to the Lake District last month the Princess of Wales told scouts of the healing benefits of Nature describing how she had found a very spiritual and very intense reconnection with nature.

Otis Tarda

West Lavington Manor Garden Open Day

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

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

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

The garden now has the special endorsement by the great man of gardens Monty Don, and was featured with the owners Andrew and Jordina chatting to Monty in the recent BBC Series British Gardens on 7th February (available on iPlayer).

Steeped in 500 years of history, with the backdrop of an amazing 15th century manor house, there are so many aspects of the garden to enjoy: creative topiary, an exquisite Japanese garden, rose garden, herbaceous borders, laburnum walk, chess garden, apple/pear/quince orchard, and a vineyard, all surrounding the most glorious lake with a superb duckhouse.

Activities will include welly boot throwing, kids treasure hunt on the flowers of Nepal, face painting, arts and crafts and Peter Rabbit will be back (watch out Mr. McGregor!). There will be a superb refreshments tent, home made cakes, scones, sandwiches, pork on the BBQ, Pimms, Prosecco and of course pots of tea and scones with jam and cream. Home made produce for sale, including jams from our orchard, Mallorcan marmalade, our organic home-made apple juice, honey and Spanish olive oil. Plus wonderful handmade items from Nepal and painted flower pots with plants from the West Lavington Youth Club.

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



For more details please look at our **insta@westlavingtonmanor** and for tickets and more information go to **<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/21466/west-lavington-manor>**

If you would like to volunteer on the day or bake a cake please contact me on **jordina.evins@gmail.com**

Jordina Evins & Andrew Doman



Summer Opening

Market
Lavington
Museum

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

29th July - 26th August
Activities for children

Look out for more information
in future editions of this magazine

29th October - closes for the winter

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Ruby Darbyshire

16:15-17:45

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Be Like Will

20:30-Finish

Train to Skaville



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Saturday 3rd May - Monday 5th May
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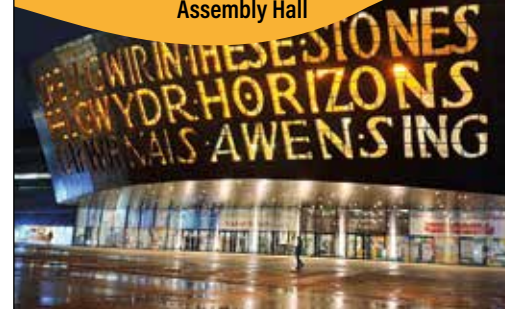
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Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm
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DAPS CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 16th MAY 7pm
Market Lavington Community Hall
Tickets £8.50 per person incl snacks
Maximum 8 in a team or
come on your own and join a team on the night
There's a bar - so leave the car
BOOK NOW daps-quiz-night-2025.eventbrite.com

KATS & KITS FINAL SALE
Saturday 17th May, 10am - 12 noon - 50p
Needham House (formerly Southfields)
Victoria Road, Devizes SN10 1FA

Sadly, not only are the cats getting older, but we are too!
The lifting and carrying for these sales is too much for us OAPs
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**CHEVERELL MAGNA
PARISH COUNCIL**
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
MONDAY 12th MAY
The New Pavilion
7.30pm
Meeting convened by
Cllr Paul Stevens Chairman

All residents are warmly invited to join us
MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS
and ask them questions
Find out about the Parish Council's activities
including the Neighbourhood Plan
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Hear from local groups and organisations
REFRESHMENTS

Miss Glossop's
Weekend Break
by Stuart Arden

Between
Mouthfuls
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Little Cheverell Fete
Saturday 17th May
12 noon - 5pm




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Streetscene

New Planters

New planters have been purchased for Streetscene situated at the bus shelter at entrance to Sandfield x2, & the one by the entrance to Orchard Place.

They are now in situ & have been planted up, they replaced the old barrels which fell apart.





VE Day 80 Local Celebrations

Up to 85,000,000 million people died during World War II. This includes both military personnel and civilians.

About 300,000 Allied troops were held as POWs in Germany and Poland.

3,060,000 German troops were held by the Russians,
1,094,250 dying in captivity.

Thursday May 8th

Raising the VE Day Flag in Potterne

Chilisbury Lane, Potterne. Meet on The Bash, in front of The George and Dragon at **8.50am** to view the flag raising at **9am**. There will be an optional Breakfast at **9.15am** at Potterne Social Club, with £4 tickets in advance from The George and Dragon, Potterne Social Club, or The Silver Street Shop. Organised by the Potterne branch of The Royal British Legion.

Bell ringing

The bells of St Peter's Great Cheverell, All Saints West Lavington and St Mary's Market Lavington will be ringing on the evening of **Thursday 8th May** to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Lighting the VE Day Beacon in Potterne

The VE Day Beacon will be lit on Court Hill in Potterne at **9.30pm**. Meet at The George and Dragon at 9pm. There will also be an optional Buffet Supper, between **7pm and 9pm**, at The George and Dragon, with £6.95 tickets in advance from The George and Dragon, Potterne Social Club, or The Silver Street Shop. The event is organised by the Potterne branch of The Royal British Legion.

Beacon Lighting on Roundway Hill, Devizes

There will be a special Beacon Lighting at The Roundway Hill White Horse. The Town Council and Wiltshire Army Cadet Force invite you to join them for a special ceremony, as part of the international celebrations to mark the eightieth anniversary of VE Day. Arrive from **8.45pm** for ceremonial and marching music from the Wiltshire Army Cadet Force. The Beacon Lighting will take place at **9.30pm**. Parking will be available if you take the LEFT fork towards Oliver's Camp. Otherwise you can park at the bottom of the hill and walk up, but it's recommended that you take a torch, as it will be dark when returning to your car.

Friday May 9th

Military Wives Choir in Seend

The Warminster Military Wives Choir is appearing at Seend Church on Friday 9th May. The doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. It's part of the celebration of eighty years since VE Day. Wine and soft drinks will be available, and there'll be a raffle for three lovely hampers. The proceeds will go to Seend and Bulkington churches. Tickets are £15 each and are available from Seend Post Office or through Eventbrite.

Saturday May 10th:

Picnic in The Park in Potterne

Between 12 noon and 5.30pm. Fun for all the family, with a brass band, singing, a ukulele band, archery, World War Two vehicles, a boat race, games, refreshments, a grand draw, a bottle tombola, and much more. Entry is free. Cars should approach via Court Hill, pedestrians via Mill Lane.

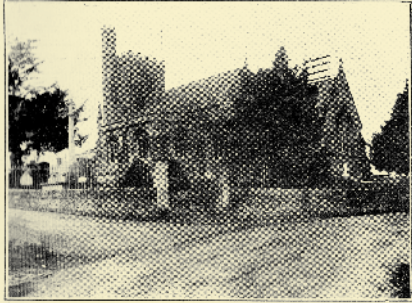


Parish Magazine

January 1931
Price 1½p

In the News & Views archives we have an early version of the Parish Magazine. It mostly consisted of church news, both here and abroad, with interesting instructions of what tasks men think women should undertake on each day of the week!

All Saints', Bishop's Lavington.
"The Church of our Fathers."



SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.
Jan. 4 H.C. 8 & 11-15. M. 11. C.S. 2-30. E. 6.
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Jan. 18—H.C. 8. M. 11. C.S. 2-30. E. 6.
Jan. 25—H.C. 8. M. 11. C.S. 2-30. E. 7.
Feb. 1—H.C. 8 and 11-15. M. 11. C.S. 2-30. E. 6.
Feb. 8—H.C. 8. M. 11. C.S. 2-30. E. 7.

HOLY DAYS.
Tues., Jan. 6—(Epiphany), H.C. 8. E. 6.
Mon., Feb. 2—(Pur. F.V.M.) H.C. 8. E. 6.

WEEK-DAYS.
Thurs., H.C. 8. Wed. & Fri., L. 11. Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri., E. 6.

This picture from the front cover shows that Parish of Market Lavington was previously known as Bishop's Lavington. Clearly, the populous were quite religious, with an average of four services on each Sunday.

Some of the most interesting items are the advertisements. Those of you born in the villages,

will possibly remember some of these businesses - let us know.

You will notice that the magazine cost 1½p - a bargain, *or not?* In today's money that would be 36p. However, the average weekly wage then was £22.51, so it would be quite an outlay at 6.6% of their wages. I'm sure there will be someone who will prove my calculations wrong!

An interesting read.

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There were a vast array of shops and services available locally, as these adverts show.

**WEST
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Residents may have noticed that the new homes on the Hedges House site are nearing completion. As part of the finishing works, part of Mill Lane will be widened and surfaced in late April and throughout May. The site manager discusses any works with local residents. If you are out walking you may be asked to divert through the recreation ground during surfacing work. We ask everyone to follow the requests of the site workers during these times.

Road Works

The A360 is due to close; some of the signage is a bit confusing, so for clarity Wiltshire Council have approved the following closures:

April 29th - May 2nd, 1900 to midnight: A360 from Church Street Village Boundary to Tilshead

May 6th - May 8th, 0930 to 1500: A360 from Rutts Lane to Gore Cross.

Both closures relate to road surface work.

By the time you read this you will have almost certainly voted in the local elections. At the time of going to press we have already been advised that the Parish Council election in West Lavington was uncontested. What this means in reality is that the Council before that election is re-elected automatically. We are disbanded on 6th May and are reinstated as Councillors at our first meeting on 15th May. The only exception is Councillor Steve Laister, who led our footpaths group, and has decided to step down leaving a vacancy which will be advertised in June.

Cllr Peter West, Chair WLPC

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

Next Meeting

Thursday 15th May at 7pm in the Giles Room of the Village Hall.

Planning Matters to be considered

To be announced prior to the next meeting.

A Thank You

A Parish Council Thank You to Steve Laister who set up and ran our footpaths group and cleared many a bramble. He has stepped down as leader but has promised to appear with his strimmer whenever footpaths are in need of clearing.

CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Cheverell Magna Parish Council warmly invites you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on **Monday 12th May at 7.30pm** in the New Pavilion. The Annual Parish meeting is not a council meeting but one for all residents to have their say, and hear about the work of the Council, and other village organisations. It is a chance to get involved in the life of the village. You will also hear about the plans to create a Neighbourhood plan for the village and receive reports from key organisations. You can come along to meet and ask questions of your Councillors on any topic and provide feedback to the Council.

There will be refreshments available. Please do attend this important village meeting.

Vacancies on the Parish Council, co-option 12th May: There will be vacancies on the Parish Council following the elections on 1st May. Please consider joining this friendly team, which is working on a wide range of projects and maintains a range of facilities. Applications for co-option will be on the agenda at the meeting on **Monday 12th May**. Please get in touch with us if you would like to join us in supporting the community of Cheverell Magna! For further information, including how to apply, please contact the **Clerk at parishcouncil@greatcheverell.org**

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

Dates for your diary:

Monday 12th May: Annual Council Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting from 7.30pm - refreshments, including cheese and wine.

Monday 7th July: Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, the New Pavilion.

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday 15th May** at 7pm in the Village Hall. As our Parish was uncontested your Councillors remain in office. They are **Mike Phillips, Clive Broe, Nicky Broe, Benji Thompson and Lucy Thorne**.

Our website has recently moved to a new address at **www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk** Please remember to update your bookmarks.

The Parish Council recently employed a contractor to clear the overgrown Millenium Green on Low Road. If any residents would like to volunteer some time to help tidy it further, please do get in touch with us.

Cllr. Mike Phillips - Chairman

Tel: **07908 143389**

www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk



Little Cheverell Village Hall

The Village Hall is staging a series of Pop-Up Pub evenings in the coming months. After a very successful pilot event we decided to keep going. These events are a great social opportunity and our bar prices are very attractive!

We have beer from Stonehenge Brewery and cider from Rutts Lane Cider, plus a good selection of wines and spirits. The events will be held at short notice so please keep an eye on our

Facebook posts, just search for 'Little Cheverell Parish Council'. The next Pop-Up will be on **Saturday 10th May from 6pm until 11pm**.

Little Cheverell Fete

The Village Fete will be held on **Saturday 17th May from 12 noon** onwards. There will be a BBQ, Raffle, Tombola, Games, Craft stalls, Licensed Bar and more. Fun for the whole family!

All our event details can be found on our events pages at **www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk**

Event Diary

Jazz on Sunday, Sunday 4th May from 1pm. Come along to hear our resident musicians, sing or play if you like! The bar will be open!

Pop-Up Pub, Saturday 10th May, 6 - 11pm.

Little Cheverell Village Fete, Saturday 17th May from 12 noon.

Urchfont Croquet Club

Urchfont Croquet Club is offering a couple of free games of Golf Croquet on a 'try it and see if you like it' basis! Golf Croquet provides gentle exercise, plenty of fresh air and a chance to meet new people. Initial guidance and instruction will be given and all equipment is provided. Please don't worry if you have never swung a mallet before – it is a most enjoyable game with a little stimulating competitiveness and requiring a small amount of thought – all played in the glorious setting of Urchfont Cricket Club overlooking Redhorn Hill and the surrounding countryside.

There is ample parking available and you can always bring your own sandwiches and tea and cakes if you want to round off the day! Although we can play most days of the week, there are regular sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 - 4pm in the summer and 1 - 3 pm in the winter.

We are holding a **Fun Day on Wednesday 21st May** and you would be most welcome to come along and start the ball rolling.

Please contact **Peter Small on 01380 840994** or **Nigel Partridge on 01380 840701** if you would like to take up either of these offers or if you need any more information.

We hope to see you on the lawn!

HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



Diversity Project: We had a vibrant celebration of Spring, colour and joy when Kalpesh helped us to understand a bit more about the Hindu festival of Holi with wonderful, fun filled days of dancing and Rangoli pattern art. Chalk paints were thrown around the playground, daubed on our hands and faces, and we danced Bollywood style in the sunshine.

Cooking using Indian recipes gave children the opportunity to explore the influences of ingredients, foods, tools and processes in our own lives, culminating in a colourful feast in Stonehenge class! The finale of our celebration was the amazing colour parade with families, governors and friends.

We are very proud of all our children who have participated so beautifully in our **Performance Poetry Competition**. Whether they made it through to the finals or not, they have all showed great courage and tenacity in having a go. Our finalists and winners showcased fun and inspiring performances.

We Wonder STEM Club has been diving into the wonders of the water cycle this term. Children have created rainbows and clouds to understand how water moves through our blue planet. With hands-on experiments, they've been discovering evaporation, condensation and precipitation in action. Our young scientists have also investigated the impact of pollution by modelling their own creations of clean and plastic oceans and researching the impact on the environment. The children have impressed us with their resourcefulness, commitment and aspiration to campaign for a sustainable future.

Sarum's visit to **Museum and Art Swindon (MAS)** was an enriching experience for the children. The opportunity to explore the Museum's impressive collection of modern and contemporary British art, including works by Lucian Freud and L.S. Lowry, helped bring their art topic to life. The highlight of the trip was the bespoke printing workshop led by an expert from the gallery.

Holy Trinity Charity Baking Competition and PFA Flower Stall The 53 beautiful, creative cake entries for the Holy Trinity Spring Bake competition were all superb. The standard of design, bake and presentation was incredibly impressive, with a tremendous amount of thought and effort given to every entry. A huge thank you to the PFA for organising the pretty seasonal flower posies and second-hand uniform swapshop stalls, helping to make this a fantastic family event which raised an amazing £441.70.

Transition: Collaboration between our cross phase partners at preschool, nursery and secondary schools builds further momentum in the coming months as we support children moving between our different settings. This is an important part of our work.

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

Anna Woodman, Headteacher

DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL



The children have returned from a refreshing Easter break with lots of energy and a spring in their step for the exciting events that our Summer term brings!

DAPS Annual Sponsored Run

Over the past three year's our wonderful PTA has organised the hugely popular Sponsored Spring Run, which has raised more than £12,000 for our school. This money is so beneficial to helping improve school life at DAPS, going towards refreshing a huge number of books for our school, and most recently, towards renovating our school pond, which will soon be a wonderful place for our children to enhance their outdoor learning.

This year we are raising funds for outdoor play equipment. If you have sponsored one of our DAPS children, thank you in advance for your generosity. If you would like to collectively sponsor the children for all of their hard work and to help us raise the funds needed to improve the equipment the children have access to at playtime, feel free to drop a little donation into school for them. Every penny we raise will benefit our children enormously and I look forward to reporting back next month with how the children got on!

Fun Quiz Night

Don't forget the DAPS Fun Quiz Night on **Friday 16th May** at Market Lavington Community Hall! **Doors open a 7pm** and the quizzing starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.50 per person, including snacks. Either come with a team (maximum 8 players) or by yourself. Tickets are available from daps-quiz-night-2025.eventbrite.com

Outdoor and biking adventures

May and June are very busy for our older children, with our Year 4 and Year 6 enjoying their overnight school trips. Year 4 has three days in Dorset and Year 6 celebrate the end of their learning journey at DAPS with a 5-day trip. Previously, we have visited the Bideford Ultimate Adventure Centre enjoying surfing, coasteering, ultimate wipe-out assault courses, high ropes, den making, campfires and archery. This year, our Year 6 class are off to the PGL camp in Liddington where they will be enjoying similar activities, including kayaking. The week is a big step for all our children, as it is often the first time they have been away from their families for so many nights, but they have so much fun and grow as individuals whilst learning so many new skills that it always proves to be a fantastic success.

Our Year 6 children will also be taking part in Bikeability, which helps the children learn practical skills for bike riding on roads and gives the children the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. No doubt you will see the children out on their training rides as well as cycling to and from school, so thank you in advance for your patience as they master this crucial skill.

School places DAPS

We have a handful of places in our EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 classes, so if you would like to look around our wonderful school and grounds, please just give us a call on **01380 813373** and we would be delighted to meet you.

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher

SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



At Old School Nursery we celebrated Easter with a variety of fun-filled craft and baking activities. The children made Easter cookies and chocolate cornflake cakes. We organised an Easter egg hunt where children came with their parents to look for eggs around our field. This was a lovely event followed up with a cake sale to raise funds for extra garden equipment.

Staff have recently completed the 'Big brush training' and with the permission of parents we will be introducing tooth brushing to the Nursery routine. This is to encourage good dental hygiene from a young age.

We celebrated Mother's Day with an afternoon tea where our special guests enjoyed cakes together whilst taking part in some outdoor activities. The children gathered together at the end of the session and sang a goodbye song to their guests. Cards were made for all the Mum's, Grannies and any other special ladies in our children's lives.

We had a wonderful taster session from Gaia gymnastics where our children were able to experience gymnastics in a safe, fun way. The children enjoyed this so much we have booked the coaches to come and take a regular weekly session with our older children. We very much look forward to watching the children develop their skills in this area.

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



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Allied to this is a new interest in the Bible among Gen Zers. Publishers report that between 2019 and 2024 there was an 87% increase in Bible sales. People are evidently searching for a something that will make sense of their lives and give them hope.

So, what's the Bible all about? First and foremost it's a book about God. According to the Good Book, he's a God of sovereign purpose, boundless love, awesome power and spotless purity. The one true and living God eternally exists in three glorious Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches that human beings are made in the image of God. But sin has ruined our relationship with God. We are made for him and nothing less than knowing God can satisfy the human heart. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, became man in order to die on the cross that we might be put right with God.

But Jesus did not stay dead. God raised him from the grave and exalted him to heaven. In Jesus Christ, God offers us a relationship with himself that is real and satisfying by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that one day we will all have to give an account to God for the way we have lived our lives. Jesus died in our place so that we might not be condemned but have everlasting life.

According to Guinness World Records, the best-selling book of all time is the Christian Bible. The Holy Scriptures have something to say to people of all generations. Why not give it a read yourself? A wide variety of English translations are available for free on BibleGateway.com, or you can get a hard copy in most bookshops. The Gospel According to John in the New Testament would be a good place to start. Attending a church where the Bible is explained and applied will also help you get to grips with the message of God's Word.

Pastor: **Guy Davies**

www.pbc-ebc.org.uk

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

Storms are inevitable

In nature, powerful storms leave a changed landscape behind them. Equally challenging circumstances can alter the order of our lives. When difficulties arise, how do we respond? Do we say to the Lord, "I am doing what You asked, so why is this happening?" Such thinking assumes that being in the centre of God's will exempts us from problems. In Matthew 14:22-24 we learn that Jesus instructed the disciples to get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the opposite shore. While they were obeying

Him, high winds and waves developed. Storms can rise even when we are exactly where God wants us to be.

Another question we sometimes ask is, "Father, what have I done wrong?" God does use trials to correct us, but not all situations come from our mistakes. He may allow troubles to perfect us, that is, to mature us and grow us into Christ's likeness.

God uses different things to train and equip us because He wants each of His children to become a strong, vital servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing can happen to a believer unless God allows it. Instead of keeping our heads low against the struggles of life, let's look up to the Lord and seek His purposes in our challenges.

There's a simple message from God

He delights far more in our efforts to grow closer to Him than in any gift we might offer Him. God wants to be in a relationship with us, so seeking Him expresses our love better than words ever could.



It's a great privilege to personally know God, and the first step of this blessing is to receive His free gift of new life through Christ. Our sin formed a distance between us and God, but Jesus, our mediator, filled that gap (Galatians 4:4-5). Through His death on the cross, He made it possible for us to become God's children. So it's impossible to truly know the Father apart from knowing Jesus. When we trust in Christ, we also get to know God's Holy Spirit, who comes to live within us permanently to guide, teach, and comfort us (John 16:33).

Rev **Fr David Knipe**, (Prayer/Pastoral care/
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TRINITY CHURCH

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

Visitors to our informal style of worship in the United Reformed Church/Methodist tradition are always welcome. Do come along.

All services are accompanied by refreshments.

May 4th	Trinity Church Service Led by Mrs Isabel Smears
May 11th	United Church Service @ St. Barnabas Church, Easterton Led by Revd Gary Gotham
May 18th	Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd Gary Gotham
May 25th	United Rogation Service @ St. Barnabas Church, Easterton Local Arrangement

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Parent Carer Group Devizes: 21st May 10.30 - 12.00

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

Bereavement Help Points Devizes: 6th & 20th May 10.30am - 12.00pm

The Bereavement help point welcomes all the bereaved. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting. All sessions are free of charge and there's no need to book, just come along.

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WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

MAY	
Thur 1st	Local parish and Wiltshire Council elections
Sat 3rd - Mon 5th	Urchfont Scarecrow Festival, Urchfont 9.30am - 6.00pm, Mon 9.30am - 5pm
Sat 3rd:	Seend Beer Festival, Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane. 12 noon - 11pm Tickets £15 for drinkers, £8 for non-drinkers, to be purchased in advance.
	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
Sun 4th:	Plant Fair, Great Chalfield Manor, 10.00am - 4pm, Adults £5, children free
	DOCA Youth Event Area, Market Place Devizes, 12 noon - 6pm.
	Jazz on Sunday, Little Cheverell Village Hall from 1pm
Mon 5th:	Early May Bank Holiday
Tues 6th:	Meet Wessex Water, Devizes Library, 10am - 12 noon, and 1-2pm
	Cafe Scientifique, 7.30 pm at The Raven, Poulshot
Wed 7th:	North Wilts Arts Society Lecture Opera Production, Assembly Hall, Melksham 11am. Guests £8.
Thur 8th:	80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, WW2. The bells of St Peter's GC, All Saints WL and St Mary's ML will be rung in the evening to celebrate.
	80 VE Day Lighting of the Beacon, Roundway Hill, Devizes 9.30pm. Arrive from 8.45 pm
Fri 9th:	Warminster Military Wives Choir concert, Seend Church, 7pm for 7.30 start.
Sat 10th:	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)
	Pop-Up Pub, Little Cheverell Village Hall, 6 - 11pm
	Edington Arts 'A Night at the Opera', Edington Priory, 7.30pm. Tickets £11-£25
	VE Day 80 Picnic in the Park, Potterne, 12 noon - 5.30pm.
	Film Night at The Pavilion Great Cheverell. 7.30 pm Non members £5
Mon 12th:	Cheverell Magna Annual Parish meeting, New Pavilion GC, 7.30pm.
	WL Mothers' Union meeting, 54 High St, WL, 2.15pm

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Mon 12th - Sat 17th:	The Wharf Theatre 'The Diary of Anne Frank' 7.30 pm. Tickets from Wharf theatre.co.uk/show or Devizes Library
Tues 13th - Sun 18th:	Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival, The Spirit of Water Tickets: Adults £17, 5-18 years £7
Tues 13th:	Cheverells Garden Club meeting, 'Carnivorous Plants', GCVH, 7.30pm
Thurs 15th:	WL Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL VH, 7pm
	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7pm
Fri 16th:	DAPS Fun Quiz Night, MLCH, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50 per person
Sat 17th:	Cheverells Garden Club Plant Sale, 10am - 12 noon. GCVH if wet, nearby garden if dry. Signposted.
	Little Cheverell Village Fete, from 12 noon.
	Kats & Kits Final Pre-loved Sale. Starts 10 am. Entrance 50p Needhan House, Victoria Road, Devizes SN10 1FA
Tues 20th:	Bobby Van Trust Pre-loved Fashion Event, Marlborough Town Hall, 6.30 for 7pm, £25.
Wed 21st:	Bobby Van Trust Pre loved Fashion Event sale, Marlborough Town Hall, 9.30am-3pm, free entry.
	Devizes Arts Society lecture 'John Singer Sargent - the private radical', Corn Exchange, Devizes, 10.45 for 11am, guests £8.
	Lavington and District Gardening Club meeting, Garden Innovations, WL VH, 7.15 for 7.30pm
	Urchfont Croquet Club Fun Day, Urchfont Cricket Club.
Sun 25th:	Rogation Sunday, St Peter's, Great Cheverell. 11am, followed by BBQ lunch.
Mon 26th:	Spring Bank Holiday
Wed 28th:	Annual Parish meeting, West Lavington, WL VH.
Fri 30th May - Sun 15th June:	Devizes Arts Festival
JUNE	
Sat 7th:	West Lavington Manor Open Garden, 11am - 6pm. Proceeds to NGS, Nestling Trust and WL Youth Club.
Sat 28th & Sun 29th:	Flower Festival, St Peter's, Great Cheverell.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

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

Cafe Scientifique: *usually* first Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm, The Raven , Poulshot

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday Club: for 60+, Tuesdays, ML Community Hall 10am - 2pm

West Lavington Friendship Club: second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, Baptist Church Hall at 2.30pm, unless otherwise advertised.

West Lavington WI: second Thursday of the month, Giles Room WL VH, April-Oct 7pm,

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

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

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Little Cheverell Parish Council littlecheverell.parishcouncil.org.uk	
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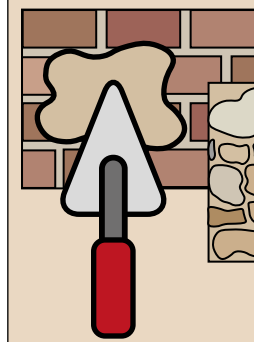
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