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## FROM THE EDITOR

Another packed issue of News and Views for November - there seems to be more to include every month! I hope you find something of interest and help to you in our pages. Fellow residents of Littleton Panell will be as interested as I was in Sophie Hughes' discovery and photograph. A touching reminder of the sacrifice so many have made for us to be able to enjoy freedom and democracy - and of those still dying today in wars around the world either fighting for, or being denied, both. See page 9.

Our next issue is a double one, covering both December and January. If you have an event or information which needs to be out there before February next year, then don't forget it has to be with us by **Wednesday November 20th!** In the meantime, enjoy the wonderful autumn colours, bonfires and myriad events this month (dare I say it, especially our Christmas Country Fair on November 16th!).

**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 double December/January issue should reach Sue Bonney no later than **Wednesday November 20th. And I do mean no later!!** Remember to send me anything you want to publish before February 2025!

### Advertising in News and Views

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**This Month's Cover:** A photograph taken by Sophie Hughes at the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Hermanville, behind Sword Beach, a British D-Day landing beach. It shows the grave of F A Shore from Littleton Panell - See page 9 'Paying Our Respects'.

We are always on the lookout for eye-catching photographs for the front cover of News & Views. They should be portrait (vertical), in colour and of a high resolution.

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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)

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 3rd November</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Service St Barnabas Church Easterton				
<b>Sunday 10th November</b> Remembrance Sunday	<b>10.30 am</b> Service with St Trinity's at St Mary's	<b>10.50 am</b> Remembrance Service	<b>10.30 am</b> Remembrance Service	<b>10.45 am</b> Remembrance Service	<b>11.00 am</b> Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
<b>Sunday 17th November</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Communion St Peters Church, Great Cheverell <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>				
<b>Sunday 24th November</b> Christ the King		<b>9.30 am</b> Praise & Worship	<b>10.30 am</b> Untied Toy Service	<b>10.00 am</b> Welcome to Worship	
<b>Sunday 1st December</b> Advent Sunday	<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Communion All Saint's Church West Lavington  6.00 pm Service for the Beginning of Advent From Darkness to Light All Saint's Church West Lavington				

### 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)

## 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 Anne Wilson, who lives in West Lavington and is one of the Lay Worship Leaders who will be helping to lead some of the services across the Benefice of the Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton.*

'Remember, remember, the Fifth of November' - this rhyme triggers happy childhood memories of fireworks and bonfires, but these memories are also tinged with sadness by thoughts of my parents who have passed away.

Remembering is not always easy because memories can be painful as well as joyful, especially when we remember loved ones who have died. The All Souls' service at St Barnabas on 1st November is a time to remember our loved ones who have departed this life and share the hope of the resurrection.

November is also the month when the nation remembers and honours those who have died in the service of their country. There will be Services of Remembrance in the churches across the Benefice on Sunday 10th when the names of the fallen from our villages will read out. These services provide an opportunity to give thanks for those whose service ensured our freedom and to reflect on the sacrifice they made.

We are linked directly or indirectly to all those who have gone before us; our lives and history connected to theirs. As we remember, in joy or sorrow, God is with us.

*God of all times and places,  
embracing past, present  
and all that is to be;  
in the memories and stories of my life,  
hold me close in sorrow and when tears flow,  
rejoice with me in happiness  
and when laughter fills the air.  
Be with me in all my remembering.  
Amen*

Prayer from Church in Wales 'Year of prayer: November'

### Benefice 200 Club

The winner of October's draw is Robin O'Neil from Great Cheverell. Congratulations Robin! Next month we will be selling more tickets for the 2025 season. The Benefice will still need help during the interregnum and would be very grateful for your £12 (only £1 a month) to keep the office running. You might even win the prize!

**Bonnie Matters** [bonnie\\_matters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bonnie_matters@hotmail.co.uk)

## Paying Our Respects

My teenage daughter and I were lucky enough to get tickets for the Olympics this Summer.

On our way back to Caen for the ferry home, we visited a couple of sites from WW2. Lunch at the 'old cafe' at Pegasus Bridge (still run by the lady whose parents helped the Allies the night it was liberated), and then on to the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Hermanville, behind Sword Beach, a British D-Day landing beach.

Hermanville contains 1,003 war burials, 103 of them unidentified. After only a few minutes walking along the rows, we were taken aback when we came across the grave of a brave young man who had lived just down the road from us.

It was the only grave we saw which had the name of the village on it as well as the county. It really brought the reality of the past into our present. Looking at the poppy cross, the grave may have been visited recently but if there are any relatives reading this who would like a digital copy of the photograph, just let me know.

**Sophie Hughes**

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### Change of date for 2024 Toy Service

**Sunday 24th November, 10.30am, St Barnabas, Easterton**

The United Toy Service with St Mary's and Trinity is usually held at St Barnabas, Easterton, on the second Sunday in December. However this year Social Services require all toys to be with the Salvation Army by December 2nd, so we are holding the Service at **10.30am on November 24th**, to be led by Mrs Jeannie McMeekin at St Barnabas.

Social Services ask for new gifts for children from 0 to 16 years (games and toiletries are very suitable for older children). The gifts should not be wrapped, but gifts of wrapping paper are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Service but would like to donate a gift, please contact **Sue Allen on 01380 813603** or via email on [sue.allen331@googlemail.com](mailto:sue.allen331@googlemail.com)

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**All change...  
but business as usual in our churches!**

Sunday 29th September saw the final service of Reverend Marion Harrison, who has now retired from the Benefice of The Lavingtons, the Cheverells and Easterton after seven years of service here. It was a packed church at All Saints' and a wonderful send off with gifts and 'thank yous' from the congregations.



This means that we are now in a period without an Incumbent Vicar, when representatives from each of the churches work alongside each other and put together a new Parish Profile to advertise the vacancy. Whilst we believe that God will call the right person to our Benefice, we also want to share the characters of our villages and congregations and how we envision our future. We are really lucky to have our Assistant Rural Dean, Rev'd Dr Keith Brindle from St James' Devizes, to help us with this work.

We are revising our service schedules and our Lay Worship Leaders are stepping up so that our churches are well covered – especially for Advent and Christmas. There will be a Communion service on the first and third Sunday of every month at 10.30am, led by Rev'd Caroline Spindlow, Associate Priest from St John's in Devizes. The location of these will be advertised in News and Views and give an opportunity for you to visit a church in our different villages. Less formal services will be held in the villages on the second and fourth Sundays.

Our schools work continues to grow in supporting Collective Worship, and our visits to residential homes continue. This month you can remember a loved one at the All Souls' service at St Barnabas in Easterton (6pm on Friday 1st November) and each of our churches will be holding a special Remembrance Day service.

If you haven't been to one of our services before, please do come and see what they are like. From the more formal traditional Communion services to the very informal, shorter breakfast church (with newspapers and bacon butties) and welcome to worship services that are on offer, you are guaranteed a warm welcome!

Our local churches are there to walk alongside you and your families. One of the most precious things that they can offer is a unique service for those landmark times in our lives – from baptisms, weddings and wedding blessings to funerals and celebrations of a person's life. There is something very precious about having these special events in our beautiful churches in the centre of our communities and villages. We are also able to visit and pray with those that are not able to come to church.

# Mothers' UNION

The West Lavington Mothers' Union met on 9th September when we had an afternoon of meditation, led by Reverend Caroline Spindlow. She began by explaining why we do meditation - the aim is to draw us into a closer relationship with God. We were talked through the meditation by listening to the story of the healing of Blind Bartimaeus in Matthew 10:46-52. Afterwards we discussed how we were affected by stepping into the story and the emotions we experienced. It was a wonderful afternoon, and Caroline has agreed to talk us through another meditation next year. Our October meeting started with prayers for the victims of domestic abuse, for the Mothers' Union, and for peace in the world. This was followed by our annual planning meeting, which was quite successful, as we have managed to allocate speakers and events for all of 2025.

We continue to support Rise Up, the Mothers' Union campaign against domestic abuse. Together with West Lavington WI, we are collecting gift items for the Salisbury Women's Refuge and adult colouring books for Wiltshire Fear Free which are used to help victims of abuse.

**Fear Free** can be contacted on **01225 775276**

Our next meeting is on the 11th November at 2.15pm, at 54 The High Street, West Lavington where we will be given a talk by Utility Warehouse on how to manage and reduce our utility bills. Please come and join us. All are welcome.

**Jackie Knipe** [jack\\_knipe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jack_knipe@hotmail.co.uk)

## Busy times at West Lavington Village Hall

2024 has so far been a good year for hirers and booking numbers are also up for 2025. The summer weeks proved busier than anticipated with dance and youth groups using the hall.

Many local groups - including two Art Groups, the WI, table tennis teams, the Gardening Club and the Twinning Association - make regular year-round use of the Giles Room and Main Hall and for that the Committee thanks them. These meetings bring many like-minded people together for rest and relaxation. Other meetings and reunions have been held, plus puppy training classes, a choir, a lone saxophonist, and a jazz group, one to one counselling sessions, care group training days, and the local primary school used the Hall and playing fields for a recent event. Parties, some with bouncy castles, are a regular feature and many local families find the facilities perfect, and say so too, which is heartening.

The Committee strives to maintain the Hall in good order, and with this in mind all the exterior walls have been power washed and all windows cleaned inside and out over the summer. The regular excellent cleaners are also booked to carry out a deep clean. The WC facilities have been updated, the kitchen regularly checked for items required.

The Committee is very small and would always welcome anyone interested in giving support in any way, including any handymen able to give a couple of hours of their time. Please do get in touch if you can help in any way, it would be much appreciated.

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#### MARTIN LEWIS

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The Age UK benefit calculator at [www.ageuk.org.uk/benefits-check](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/benefits-check) offers an estimated entitlement to Pension Credit. Age UK publishes a guide to Pension Credit which you can download at: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/pension-credit/pension-credit-download-page/>

#### CITIZENS ADVICE

Citizens Advice, New Park Street, Devizes: **0808 278 7995**. Mon - Fri 9am to 4pm

Relay UK **18001 then 0800 144 8884**

Ring for advice or to book an appointment. There is no drop in service.

Or email using the form on the website at <https://citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/get-advice>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/help-if-on-a-low-income/pension-credit/>

### The Ladies Go Dancing at Whitsun

*A very poignant poem about WW1 where hundreds of thousands died, leaving women widowed or single.*

It's fifty long springtimes since she was a bride,  
But still you may see her at each Whitsuntide  
In a dress of white linen with ribbons of green,  
As green as her memories of loving.

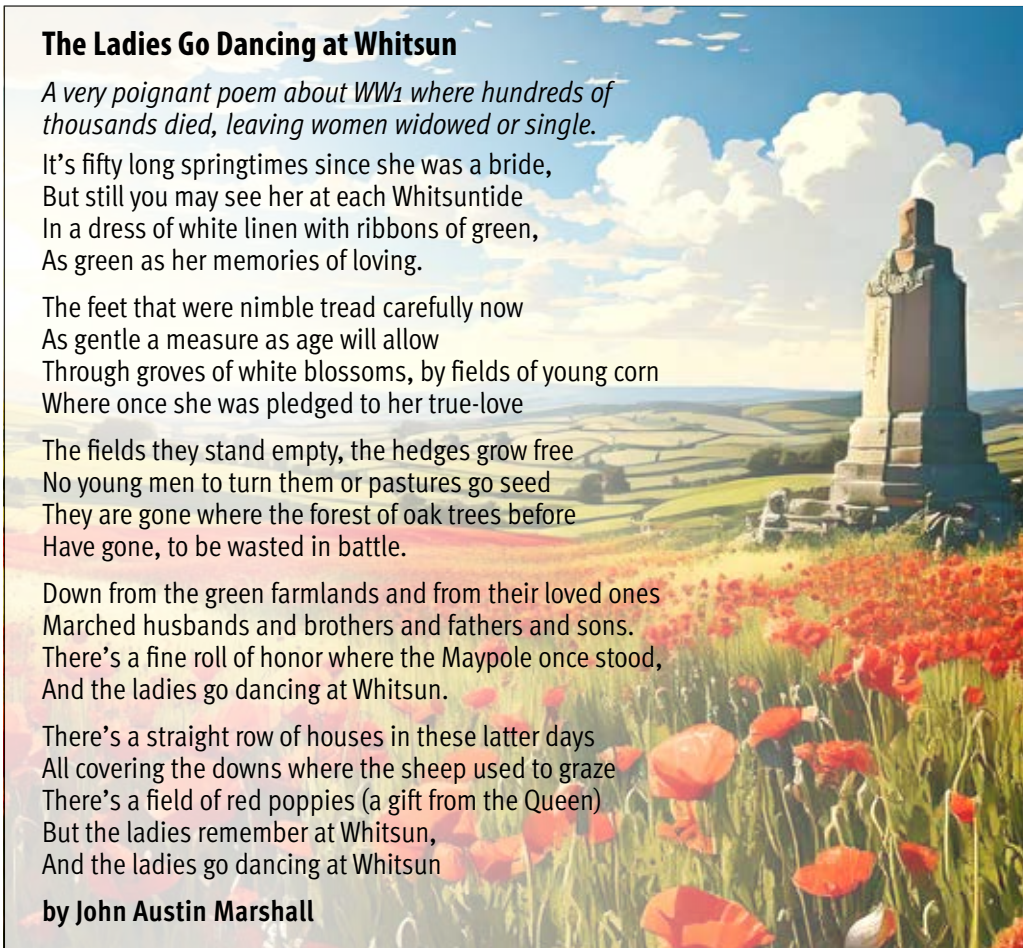
The feet that were nimble tread carefully now  
As gentle a measure as age will allow  
Through groves of white blossoms, by fields of young corn  
Where once she was pledged to her true-love

The fields they stand empty, the hedges grow free  
No young men to turn them or pastures go seed  
They are gone where the forest of oak trees before  
Have gone, to be wasted in battle.

Down from the green farmlands and from their loved ones  
Marched husbands and brothers and fathers and sons.  
There's a fine roll of honor where the Maypole once stood,  
And the ladies go dancing at Whitsun.

There's a straight row of houses in these latter days  
All covering the downs where the sheep used to graze  
There's a field of red poppies (a gift from the Queen)  
But the ladies remember at Whitsun,  
And the ladies go dancing at Whitsun

**by John Austin Marshall**



## Local Remembrance Services and Events

### Saturday 9th November

<b>7.00pm</b>	Trinity Church and St Mary's Remembrance Concert, St Mary's Church
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### Sun 10th November

<b>9.15am</b>	Remembrance Parade, Devises Muster in Market Place
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<b>10.00am</b>	Service at St John's Church
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<b>10.30am</b>	St Mary's, Market Lavington
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<b>10.30am</b>	St Barnabas, Easterton
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<b>10.45am</b>	St Peter's, Great Cheverell
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<b>10.50am</b>	All Saints', West Lavington
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<b>11.00am</b>	War Memorial, St Peter's, Little Cheverell
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### Mon 11th November

<b>11.00am</b>	West Lavington Remembrance Wreath Laying, Remembrance Avenue
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## Bonfire and Fireworks in Erlestoke Saturday November 2nd

Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club are holding their annual Bonfire and Fireworks in the Walled Garden. The gates open at **4.30pm**, with the fire starting at 6.30pm. There'll be a bar, burgers, hot soup, mulled wine, coffee, cakes, and glow stuff. Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for children, or £25 for a family of up to five. Cash only.

## Dauntsey's School Annual Bonfire and Fireworks night

will be held on Tuesday 5th November from **6.30 to 8pm** at The Manor. This is a private event for Manor and Dauntsey's pupils only. We apologise for any noise.

## Upcoming Local Roadworks

### Lavington Lane

The current roadworks in Lavington Lane to install the pedestrian crossing will last until **November 22nd**. From **18th Nov 1900 to 22nd Nov 0100**, there will be an overnight closure of Lavington Lane to plane off and resurface the existing carriageway. A diversion will be in place.

Overnight **26th/27th November**: The **A360** will be closed at Littleton Panell from **9pm to 5am** to allow structural examination of the railway bridge. A long diversion will be in place.

**For further updates, visit one.network**

## Dauntsey's School Mercers' Lectures

The Mercers' Lectures are named in recognition of the links between Dauntsey's and the Mercers' Company, which go back to Mercer founder Alderman William Dautesey, Master of the Worshipful Company of Mercers, who founded the School in West Lavington in 1542

The 2024-25 Lectures season has a diverse range of speakers covering travel journalism, adolescent psychology, adventure, international affairs and television production.

The Lecture Series runs annually. Everyone is welcome and entry is free, but you are required to reserve your seat online and bring confirmation of booking to the event. All lectures start at **7.30pm and will be held in the Memorial Hall.**

### Wednesday 13th November 2024

#### Holly Budge

Holly Budge is an adventurer, Everest summiteer and the first woman to skydive Everest. She is an advocate for building mental toughness and has been described as 'down-to-earth, funny and incredibly inspiring' by HRH Prince Edward. Holly is the founder of UK Charity, 'How Many Elephants' and World Female Ranger Week. Her impactful work has been celebrated worldwide, including by Sir David Attenborough. She was recently voted 'Woman of the Year in Non-Profit' through the Stevie Awards, listed in the Top 100 Women in Social Enterprise and is an official UN Women UK Delegate.

### Wednesday 12th February 2025

#### Sam McAlister

Former criminal law barrister turned TV producer on BBC's Newsnight, responsible for the Emily Maitliss/Prince Andrew interview.

### Wednesday 19th March 2025

#### Rageh Omar

International Affairs Editor, ITV News, and former BBC Senior Foreign Correspondent.

Tickets can be booked at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/63552?>  
Or via the Dauntsey's School website at:

[https://www.dauntseys.org/our-community/the-mercens/mercens-lectures-2024-25](https://www.dauntseys.org/our-community/the-mercers/mercens-lectures-2024-25)

## West Lavington Friendship Club

We have a coach going to Reading on Wednesday 27th November. It will leave the Village Hall car park at 9.30am and return at approximately 5.00pm. Join us for a day shopping or sight seeing. The cost is £10.

On Wednesday 11th December we have our Annual concert, featuring **Done & Broke** in the Village Hall at 2.30pm with our usual afternoon tea. Ticket cost £10.00 and are available at the Village Shop and Coxheads Dairy shop.

For further details or tickets phone **Eileen on 01380 813264.**

## CHEVERELLS GARDEN CLUB

The October meeting had a last minute change of subject as the previous speaker was sent abroad on business. Phil Knight of Griffin Growers in Lacock, together with his son as IT support, saved our bacon - mmmm bacon - sorry, where was I? Griffin Growers is a community garden that produces food using the guiding practices of Shumei Natural Agriculture ([griffingrowers.org](http://griffingrowers.org)). No fertiliser is used and crops are grown in the same place each year and develop a natural resistance to disease. They work with nature and the natural cycles of the earth. The garden has volunteers

helping on a Friday and a donation-based harvest table for the community to help themselves to the abundant produce. Phil was an enthralling and inspiring speaker and we are hugely grateful to him for stepping into the breach!

For our November meeting, Gareth Harris (aka Batman) will be talking about bats in Wiltshire, including a survey in Great Cheverell. This is at **7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November** in Great Cheverell Village Hall. If you have any questions please email me at:

[helen.woodlands@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helen.woodlands@hotmail.co.uk)

### Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair

*In aid of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust*

**Monday 2nd December 4pm - 8pm Preview £15**

**Tuesday 3rd December 9am - 3pm**

The annual Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair will be held in the Kerry Suite at the Bowood Hotel Spa and Golf Resort on Monday and Tuesday December 2nd and 3rd. The Fair raises vital funds for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. This charity works in partnership with Wiltshire Police with three operators visiting homes across Wiltshire to offer free practical home security measures and fire safety assessments for people over 60, and those at risk of domestic abuse or over 18 with a registered disability.

Tickets are available online at [www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events](http://www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events) with a special two-for-one offer on £5 tickets for Tuesday December 3rd.



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## West Lavington Youth Club

I have to apologise to West Lavington for not updating you all on the way the Youth Club is successfully continuing. We were inevitably closed during Covid, and since that time have been rebuilding membership year on year, having restarted with year seven and year eight. As years pass the average age of the membership increases. We also made a decision to start a much younger group, on the grounds that they would act as a feeder for the older groups. This was particularly successful for younger brothers and sisters who could attend happily without being overawed by much older members.

**Our current sessions are as follows:**

<b>Monday</b>	6.00-8.00pm	Year 8 (12 years old +)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6.00-8.00pm	Year 7 (11 years old)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.00-8.00pm	Years 4-6 (Primary schools)

***In general we are not open during school holidays or on Bank holidays***

Over the past two years (since Covid?) we have noticed a significant number of young people with problems of socialising and integrating with others. Firstly, we have updated our training for staff to enable them to recognise these children, and give them skills to help. Secondly, we have obtained a special grant from the Area Board to provide one-to-one support where it is needed. The end result is that we have young people coming to the Youth Club who under many other situations would not be able to attend. This has also led to significant parental support for the Club, and parents are volunteering to help staff during sessions.

We have always taken the view that attendance at the Club is free and should be open to all regardless of circumstances, a policy promoted by George Baker when he founded the Club over 25 years ago. His legacy continues as the Club continues to provide a safe and active place for young people to meet, not just with their peers but with a number of trained staff whom they can learn to trust and respect.

You can find more Youth Club news on our Facebook page and on West Lavington Posts. We are always looking for volunteers to help us!

**Mike May Secretary WLYC**

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After jackdaws and rooks we have crows. Crows are highly intelligent, having huge brains - their brain to body ratio is even larger than humans. They mate for life, can remember faces, and have been known to attack humans who have harmed any of their family. They hold funerals, fashion tools, such as a sharpened stick, and bend forked twigs into hooks to scoop larvae and worms from holes in wood. They cache their food and even speak in regional dialects, but sadly they prey on smaller birds, their nestlings and eggs too. They eat frogs and snakes and also snails. More in the next issue on magpies and jays.

It is rare for birds to attack humans, but recently an 86 year old pensioner was seriously injured in the French village of Verrieres near the Gorges du Tarn in Aveyron by a 9ft wingspan Griffon Vulture, one of the largest European birds of prey. The LPO, France's bird protection league, reintroduced the species and there are over 850 breeding pairs in Aveyron, producing 500 young annually. The local farmers are none too pleased because of increasing attacks on livestock. With the introduction of White Tailed Eagles in Southern England farmers here too are on the lookout for attacks. Some readers might remember Eric Hosking, the famous bird photographer, losing an eye from a tawny owl attack in the 1950s due to getting too close to the nest.



Many of you will have read about the WWF's (World Wildlife Fund) statement recently that humans are ruining the planet due to over-population (UK's now increased to 67 million and growing, the World's nearly 9 billion) and overdeveloping and ruining the environment. Forests in South America and Central Africa are so exploited they are reaching tipping points and may never recover due to continuing destruction. In the UK the Government has recently announced special Envoys for Nature and Climate. Let us hope that they will make a significant difference to the protection of flora and fauna in the British Isles.

There is a current 'nature emergency' for butterflies of the British Isles. Species in the danger zone are: Gatekeeper (-32%), the Common Blue (-52%), the Small Tortoiseshell and Green-Veined White (both -65%). The writer saw only one Red Admiral this autumn and no Peacocks all summer. Bat numbers are also down. It's pleasing to see our garden birds in their smart new plumages after moulting - perky new tails, brighter coloured feathers and more singing to establish their territories - but there are fewer them. It's the first time we have had no resident blackbirds and others are also reporting declining birds species and numbers in their gardens. We must be a force for climate and nature, otherwise all could be lost.

It's the time of year to check bird boxes and hibernaculums (hedgehog boxes) and repair or replace as necessary. Don't forget to plant a tree for prosperity and carbon capture. Remember to check bonfires for hibernating hedgehogs and dormice before November 5th.

## Navigating Care and Support

When age creeps up on us or our loved ones, we are often faced with a range of issues that requires us to find and access the relevant agency to provide the necessary support at the right time. This could start with minor adjustments to enable independence, such as grab rails, panic/smoke alarms and house security, to more complex care/nursing support. The key to all of this is knowing when to start, what to focus on, how to get it and trying to coordinate it all.

### The key questions to ask are:

What is needed?	When is it needed?	Who will provide it?	Who will fund it?
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We know ourselves and our loved ones extremely well, but our judgement is often clouded by our own perceptions. An objective assessment by trained professionals at the right time will identify and recommend what is needed and by whom. It is better to act sooner rather than later - prevention is the key, so the more we do upfront, the longer the individual can maintain their independence in a safe environment.

### Making the home safe and secure

Contact the **Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**: They provide a free home security service and online safety service for the over 60s, and 18+ with a registered disability. They will come out and assess the home and fit such things as key safes and fire alarms.

Tel: **01225 256867**      <https://www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/>

### Medical and Care Support

Contact your GP, explain the situation and if they have not yet done the referral, request such things as a physical assessment by a physiotherapist for all things relevant to movement, including any equipment to aid the individual; and an Occupational Therapist assessment for all things relevant to supporting someone in their own home, such as grab rails and ramps (they have a range of gadgets that are very effective).

Wiltshire Council's website also has a lot of information including where and how to access equipment or care support at <https://adults.wiltshire.gov.uk/>

You have access to a Care Co-ordinator within the GP practice. Book an appointment with them to talk about Access to Care in the home or via a Care/Nursing Home. They will explain everything and how to access it, including the funding rules.

### More complex support

By this stage you should be well plugged in to your GP and associated agencies. They will be able to provide you with a range of options moving forward. There is a lot of support and equipment that is free to you, so do grab it when it is offered!

You are not alone in this complex and challenging agenda. If you are caring for a loved one there is support you can access through your GP or via Carer Support Wiltshire on **01380 871690** or via <https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk>

If you have serious concerns about the safety of someone, contact the Wiltshire Safeguarding team on **0300 456 0111**. BUT if you feel they are in immediate danger then call 999.

**WILTSHIRE  
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**A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns  
Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons**

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email: [dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk) or by phone on **07585 394 178**.

Out here in the sticks we can enjoy beautiful country walks, village pubs and a better sense of community than residents in busy towns. However, from a transport perspective we are less fortunate than residents in Trowbridge, Salisbury or Chippenham who have train stations, regular bus connections and better cycling and walking infrastructure.

At October's Full Council meeting I submitted a motion to force colleagues to acknowledge this disparity. Too often people neglect the fact that in rural areas like The Lavingtons we don't have the services we need at the end of the road, and can't rely on public transport. My motion had two further purposes; to increase the ambition for public transport and active travel improvements in rural areas AND to reject schemes that might suit those living in Salisbury or Trowbridge, but which penalise those of us living more rurally who can only get about in a car or van.

You have probably experienced ULEZ, Congestion Charge Zones and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in certain areas of the UK. Many view them as a stealth money-making tactic (£27.50 in charges to drive into London) but in certain circumstances they have been shown to cut emissions. In other places, however, they have been proven to worsen air quality as cars are shifted off target roads and onto others, leading to increased congestion and longer idling times. The fact is that implementing ULEZ in a place like London where public transport is reliable, easily accessed and cost effective is very different from implementing it in Devizes or Salisbury where those of us living twenty minutes away struggle to reach the town centre via anything but a car.

I am passionate about improving air quality and tackling climate change and recognise that to be successful we all need to work together. Implementing restrictions on certain residents that have no choice but to use a private motor vehicle is unfair. We often talk about a 'carrot or stick' approach to behaviour change (punishing people for doing one thing or rewarding them for doing another). When it comes to residents in The Lavingtons, unfortunately, one certain group of councillors in the chamber would rather reach for a big stick to hit you with before offering you an alternative option.

My motion, which thankfully was supported by Conservative members who actually care about the day-to-day struggles of residents, will safeguard all of us from demonisation for having no choice but to drive our cars. It has NOT changed the Council's investment in air quality improvements or reduced our expansion of active travel and public transport improvements. This does not stop us from continuing to implement 20mph limits outside schools or installing air quality monitors across the county. In fact, as you will see from our upcoming Local Transport Plan, these improvements are front and centre in our plan to improve Wiltshire for everybody.

**CHEVERELL  
MAGNA  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Parish Council meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 4th November at 7pm in the Pavilion**. All residents are welcome to attend the meetings and there is always a public participation opportunity. At this meeting, we will begin to look at the budget requirements and the precept for 2025/26. Agendas and minutes can be found on the Parish Council website: <https://www.greatcheverell.org/>

**Play Area:** The fencing around the playground will be completely replaced in the autumn and two new gates will be installed. We will also be replacing the wood chip around the zip wire and fixing the waste bin.

**Community Grants:** The Parish Council has a small grant fund of £250 each year for local groups who are supporting vulnerable people in the area or helping the Great Cheverell community in any way. There is a simple application form and Councillors will hear any applications at their regular meetings. Please contact us if you want to apply for funding.

**Defibrillator:** We have a defibrillator located at the Pavilion which is checked regularly. South West Ambulance Trust will provide training if we can get enough people interested – let us know if you would like to attend a training session.

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

**LITTLE  
CHEVERELL  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

At the Council meeting on October 1st Dominic Muns, Unitary Councillor for the Lavingtons, reported that traffic lights will be installed at Black Dog crossroads. This news was well received by all concerned. The full minutes of the meeting are available to view on our website.

The Parish Council has one vacancy for a Councillor. This is an interesting and varied role and entails very little work. Should you be interested, please contact me via our website at: [www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk).

The next meeting of the Council will be on **26th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**.

**Mike Phillips Chairman Little Cheverell Parish Council**  
Tel: **07908 143389** <http://www.littlecheverellparishcouncil.org.uk>

**Little Cheverell Village Hall Upcoming Events**

**Sunday 3rd November at 1pm:** Jazz on Sunday, tickets £5, children free.

**Saturday 30th November at 12:00:** Children's Christmas craft workshop. Places cost £5 and include refreshments and materials.

**Sunday 1st December at 1pm:** Jazz on Sunday, tickets £5, children free.

**Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm:** Christmas Wreathmaking workshop, £15 per person. Mince pies mulled wine and greenery included. Bring your own decorative items.

Further information and tickets are available on our website at:

Our Rights Of Way (RoW) are a key part of our village. Not only do they provide routes that cross ours and connect to other villages, they are a valuable leisure amenity enjoyed by the majority of us. Whether it is walking dogs, riding horses, exploring the countryside, a family stroll or a trip to the pub, our large network of footpaths and other RoW are used a lot!

You can help keep that valuable community resource available and in good condition. If you find a section of path that needs work, please send us a message on our dedicated footpaths email [Footpaths@westlavington.org.uk](mailto:Footpaths@westlavington.org.uk) so that we can follow up with the relevant owner, or organise a work party to deal with it. If you would like to help with footpath clearance, maintenance or monitoring, or even running a litter pick, use the same email address.

We have recently been hearing from local farmers who have been very busy harvesting and preparing fields for winter crops. This work involves some very large pieces of equipment and unfortunately the operators have been encountering walkers crossing fields and horse riders riding along field edges, which causes both health and safety risks and financial impacts to the farmers. Can we please remind everyone to keep to the designated Rights of Way so that we can avoid these problems. You can check on the routes of the designated Rights of Way throughout the Parish using the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Map on their website <https://wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=43d5a86a545046b2b59fd7dd49d89d22>

There is also a link to that map on the West Lavington Parish Council website.

Keeping to the Rights of Way is of course easier when the paths are clear of obstructions and overgrowth. The Parish Council is working with various landowners to encourage them to keep the paths on their land open, but everyone whose land borders a RoW can help, especially at this time of year. If your garden hedge borders a Right Of Way, you are responsible for cutting the RoW side and ensuring the footpath is not blocked. Over time many hedges have got thicker, thus restricting the width of the RoW. Please make sure you cut yours back!

This is the right time of year to deal with issues on Rights of Way and clearance of undergrowth, and we must try and complete all that valuable work before spring when birds start nesting.

**Planning Matters:** At the last Parish Council Meeting, Councillors considered two applications for works to trees and raised no objections. No new planning applications had been received at the time of going to press.

A Parish Council Thank You to **Cllr. Peter Blundell** for the restoration of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground sign.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Thursday 7th November in the Giles Room, West Lavington Village Hall at 7pm.**

**Cllr. Peter West** Chair Chair WLPC, and **Cllr. Steve Laister**, Vice Chair and Footpaths Lead  
[WLPC pwest@westlavington.org.uk](mailto:PWPC@westlavington.org.uk)

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**Early Years children finding their feet:** The first school term is a real transition time for many of our DAPS children. Our youngest are settling into school life, understanding the school routine, enjoying their phonics lessons as words and books start to open up for them, and thriving with our 'in the moment learning' programme.

**Harvest fun and celebrations:** Harvest is always a popular time at DAPS, especially as it is our first assembly of the year which all our parents and loved ones come along to enjoy. The children enjoyed singing songs, displaying their artwork, and reciting harvest themed poems.

**Halloween:** Our annual Halloween disco on the last day of term was a huge success. We had witches, wizards, ghosts, and a few other costumes that I didn't actually manage to work out, but the children had so much fun! Thank you to the DJ and the PTA for organising!

**The Great DAPS Bake Off!** Children brought in six identical or themed cookies or cupcakes to be judged by our staff panel who showed a lot of restraint in not eating them all! The cakes were sold in an after-school cake sale. Our children really are very creative bakers and it was hard to choose a winner.

**Wreath Making:** We warmly invite you all to join us for our wreath making event on Saturday 30th November in the school hall, staggering the day through several sittings – 2pm, 4.15pm and 6.30pm. This which allows us to ensure everyone has as much time as they wish to make their wreath and our team can be on hand to help. It is a wonderfully festive afternoon and evening with Christmas music playing, mince pies, mulled wine and a cheeky prosecco!

The event has sold out every year so book your tickets soon. Tickets are £25 (including the Eventbrite booking fee) and includes all the materials you will need to make and decorate a beautiful wreath. Tickets can be booked at <https://dapswreathmaking2024.eventbrite.co.uk/> and all funds raised go directly to providing wonderful experiences for our children at DAPS.

**Open days for 2025 school starters:** We know what an important decision it is choosing a school for your child and we believe that parents should visit a school to see it for themselves. Although we are based in the heart of West Lavington, we welcome children to our school from surrounding villages and towns such as Devizes and Rowde. If you are looking for a school for your 2025 school starter or a new school for an older child, please do come and visit us.

Open days are running every Tuesday in November but we are happy to show you around anytime. Please give us a call on 01380 813373 or email us on [admin@daps.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@daps.wilts.sch.uk) to arrange a visit.

Philippa Winbolt Headteacher



## The Green Dragon & Trinity Church BEER & CAROLS

**Monday 9th December 7pm**

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## HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



Holy Trinity had a visit from Wessex Archaeology to talk about the Digging for Erlestoke project, which builds on the excavations originally carried out at the Manor House in 1963. **Sarum class** were lucky enough to have a workshop handling artefacts found in the excavations from the Neolithic period, finding out how they were used and what they tell us about prehistoric life in this area. Wessex Archaeology has very generously gifted us an archaeologist's bag with tools and all the artefacts we studied to inspire an understanding of how humans lived in the past.

**Stonehenge class** had a fabulous trip to Wiltshire museum in Devizes. They spent the day learning all about houses from the past, handling artefacts and discovering lots about life in Victorian times. The children enjoyed creating rag rugs, pretending to do washing 'Victorian style' and smelling authentic coal tar soap! The day was finished off with a Victorian artefact and house's hunt around the museum.

**White Horse class** were out and about in the village this week, finding out what it was like to live in Great Cheverell during Victorian times. We dressed in Victorian clothes and were taken back in time by Nellie Bowden (really Mrs Heath, all dressed up as one of her ancestors), who lived near our school in the late nineteenth century. With the help of another historical character played by Mrs Andrew, the children learnt what it was like to grow up as a Victorian child in Great Cheverell. A great big thank you to Mrs Heath and Mrs Andrew for sharing their historical knowledge in such a fun and memorable way.

**Field of Poppies Ceramic Workshop:** Children and staff have all been involved in the creation of their own unique ceramic poppy. These will be added to our Remembrance Field of Poppies art installation in early November.



**Crochet Club:** is also very busy designing and making poppies and their beautiful brooches will be available for families to purchase from **Monday 4th November**, with all donations going to the Royal British Legion.

**Music:** We are delighted to announce that Holy Trinity has been awarded the Music Mark again this year by Wiltshire Music Connect. This is in recognition of the wide-ranging and high quality music opportunities our children experience. We enjoy listening, making, singing, dancing and learning about music together in collective worship and through our music curriculum. In addition 112 children currently access enrichment clubs and/or peripatetic music tuition.

Our special Remembrance service will be held on **Monday 11th November** with the children leading prayers, readings, music and singing.

**Anna Woodman Headteacher**

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## LAVINGTON PRE-SCHOOL



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During Term One we have been looking at 'All About Me'. The children were keen to share what they had been doing during the summer holidays and they also discussed who was in their families. We looked at our emotions and the children made emotion cakes, decorating them with colours which reflected how they were feeling. The children also drew pictures of 'how we feel today'. We looked at our bodies and worked on matching body parts to where we thought they lived in our bodies. We enjoyed the early Autumn sunshine by having a teddy bears' picnic - the children bought in a soft toy from home, and we sat in the back garden and ate our lunch.

Our wonderful families came in to join us for 'Cake at 10' and shared a cake (or two) with the children. We asked for donations for the NSPCC, and we sold the cakes which were left at the end of the day. We would like to thank all those who made donations and bought our cakes as we raised an amazing £102.70 for the NSPCC.

We finished Term 1 celebrating Halloween. The children helped scoop out our pumpkins, which we then mixed with birdseeds and filled the empty pumpkin with the mixture. We have hung this out on one of our trees for the birds. The children enjoyed using our Halloween sponges to print some spooky pictures. We filled one of our pumpkins with frozen jelly which the children enjoyed breaking up with our wooden hammers. We finished the term with our Halloween Party.

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](mailto:lavingtonpreschool@gmail.com) or [managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:managerlavingtonpreschool@gmail.com) **Julie Langlands Manager**

## SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



This Autumn term continues to be exciting and full of stimulating activities. We have been extremely fortunate to have experienced a visit from a snake. One of our families has a Royal Python as a pet and 'Frank' came to see us. Every child who wanted to was able to stroke Frank carefully. We discovered lots of snake facts and it was a wonderful experience for the children.

The children have been exploring Autumn by looking at leaves, conkers and pumpkins. We have looked for leaves in our large garden comparing colours and shapes, and then using them during our painting and crafting activities.

We were delighted to host a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon recently. This was a lovely event opening the doors to parents, the community and friends of the Nursery. We are so grateful for the help and support that was given to us. We were able to raise over £230, so a big thank you to everyone who made cakes or attended.

The children have been completing cooking activities this term. They have made apple crumble, rice crispy pumpkins, and salad using the carrots, cucumbers and herbs they have been growing. They have also grown raspberries in the Nursery garden. It has been a busy, enjoyable term. We are looking forward to more Autumn and Winter activities.

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

## OLD CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH

### Keeping Unity and Peace

Disunity is the sad reality for many churches today. Members can be offended by one another, each wanting to direct the church one way, while another wants to follow another agenda. In fact disunity is prevalent in the world today, in the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine and many other parts of the world, revealing destructive inhumane conflict.

But we're called to be peacemakers. Peter wrote a letter to Christians experiencing persecution and gave instructions on how to respond to situations in the home and in the world. He wrote 'all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, loving, compassionate and humble. Do not return evil for evil or insult for insult, but give a blessing instead, for you were called for the very purpose that you would inherit a blessing'(1 Peter 3:8-9).

Christians relate to each other on a very deep level as they have a common life in Christ, filled with His Holy Spirit. Peter's letter mainly relates to relationships between believers. The word harmony means 'to be of one mind', a difficult thing to do with those who aren't surrendering to Christ. However, believers may not agree on every issue either, but if our minds are set on Christ, we can live in peace and harmony with one another as the Holy Spirit is doing the work within us to seek Him.

Even though we can't have unity with unbelievers, we must treat them with the grace that we've received. 'If possible, as far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people' (Romans 12:18). Sympathy, compassion, love, kindness and humility are more effective in sharing the truth and peace of Christ, than are rudeness, insults, anger and harshness.

We must not fear ridicule, strong criticism, or being mistreated. Our witness is magnified when we suffer for Christ's sake. These hardships allow Christ to shine through us into a dark and hostile world. 'For when I am weak then I am strong' (It is then that we depend on God for strength) (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Let everyone see in our behaviour, attitudes and word a life transformed by Christ.

**Rev Fr David Knipe** (Prayer/Pastoral care/Bible Study)

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## EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

### Losing our virtue

Matthew Syed is one of the most insightful columnists writing today. A couple of his recent articles in The Sunday Times really made me think. In one he argued, 'All the policy in the world won't save us if we can't rediscover patience'. Easy access to money has 'taken the waiting out of wanting'. Both governments and individuals prefer to borrow to spend now, rather than save up and purchase goods more cheaply. Government debt is unsustainably high at 100% of GDP and those Klarna bills soon

mount up. We need to learn once more that patience is a priceless virtue.

In another piece Syed reflected on a key lesson from the Grenfell Tower inquiry, namely 'Today's disasters aren't caused by lack of regulation, but simple dishonesty'. Governments can pass as many new regulations as they wish, but if building contractors dishonestly subvert health and safety rules, more disasters are likely to happen. As with patience, fidelity to truth pays economic dividends. Countries where people are more likely to be honest are typically wealthier than lands where lies and corruption are the order of the day.

But as the writer's point about Grenfell shows, more State regulation isn't necessarily the answer. In fact, the idea that governments can form us into more virtuous citizens is laughable. The last lot never recovered from 'Partygate'. Sir Keir Starmer pledged to lead a 'government of service', a noble sentiment, but to many it seems more like a 'government of scroungers'. The PM and some of his senior ministers have faced a barrage of criticism for accepting hordes of freebies; from expensive clothing to pricey concert tickets.

Syed has certainly diagnosed the cause of many of our ills today, but he prescribes no cure. How may we regain our virtue? It is increasingly recognised that the 'Christian Revolution' had a transformative effect on the moral and spiritual climate of the ancient world. This was not a top-down imposition of morality by regulation, but a matter of personal regeneration. As Paul wrote: 'if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.' In the New Testament believers are frequently urged to shun their old vices and display the virtues of truth, self-control and hard work. So, Vive la Christian Revolution!

**Guy Davies [www.pbc-ebc.org.uk](http://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.

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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>November 3rd</b>	Trinity Church Service Led by Mrs Isabel Smears
<b>November 10th</b>	United Remembrance Service at St Mary's Market Lavington Led by Revd Gary Gotham
<b>November 17th</b>	Trinity Church Service Led by Revd Craig Manley
<b>November 24th</b>	United Toy Service at St Barnabus Easterton Led by Jeannie MacMeekin

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

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Please contact **Liz Beadle, Stars Appeal Engage Co-ordinator**, to find out more:

Department of Clinical Psychology, Salisbury District Hospital

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

NOVEMBER 2024	
<b>Sat 2nd:</b> <b>Sun 3rd:</b>	Big Weekend Christmas Market, Devizes Corn Exchange 11am-6pm Sat, 11am-4pm Sun
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club Bonfire and Fireworks, Walled Garden, from 4.30pm
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	Jazz on Sunday, Little Cheverell VH, 1 - 3pm. Tickets £5, children free.
<b>Mon 4th:</b>	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, The Pavilion, 7pm
<b>Wed 6th</b>	North Wilts Arts Society lecture on Delftware, Assembly Hall, Melksham, 11am - 12 noon. £8 <a href="http://tasnorthwilts.org.uk">tasnorthwilts.org.uk</a>
<b>Thur 7th</b>	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL VH, 7pm.
<b>Fri 8th:</b>	Devizes Comedy Night, Corn Exchange, doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Tickets £12
<b>Fri 8th - Sun 17th:</b>	Devizes Eisteddfod: Music, Speech and Drama. <a href="http://www.devizes-eisteddfod.org.uk">www.devizes-eisteddfod.org.uk</a>
<b>Sat 9th:</b>	Devizes Book Fair, Corn Exchange, 10am to 4pm. Antiquarian and secondhand books
	Remembrance Concert, Wiltshire Police Band, St Mary's ML. 7pm. Tickets £10
<b>Sun 10th:</b>	Cars Galore Dino Special for under-5s, WL VH, 10 - 11am. £8.50 for one adult and child. <a href="http://cars-galore.co.uk">cars-galore.co.uk</a>
	Edington Ensemble performs Mendelssohn and Ravel, MLCH, 4pm. Tickets £19.50, under 18s free
<b>Mon 11th:</b>	West Lavington Remembrance Wreath Laying, Remembrance Avenue, 11am
	Mothers' Union meeting, Utility Warehouse talk. 54 High St, WL, 2.15pm
<b>Tues 12th</b>	Cheverell Garden Club meeting, Bats in Wiltshire. GC Village Hall 7.30pm
<b>Wed 13th</b>	Mercers' Lecture: Holly Budge, Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School, 7.30pm
<b>Thu 14th:</b>	West Lavington WI Folk and Christmas Concert, WL VH, 2pm. Guests £5
<b>Sat 16th:</b>	Christmas Country Fair in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund, MLCH, 10am - 2pm. Free entry.
	Kats and Kits Christmas Sale, Needham House, Devizes. 10am - 12 noon.
<b>Wed 20th</b>	Arts Society Devizes lecture on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and WW1, Corn Exchange Devizes, 10.45 am. Guest tickets £8, Membership £50.

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

<b>Wed 20th</b>	Lavington and District Gardening Club AGM and social, WL VH, 7.15 for 7.30pm
<b>Sat 23rd</b>	Coffee morning in aid of St Peter's Church, LC, LC Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon
<b>Sun 24th</b>	United Toy Service, St Barnabas Church, Easterton. 10.30am
<b>Mon 25th</b>	Arts Society Devizes Study Day, Seend Community Centre. From 10.15am. £40 including lunch
<b>Tues 26th</b>	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7.30pm
<b>Wed 27th</b>	WL Friendship Club coach to Reading, Village Hall car park 9.30am. Tickets £10
<b>Fri 29th</b>	Devizes Christmas Lights switch on, Market Place, Devizes
<b>Fri 29th - Sat Dec 7th</b>	Hansel and Gretel panto, Wharf Theatre, Devizes. Tickets £14 - £16.
<b>Sat 30th</b>	DAPS Wreath Making Event, DAPS School, 2pm, 4.15pm and 6.30pm. Tickets £25
DECEMBER 2024	
<b>Sun 1st</b>	Jazz on Sunday, LCVH, 1 - 3pm, Tickets £5, children free
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	Preview Evening, Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair, Bowood Hotel Spa, 4 - 8pm. Tickets £15
<b>Tues 3rd</b>	Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair, Bowood Hotel Spa, 9am - 3pm. Tickets £5 on door or two for one in advance
	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, Little Cheverell VH, 7pm.
<b>Wed 4th</b>	North Wilts Arts Society Lecture A Tudor Christmas, Assembly Rooms, Melksham 11am - 12 noon. £8
<b>Friday 6th</b>	Potterne Christmas Market, Village Hall and Social Club, 4-7pm
	Village Nativity, ML Community Hall, 5.30 - 7.30 pm
<b>Sat 7th</b>	Devizes Chamber Choir Christmas Concert, St Andrew's Church, Long Street. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £12.
<b>Sun 8th</b>	Children's Christmas Party in aid of Julia's House, WL VH, 11.15am - 1.30pm. Tickets £5. Christmas Fair, Corn Exchange Devizes. 11am to 4pm
<b>Mon 9th</b>	Beer and Carols and presentation of Community Awards, Green Dragon, ML, 7pm
<b>Wed 11th</b>	WL Friendship Club Christmas annual concert featuring Done and Broke, WL VH 2.30pm. Tickets £10 from Village shop and Coxheads.
<b>Sat 14/15th</b>	Christmas Tree Festival, St Barnabas, Easterton
<b>Sun 15th</b>	Devizes Town Band Christmas Party, Corn Exchange, 2pm. Tickets £10, U-16 £7.50, Preschool £5
<b>Fri 20th</b>	Lavington Community Choir Christmas Concert, MLCH, 7.30pm

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

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

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

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

**Dauntsey's Choral Society:** Monday evenings, term time, Farmer Room, Music Department, Dauntsey's School 7.30-9.30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lavington and District Swimming Club:** Sundays 3.30-5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm, Thursdays 6.30am-7.30 am, Dauntsey's School Pool. To Tuesday December 10th.

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

**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, Nov-March 2pm.

**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

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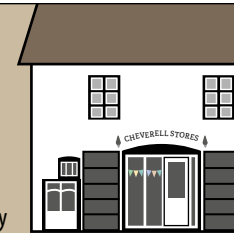
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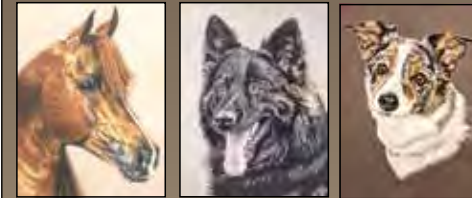
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