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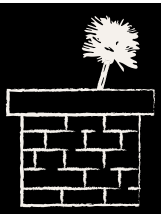


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FROM THE EDITOR

I'm in danger of repeating myself, but can it really be November already? October seems to have vanished without trace, and here we are in autumn on the edge of winter, with named storms already with us, and fireworks, Remembrance and early Christmas Fairs on the horizon. The shops have been stocking mince pies and cheaper chocolates for what seems like weeks and I am resisting falling for their wares out of sheer bloody mindedness - although how long I can keep stollen away from Him Indoors is a moot question.

News and Views in its current form would not exist without the expertise and hard work of its designer, Annemarie Seager. As many of our readers will know, Annemarie lost her beloved husband Ian suddenly at the end of August. Despite this devastating loss, she has determinedly continued to design the magazine with her usual flair and commitment. I am deeply grateful to her.

Our next issue covers both December and January 2027, so don't forget to send me news of any happenings in those months that you would like advertised in News and Views. The News and Views deadline is always the 20th of the month.

Sue Bonney - Editor editor4newsandviews@gmail.com

Deadline Dates

Editorial copy and photographs should be sent to **editor4newsandviews@gmail.com**

Articles and photographs for the **December/January double issue** should reach Sue Bonney no later than **Friday November 20th**. ***Anything arriving after that date may not be included in the magazine.***

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This Month's Cover: Reception and Year 1 pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School visit the Stones. 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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4.30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Lavington

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Date	Market Lavington **St Mary's**	West Lavington **All Saints'**	Easterton **St Barnabas**	Little Cheverell **St Peter's**	Great Cheverell **St Peter's**
Sunday 1st November	**10.30 am All Saints' West Lavington** Benefice Service Communion **4.00 pm All Saints' West Lavington** Celebration of All Saints - *Tea and cakes from 3.30 pm*				
Sunday 8th November	**10.30 am** Remembrance United Service with Trinity	**10.50 am** Remembrance Lay Led Service	**10.30 am** Remembrance Service led by Sarah Wood-Roe	**11.00 am** Remembrance Service at War Memorial	**10.45 am** Remembrance Service
Sunday 15th November	**10.30 am** Benefice Service Communion				**10.00 am** Welcome to Worship
Sunday 22nd November	**10.30 am** United Toy Service with Trinity and St Barnabas at St Barnabas	**9.30 am** Praise and Worship	**10.30 am** United Toy Service with Trinity and St Mary's at St Barnabas Please bring unwrapped gifts for children 0-18 years for Salvation Army to pass to Social Services		**11.00 am** BCP Communion
Thursday 26th November	**4.30pm - All Saints' West Lavington** Christingle				
Sunday 29th November	**6.00 pm - All Saints' West Lavington** Advent Service				**11.00 am** Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th December	**10.30 am St Peter's Great Cheverell** Benefice Service Communion **6.30 pm St Barbabas Easterton** Carol Service				

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

REFLECTION

A Covering of Care

November: the month when daylight ebbs away and darkness comes earlier each day. Autumn is approaching its end and winter will herald long nights and stormy weather. We will spend more time indoors, and remember summer, where sunshine seemed to last longer and get hotter each day.

The weather was such that we adopted a Mediterranean way of living to cope with the heat, working outside early in the morning or later in the evening. The temperatures surpassed all records and the drought has made many realise that our water use cannot be sustained at current levels. Climate change is impacting our ability to grow the crops we have always grown. Our gardens with need some replanting with flowers and shrubs that thrive in heat and drought. We may be longing for long-lasting rain in November, to replenish our streams, rivers and ponds. As we face winter, many will feel isolated and miss seeing friends on daily walks. We need to keep in contact, especially with those who live alone.

As November ends, we enter Advent, a time of waiting for Christmas and remembering the birth of Christ. Christ who is the light of the world, and in whom we trust. In the darkness we find light in the promise of Christmas. So, at our lowest ebb we remember that light will return and the natural world, now asleep, will grow again.

Wendy Wilshin

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St Barnabas Toy Service

Sunday 22nd November 10.30am

This year the St Barnabas Toy Service will be on **November 22nd at 10.30 am**. We will be collecting toys and gifts for young people from 0 to 18 years old for the Salvation Army to forward to Social Services. It is requested that all items are new and unwrapped. Wrapping paper is also gratefully received.

If you have items that you would like to donate but are unable to attend the service, please contact **Sue Allen** on **01380 813603** or email **sue.allen331@googlemail.com** so that collection or drop off can be arranged.

Revd Caroline Spindlow

It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that we share some important news from Caroline Spindlow. She has made the difficult decision to step back from her ministry here in the Benefice, as well as her role within the Diocese.

For a considerable time, the combined workload of serving our churches alongside her diocesan role has simply been too great to sustain in a healthy way. She has recognised the need to make lifestyle changes for the sake of her health and well-being. Looking ahead, she and her husband Mark hope to be moving to Cornwall at the beginning of the New Year, though they plan to return regularly to visit family and friends.

Caroline has expressed her deepest thankfulness for the privilege of serving this Benefice. She is immensely grateful for your friendship, kindness, and faithful commitment to keeping our churches alive and flourishing, and she carries many happy memories with her.

We will let you know at a later date how we plan to give thanks for Caroline's ministry and come together as a church family to mark her departure. She has given so much to our community during her time with us, and her warmth, dedication, and ministry will be deeply and truly missed by us all.

Is God calling you?

'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.'

Across our rural parishes, the need for pastoral care continues to grow. As a church family, we are called to be Christ's hands and feet, sharing the weight of isolation, illness, and difficult times, and simply ensuring that no one in our community has to walk alone.

To meet these increasing pastoral needs, we intend to expand our Lay Pastoral Assistant (LPA) team.

Could God be nudging you toward this ministry? Please prayerfully consider whether this is where He is calling you in this season. If you have a heart for listening, visiting, and offering a compassionate presence to those in need, your gifts are deeply needed. Training will begin in January. This offers an opportunity to explore if this is a role you are being called to.

If you feel that God may be calling you to the pastoral team, or if you would just like an informal chat about what the role involves, please get in touch with Rev'd Sam:

Phone: 07377 116242
Email: revsam@lavingtonchurch.org

Cards for Ukraine

Greetings cards featuring paintings by local artists are now on sale locally to raise much needed funds to help Ukrainian families here and in Ukraine. The cards cost £1.50 each or 4 for £5 and are on sale in various local locations including the Urchfont village shop and the Royal Oak. All proceeds will go to the **Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP)** which sends tonnes of aid to Ukraine and helps Ukrainian families in the UK. For more details on how to find and buy the cards, email **anndawsonblunden@gmail.com** or **claremilanes@gmail.com** For more information about SHAP and its work, go to **shapuk.org**

It has been amazing the speed at which the years have flown by since I became leader of the West Lavington branch of the MU in January 2024. Our meetings have contained presentations such as local history, charitable work within the Salisbury Diocese, and interesting people relating stories of their work and experiences locally, nationally and internationally. We are now planning a packed programme of meetings and events for 2027.

At our our meeting in November Sue Hamblin will be giving an update on The Nestling Trust and the challenging year they have encountered caused by devastating floods in Nepal. Then the year will conclude in December with a Christmas Afternoon Tea when we will join the WI at the Village Hall and have a guest speaker from Salisbury Women's Refuge.

This year has seen the 150th anniversary of the MU and the marvellous achievements accomplished in those years cannot be underestimated. It all began with the MU Founder Mary Sumner in 1876. Amongst her many campaigns are notably:

- Raising the Marriage Age from 12 to 16.
- Child Safety In Public Houses - she campaigned to legally stop parents from sending their children to local pubs to collect alcohol.
- Defying class barriers - she insisted wealthy and working-class women sit together in her meetings.
- Supporting unmarried mothers.
- Engaging fathers in the home - she urged men to show greater respect, love, and equal responsibility towards their wives and households.
- The Family Allowance Act 1942 - the Mothers' Union lobbied government to make state welfare payments to mothers rather than their husbands.



These are just a few of the British law changes Mary Sumner pioneered. Since then her work for families has spread worldwide and the MU continues to campaign for families in many countries far and wide.

If you would like to learn more or just pop into one of our meetings, please come along, everyone is welcome (we always have cake!). Our next meeting is at 2.15pm on **Monday 9th November** at 2 Hooks Court, West Lavington.

Jackie Knipe jack_knipe@hotmail.co.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Local Remembrance Services and Events

Saturday 7th November:

- **Remembrance Concert by Wiltshire Concert Band** in aid of the Royal British Legion, 7pm, Market Lavington Community Hall, tickets £10 from St Arbucks, Green Dragon, Devizes Books or on the door.

Sunday 8th November:

Remembrance Services

- St Mary's, Market Lavington: 10.30am, with Trinity Church
- St Barnabas, Easterton: 10.30am
- St Peter's, Great Cheverell: 10.45am
- All Saints', West Lavington: 10.50am
- War Memorial, St Peter's, Little Cheverell: 11am

Devizes Remembrance Parade: 9.15am muster outside Bear Hotel, 9.30 Inspection and march off. 10.00am Service at St John's Church. 1045 -11am Parade proceeds to War Memorial for Last Post and two minute silence. Back to Market Place for final salute.

Salisbury Remembrance Sunday Service: Guildhall Square and St Thomas's Church, Gather at War Memorial in Guildhall Square at 10.30am for two minute silence at 11am. Sunday Service at St Thomas's follows.

Remembrance Sunday Lunch: West Lavington Village Hall. 12.30pm. To book, contact **mrsannewilson@gmail.com**

Tuesday 11th November:

West Lavington Remembrance Wreath Laying: Remembrance Avenue, 11am





Upcoming Local Roadworks

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/**

Ongoing to 12th March 2027: Devizes Road, Salisbury closed for gas works. Diversion via Wilton.

30th Nov - 1st Dec: High Street, Great Cheverell closed for Wessex Water. Diversion in force.

2nd Dec - 10th Dec: B3086 Bustard Cross to Airman's Corner from the junction with A360 to the junction with the Packway. Road closure.

8th Dec: Stibb Hill, West Lavington. Road closed for OpenReach works. Diversion in place.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on 12th September. We would also like to say a special thank you to all the helpers and volunteers who have given up their time to make these mornings such a success over the years.We are delighted to announce that £1,200 was raised on the morning, bringing our incredible 10-year total to over £10,500!

This was our tenth and final Macmillan Coffee Morning, so it was a particularly special one for us. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past ten years by attending, donating, baking, helping or simply spreading the word. We are incredibly grateful for all of your support and are extremely proud of what we have achieved together.

We are also pleased to say that it is looking very promising that someone will be continuing our tradition and taking the annual coffee morning forward in the future. If this does go ahead we hope you will continue to support them in the same, wonderful way you have us. We certainly will, and wish them every success in continuing this very special tradition.

Thank you again.

Sally and Derek Hale

Market Lavington Library

The Old School Market Lavington

The Library's opening hours are changing slightly from **November 4th.** We are still open on Wednesday afternoons, all day Friday and Saturday mornings.

Wednesday afternoons: 1pm - 5pm

Fridays: 10am - 4pm

Saturday mornings: 10am - 12 noon

Manned by local volunteers, Market Lavington Library is in the refurbished warm and welcoming space of the Old School. If you're searching for a book, audio or ebooks, or need to use a public computer or wifi, there's no need to trek into Devizes - you can access all of them in Market Lavington! If you are not already a Wiltshire Libraries member, you can join for free at the Market Lavington branch - all you need is some ID. The Library offers a wide range of adult, teens and children's books, fiction and non-fiction. Books can be ordered (at the Library or online) for collection (£1 adults, children's books free). Toddlers can enjoy Rhyme Time on a Friday morning twice a month!

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for more volunteers to help cover the opening hours at Market Lavington Library. If you would like to support your local Library and have two hours to spare at least twice a month, we would love to hear from you. It is a great way to meet other book lovers and to welcome everyone young and old.

We aim to have two volunteers for each two hour shift. We ask that volunteers can be available for three shifts per month, although this can often be just two, depending on numbers. Ahead of each month our Volunteer Co-Ordinator will ask for your availability and draw up the rota. There are no set shifts. You will receive full training for the volunteer role.

For more information please contact: **libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk**

Dorothy House Light up a Life Services

Sunday 22nd November 2026 at Dorothy House, Winsley BA15 2LE, 3pm
Tuesday 24th November 2026 at Bath Abbey, 7pm

Light up a Life is a special time of year where we invite our community to join us in remembering their loved ones by sponsoring a light on our beautiful Christmas tree that shines brightly at Winsley House.

The service at Winsley will include switching on our Christmas tree lights. Join us at Winsley or Bath Abbey where we will remember the lives of those we love. For more information and tickets, go to **www.dorothyhouse.org.uk**

The Plain Players first production, a village comedy called **Day of Reckoning by Pam Valentine**, will be performed from **January 28th - 30th 2027,** in West Lavington Village Hall. The cast and our artistic director, Stephen Keyes, will be working hard through the next three months to bring you an entertaining evening, full of laughter and pathos.

A committee meets on a winter's night to arrange the summer village fete. As protocol gives way to bickering and gossip, the personalities of those present emerge: busybody Ethel; Pauline, the vicar's long-suffering wife; careworn Gloria; horsey Marjorie who is very attentive to the shy new teacher, Angela; elderly Mavis; and Sally, the brisk Army wife. Six months on, the cathartic events of the Fete are related with humour and pathos, and the upbeat ending affirms the enduring value of village life.



Tickets for a Day of Reckoning will be on sale from **December 1st**, with details on how to book published in the next News and Views.

Why not join us to help stage what should be a great community event in the New Year. If you would like to get involved with our first production, either backstage or front of house, email **plainplayers@gmail.com** for more details on how to become a member of The Plain Players.

The Wharf to screen NT Live productions

The Wharf Theatre in Devizes has officially become a registered screening centre for National Theatre Live, bringing world-class theatre from the West End directly to Wiltshire. From November, audiences will be able to enjoy up to twelve NT Live productions every year, screened in stunning high-definition and presented with the same care, atmosphere, and community spirit that defines the Wharf Theatre's live performance season. Audiences can expect a diverse year-round slate of productions—from gripping dramas and reimagined classics to bold new writing, each captured live from the West End and delivered straight to Devizes.



The NT Live programme launches with an exceptional first screening of The Misanthrope starring Golden Globe winner Sandra Oh on **Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm**.

Tickets cost £18 + booking fee (£16 + booking fee for Wharf Theatre members) and are available now via the Wharf Theatre website at:

wharftheatre.co.uk or the **Box Office on 0333 666 3366.**

Devizes Eisteddfod Showcase Concert

The 2026 Devizes Eisteddfod Music, Speech and Drama Festival takes place on **11th and 13th to 15th November**, and includes a Junior Choral Festival on Wednesday 11th. The Festival culminates in a Showcase Concert at the Corn Exchange on Saturday November 21st. The Concert features highlights and standout performances from the Music, Speech, and Drama Eisteddfod events, plus major award and trophy presentations.

Doors open at 6:00 pm and the show starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets cost £10.00 for adults (entry is free for children under 18) and are available from **Devizes Books or www.ticketsource.com/devizes-eisteddfod.**

For more information go to **devizes-eisteddfod.org.uk**

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Add to the beautiful Advent and Christmas music mulled wine, mince pies and stollen in the interval, and it will be an evening set to be the very best way to get the Christmas Season off to a great start.



Market Lavington Christmas Country Fair

We're back! The fifteenth annual CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund will be held on Saturday November 14th at Market Lavington Community Hall from 10am to 2pm. Start your Christmas shopping with us! You're bound to find the perfect present from lots of stalls featuring handmade crafts and produce, including jewellery, textiles, home decor, glass, wood, greeting cards, preserves, Christmas cards and decorations. Plus a Tombola and refreshments! Profits from the Fair will help the ABF to help soldiers, ex-soldiers and their families. We have so far raised nearly £16,000! Entrance is free to the Fair, but a £1 coin (or more!) in one of our buckets as you come in would make all the difference!

For more information, contact **Sue Bonney on suejbonney@gmail.com**

Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair

Monday 30th November 2.00 - 8.00pm and Tuesday 1st December 9.00am - 3.00pm.

The Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair takes place in the Kerry Suite at the Bowood Hotel Spa and Golf Resort between Calne and Chippenham. As well as being a place to find unique gifts and locally produced food and drink, it also raises vital funds for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Monday's Preview event runs from 2.00pm to 8.00pm with tickets at £15. Visitors will be greeted with a glass of wine in the evening. The Fair opens again at 9.00am on Tuesday through to 3pm, providing another chance to meet up with friends to shop, have coffee or lunch in the hotel's Shelburne Restaurant to share Christmas plans and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Tickets are available online at **www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events** with a special two-for-one offer on £5 tickets for Tuesday December 1st.

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust works in partnership with Wiltshire Police with three operators visiting homes across Wiltshire and Swindon to offer free practical home security measures for people over 60, those at risk of domestic abuse or over 18 with a registered disability. It also has a team of Stay Safe Online volunteers who visit clients in their homes and give talks to groups about preventing online fraud.

Streetscene

What a summer we have had! The drought caused us serious problems with the constant watering and sadly losing some plants. We have now got a new location in White Street/ Strawberry Hill, with two new volunteers looking after the gorgeous planter. We particularly love the solar watering can! We have also had some new volunteers come forward to help us maintain Streetscene planters as a asset for the village. Particular thanks go to the weeding of the surrounding area of Youth Club beds which always distract from our efforts.

We have now acquired a new valuable sponsor in a local lad from the village with a gardening business. He has very generously sponsored planting the two new planters at Sandfield bus stop, and some perennial plants for the Youth Club beds at the Village Hall. Many thanks to Josh. Jewsons have again come up trumps donating the wood to enable us to build and replace planters. Dauntsey Care Home, Nigel Grist, Courtyard Surgery and Holme Farm have continued their support.



Let's hope the rain continues so that the hosepipe ban can be lifted!

CHEVERELL GARDEN CLUB

The October meeting of the Cheverells Garden Club was a talk by Alexander Janes of the Commonwealth Wargraves Commission about the horticultural design of their cemeteries. He told us about the challenges faced due to climate change and how the planting and maintenance is influenced by the different circumstances of the cemeteries around the world. It was a highly informative and absorbing talk by an excellent speaker from a very important organisation.

Our November meeting will be a talk by Ian Hunt who helps to run a hedgehog rescue in Devizes- hopefully we will learn a lot about caring for these wonderful creatures. It's in Great Cheverell Village Hall on **Tuesday 19th November** at 7.15 for 7.30pm. If you would like any more information, please contact me at **Helen.woodlands@outlook.com**

Christmas Fairs and Markets

A number of Christmas fairs and markets are being held locally in November and December for different charities.

Sat 2nd November (11am - 6pm) and Sun 3rd November (11am - 4pm):
Devizes Big Weekend Christmas Market, Corn Exchange. Local crafters and independent business stalls. Free entry.

Saturday 14th November:
Christmas Country Fair, Market Lavington Community Hall, 10am - 2pm in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. Local crafts and produce, Christmas gifts, tombola, refreshments. Free entry.

Sunday 22nd November:
Julia's House Christmas Artisan Market, Bromham Community Hub, SN15 2JB, 10am - 2pm. Handmade gifts, wreath-making, children's crafts, mince pies, mulled wine. Free entry. https://www.juliashouse.org/event/christmas-artisan-market-2026

Sat 21st and Sun 22nd November:
Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Christmas Fair, WAA Airbase, Semington BA14 6JX, 11am - 5pm. Christmas gifts, hot drinks, mulled wine, tombola.

Sun 22nd November:
Furlong Close Christmas Market, Rowde SN10 2TQ, 12.30 - 3pm. Free entry.

Fri 28th (midday - 8.30pm) and Sat 29th (11am - 6pm):
Devizes Winter Festival and Makery Market in Corn Exchange and marketplace.

Monday 30th Nov and Tuesday 1st Dec:
Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair in aid of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. Monday 2 - 8pm Preview £15, Tuesday 9am- 3pm, £5. Lots of stalls selling a wide variety of products.

Saturday 5th December:
Dorothy House Christmas Fair, Winsley, BA15 2LE 9.30am - 1pm. Seasonal stalls, gifts, refreshments. £2 entry

Gardening (or not) in November!

November is where things start to get iffy for me and gardening. I manage to get going with some major clearing and cutting back in October, telling myself I will carry on through the winter to prepare for next year. And then the weather hits. I am writing this with a week of October left, but we are already being rained off and the first named storm (who thought of that idea, I wonder) is fast approaching. So will I be out there, weeding and mulching and cutting edges? In the wind and rain? Somehow I doubt it. The only course of dry action is to clear out and clean up the greenhouse and solar tunnel (different material to a polytunnel, but serves the same purpose!). Which I will, if I can get to them without getting soaked.

It's pointless trying to do very much if the soil is wet. Even my greensand gets wet if you throw enough rain at it, and the trend seems to be very heavy downpours these days, rather than gentle drizzle. However, I can clear my pots and plant some tulips in them, and hopefully sow some salad leaves in the greenhouse, plus plant the autumn garlic on a dry day.

There will be masses of leaves to clear, although I tend to leave those on the borders to allow the worms (if the moles have left any) to pull them down and enrich the soil. It's up to Him Indoors to clear leaves from his grass. We have two big wire containers to take leaves for leaf mould, to be bagged up into old compost bags when they have rotted down a bit. Leaf mould is fantastic stuff and can be used as a mulch, or when sieved added to your compost for potting. So much better than some of the peat free compost on offer.

At least the camellias will be thrilled with the rain - they were absolutely glorious in Spring this year and hopefully will be again. I have just spent several days ruthlessly clearing ground elder and couch grass from a shady patch under a twisted hazel where once a wonderful magnolia stellata grew. Sadly it died this year - from honey fungus, we suspect, rather than the hot weather. I have started to fill the space with geranium phaeums, hellebores and foxgloves, but there is still room for a big shrub, so I am going to splash out on another camellia, having spotted some very reasonably priced ones at Townsends.

We have lost a few shrubs this year - a pieris, the magnolia, an azalea, two hydrangeas - but joy of joys, the new choisya I planted in the spring and thought lost has suddenly sprouted bright green leaves and appears to be growing! Just shows you never can tell!



Cheverell Magna Parish Council

— WILTSHIRE —

Make a difference

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

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We're looking for local people who care about our community and want to help shape its future.

- Support your local community
- Help improve local facilities and services
- Make a positive difference to our parish
- Work with residents, partners and Wiltshire Council
- Gain valuable skills and experience

Your community needs you!

For more information, please email the clerk at
clerk@cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk

WE ARE LOOKING

MARKET LAVINGTON MUSEUM
EST. 1985

We need stewards to help at the Museum in Market Lavington

We are open May to October on a Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 14.30 hrs - 16.30 hrs

Training Provided

Contact June
Junwri@outlook.com
for more information



Market Lavington

Volunteers needed to help at the library

We are looking for volunteers to help cover the opening hours at Market Lavington Library.

If you would like to support your local library and have two hours to spare at least twice a month, we would love to hear from you.

Opening hours (From 4th November 2026)
Wednesday 1pm-5pm

Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-12mid-day

For more information please contact:
Libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Libraries

Wiltshire Council

NOVEMBER RHYME TIMES

6th & 20th November from 10.15 to 10.45

Market Lavington Library

Rhyme Time is held every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month For babies toddlers pre-schoolers primary-age children & their carers

Market Lavington Library

Opening Times

Wednesdays
2pm - 5pm
Fridays
10am to 5pm
Saturdays
10am to 12 noon

If you're not a member of Wiltshire Libraries we can easily join you up - just bring along some ID

Trinity Church Presents

Remembrance Concert

The Wiltshire Concert Band

7pm Saturday 7th November

Market Lavington Community Hall

Tickets £10

from: St Arbucks, The Green Dragon
Devizes Books or at the door

Refreshments

Profits go to the
Royal British Legion

info: wiltshireconcertband.co.uk

REMEMBRANCE
Sunday Lunch



West Lavington Village Hall

8th November 12.30

All Welcome - £22 for 2 courses
Children under 10 years old half price

Tickets and further into from:

mrsannewilson@gmail.com

The West Lavington Remembrance Avenue Wreath-Laying Service

All are welcome

Wednesday 11th November 11.00

Turn left at Gore Cross
Drive for one mile



Christmas fair

The fifteenth

CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

In aid of the Army Benevolent Fund

will be held on

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14th at the
MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL
10am to 2pm

FREE ENTRY * TOMBOLA
Lots of stalls selling local crafts

Start your Christmas shopping with us!
Decorations & Cards
Jewellery,
Glass & Wooden Crafts
Pottery, Home Decor
Bags, Cakes
Cosmetics, Honey
& Lots, Lots More



For more information, contact Sue Bonney on suejbonney@gmail.com

The Great Cheverell PAVILION Club

UNDER OUR LICENCE AGREEMENT WE CANNOT PUBLICLY NAME THE FILM WE ARE SHOWING

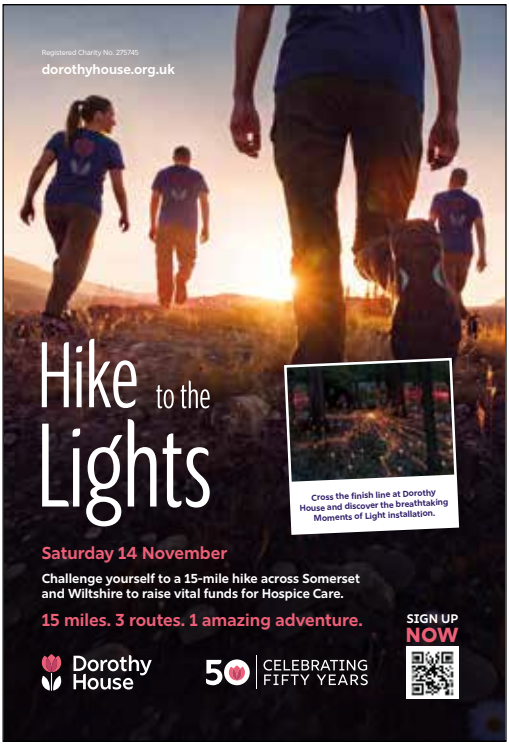


Total chaos as an elite PC is posted to a quiet village to impose law & order

Saturday November 14th

Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm

Members Free - Guests £5



Registered Charity No. 275745

dorothyhouse.org.uk

Hike to the Lights

Cross the finish line at Dorothy House and discover the breathtaking Moments of Light installation.

Saturday 14 November

Challenge yourself to a 15-mile hike across Somerset and Wiltshire to raise vital funds for Hospice Care.

15 miles. 3 routes. 1 amazing adventure.

SIGN UP NOW

Dorothy House

50 CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS

THE ARTS SOCIETY DEVIZES

Wed 18th November
Starts 10.45am
Lest We Forget
Britain's War Memorials

Devizes
Corn Exchange



Andrew Davies will explore the story of our 60,000 war memorials including Sir Edwin Lutyens' Cenotaph and C S Jaggers' Royal Artillery memorial at Hyde Park Corner.

Especially memorable is the work of the Commonwealth (Imperial) War Graves Commission and the National Arboretum and the Scottish War Memorial in Edinburgh.

It's our 20th anniversary in Devizes!
Members (10 lectures) £50 & Guests £8 (please email)

The Arts Society Devizes
www.theartssocietydevizes.org

LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 18th November 7:15pm
West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4HL

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

AGM & SOCIAL EVENING

Are you interested in finding out more about our friendly club?

COME ALONG

We look forward to seeing you!

Come and join us for what promises to be a sociable and enjoyable evening!

Refreshments available

Lavington & District Gardening Club
online @ lavingtongc.co.uk

DEVIZES EISTEDDFOD

FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE AND CREATIVE ARTS

Devizes eisteddfod SHOWCASE

80TH ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASE CONCERT

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026

The Corn Exchange, Devizes - 7pm

Tickets £10 Devizes Books

www.ticketsource.com/devizes-eisteddfod

Free Entry for Children

Join us for a really special evening concert celebrating creativity, performance and excellence in young people performing Music, Speech and Drama.

WANSBROUGHS

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Devizes Town Council

DEVIZES KATS & KITS IN CARE CAT SANCTUARY 07976 624770

Kats & Kits

Charity No 1215173

COFFEE & FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday 21st November 10am - 12pm

Needham House, Victoria Rd, Devizes SN10 1FA



Cat toys, handmade gifts, marmalade, stocking fillers and tombola

Plus of course our wonderful cakes

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CAT SANCTUARY

St Peter's Church Little Cheverell

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 21st November 10am - 12 noon

Little Cheverell Village Hall



Homemade Cakes, Christmas Presents
Ceramics, Waxed Bags, Aprons, Accessories

VINTED - new and nearly new clothes

Bring & Buy for the cake and produce stall

JOIN US WITH YOUR FRIENDS



Christmas Market

SCAN ME

- Local traders
- Seasonal gifts
- Tasty treats
- And lots of fun festive cheer

21-22 November

11am-5pm

Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Airbase • Semington • BA14 6JX



WILTSHIRE +BATH AIR AMBULANCE

Registered Charity 1144097

Sunday 22nd November
12.30pm to 3.00pm
Furlong Close &
The Mind Tree Café

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Furlong Close, Rowde SN10 2TQ

FREE ENTRY



FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

DEVIZES WINTER FESTIVAL 2026

DEVIZES OUTDOOR CELEBRATORY ARTS

LANTERN PARADE
SILENT FIREWORKS
MARKETS & ARTS
FESTIVE FOOD

ST. BARNABAS CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WREATH-MAKING!

JOIN US FOR A COSY FESTIVE EVENING!

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
6PM - 9PM

£25 PER PERSON

TICKET INCLUDES ALL WREATH-MAKING MATERIALS, PLUS A DELICIOUS MINCE PIE!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL FUND

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING:

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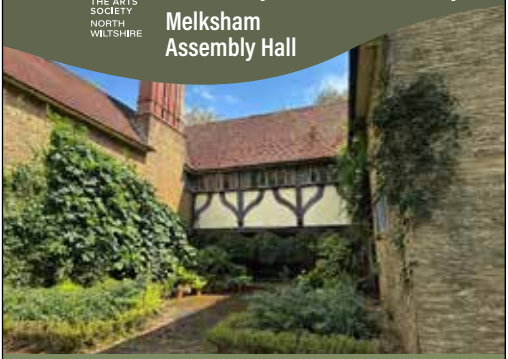
ST BARNABAS PRIMARY SCHOOL, DROVE LANE, MARKET LAVINGTON.

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE

Wed 2nd December
Starts 11am

The Perfect Partnership:
Edwin Lutyens & Gertrude Jekyll

Melksham
Assembly Hall



Paul Atterbury of the BBC's Antiques Roadshow, examines the partnership between one of Britain's greatest architects and best loved plantswoman, who transformed the look and feel of Britain's houses and gardens.

You can attend your first lecture for free, regular guests £8
Details of the full lecture programme go to:

www.tasnorthwilts.org.uk

DEVIZES CHAMBER CHOIR

Seasonal Songs and Carols for Christmas

Saturday 5th December
at 7:30 pm
St Andrew's Church
Long Street, Devizes

Tickets £12 on the door,
from choir members, Devizes Bookshop or
ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir

SAINT BARNABAS
EASTERTON

CHRISTMAS TREE Festival

ENTRIES INVITED FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

★ THEME: COUNTRIES ★

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER
& SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

10am to 4pm

For more information please contact
Mrs. June Wright
Junwri@outlook.com

Lavington Community Choir

Christmas CONCERT

Save the Date

Friday 18th December
at 7:30pm

Market Lavington Community Hall
St Mary's Rd, Market Lavington, SN10 4DG

Tickets £10
Details of where to buy coming soon

THE PLAIN PLAYERS

Day of Reckoning

a comedy by Pam Valentine



A Fete committee meets ..... dark secrets unfold

28th – 30th January 2027
7.30 p.m.
West Lavington Village Hall
SN10 4HL

Tickets on sale from 1st December
Details to be announced

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR THE LAVINGTONS



A Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for the Lavingtons

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

I always seem to be walking a tightrope when it comes to discussing what happens at County Hall. I get supportive emails and Facebook messages thanking me for sharing what is going on with your council tax payments but likewise I get the odd comment that there is no place for politics in politics! The problem with that criticism is that Wiltshire Council IS a political organisation where residents elect a local representative to protect their interests. It is my job to report back to you on what is happening at Wiltshire Council, both good and bad.

The current concern that is getting people hot under the collar surrounds the leader of the council and his private business interests, first raised in October 2025 but refusing to go away. Why am I writing about it? Simply because this sort of thing might end up impacting a field at the end of your road or some other development elsewhere in The Lavingtons. Last week a member of the public (who happens to live in Market Lavington) brought a fresh complaint to the attention of Wiltshire Council's chief lawyer.

Council leader Ian Thorn, who has ultimate responsibility for Strategic Planning (where houses are going to be built), has been privately running a business offering to 'win planning approvals' for developers. New evidence presented in the complaint appears to contradict the previous defence made by Cllr Thorn.*

Cllr Thorn created his company in 2016 and his accounts show income each year from 2020 onwards. In a recorded meeting last year Cllr Thorn stated that he began working with a client called CCP in 2024. Earlier this year, in a different recorded meeting, he claimed that CCP was his one and only client. Therefore, Cllr Thorn's company has received four years of payments during a period he claims he had no clients at all. How is this possible?

Across the Lavingtons we see numerous contentious planning applications and, after mounting a community response (either supportive or otherwise), we have to have faith in the impartial functioning of the Planning system. Just this week we heard that the appeal concerning up to nine houses on Drove Lane in Market Lavington has been dismissed, which gives me some faith in the integrity of the system. However, situations that do not pass the sniff-test will inevitably lead residents to make complaints, threaten the integrity of the entire system and leave residents feeling very nervous.

The sad epilogue to this story is that the Market Lavington resident who raised the complaint has been told that it has been dismissed because apparently, he is "out of time". Hardly democracy I hope you would agree.

*Cllr Thorn told the Council meeting in July that he had stepped away from both consultancies after discussing his strategic planning role with the council's Monitoring Officer. In a recent statement to the Local Democracy Reporting Service Cllr Thorn strongly rejected suggestions he broke Council rules. He said: "I was happy to respond to these issues at the last full council and make my position clear. I am also aware that these claims have already been raised through the complaints process and I am pleased to say that I was found to have broken no rules."

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council wishes to remind residents to cut back hedges and vegetation which encroach on the Highway, including verges to their boundaries.

The Council would like to thank Cllr. Lucy Thorne for organising a new planter on Westbury Road to complement the Village Gates. The redundant planter on the Millenium Green has been removed as it is no longer maintained and the money saved will go towards a Christmas tree on the Village Hall Green. The redundant notice board on School Lane has now been removed.

The Parish Council is extremely pleased that the works to the church roof are now underway and has made arrangements to transfer a previously committed contribution towards the cost of the work to the Parochial Church Council's bank account.

Works have now been completed to tidy the banks of the stream through the Village Hall Green and the Millenium Green has been cleared of undergrowth.

The next Council meeting will take place on **Monday 30th November at 7pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to speak prior to the meeting at the public forum.

Cllr. Mike Phillips - Chairman

Tel: 07908 143389 www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk

Hike to the Lights

15 mile sponsored hike in aid of Dorothy House

Saturday November 14th 10am - 5pm

Lace up your walking boots and take on a spectacular 15-mile sponsored hike through beautiful countryside to raise vital funds for hospice care. Sign up and choose your starting point in Devizes, Chippenham or Keynsham, before setting off at 10am on your journey to Dorothy House in Winsley, where all routes come together. Entry costs £12 and all participants get a free T-shirt!

As you cross the finish line, you can celebrate your achievement at Moments of Light, a breathtaking large-scale light installation by internationally renowned artist Bruce Munro. Take in the magical display, celebrate your achievement, and mark the incredible difference your fundraising will make to people and families across our community.

By taking on a challenge and fundraising for Dorothy House, you'll help make a real difference to local people and families when they need us most. Sign up today at: **https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/get-involved/events/**

The Village Hall Committee has been busy making plans for events leading up to Christmas - several are planned and details will be posted on the Village What's App group. Meanwhile, we are pleased to announce that the Committee has approved plans to renovate the porch, external doors and fire escape steps, as well as a re-configuration of the kitchen to remove a redundant dividing wall to create more space. This will allow us to install the right equipment to allow us prepare meals on site more easily.

The Hall needs your continued support to be sustainable. One great way of helping is to buy a Wiltshire Community Lottery ticket each week and specify the Village Hall as your nominated good cause. Tickets cost £1 per week, and you can win cash prizes up to £25,000. The Village Hall gets 50p per ticket sold, with the rest going to prize money and a central fund to aid communities in Wiltshire. If you would like to buy tickets, you can do so by going to **wiltshirecommunitylottery.co.uk** and clicking on 'play the lottery'.

You can also support us by coming to any of our events. The next Pop-Up Pub will be held on **Saturday 28th November** from 6pm - 11pm. We will be offering delicious food and reasonably priced drinks and welcome everyone. The pub is just like any country pub and is family friendly - you can even bring your dog with you! Card payments only please. We will be getting the community together for Christmas Carol singing in the hall on **Monday 21st December,** details to follow. You can see all our events at **littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk** on the Events page.

If you would like to book the Hall, give Barbara a shout on **littlecheverellvhall@gmail.com** to discuss your needs. We are especially interested in hearing from groups who would like to book the hall regularly. We offer modern heating, Wifi and a house PA system suitable for recorded music, band practice etc., as well as a large screen TV for presentations and video. A licensed bar is also available. We have a 6m x 3m marquee for outdoor events and seating for around 40 people.

VILLAGE LINK

West Lavington, Littleton Panell & Little Cheverell

Tel: 07598 947180

Call this number if you need transport for medical appointments and have no other means of getting there. Donations to cover expenses will be requested.



WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of
West Lavington

I am recently back from a trip to Germany which took me to Nuremberg. Given the escalating conflicts in the world today, visiting the site of Hitler's rallies and the site of the Nuremburg war crimes trials after WW2 gave me some pause for thought. In November we will remember all those who have given their lives in the defence of our country. In our villages, many of us will gather at All Saints' Church on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, to remember; and at the service at Remembrance Avenue above West Lavington on the 11th at 11am, the time and day when the guns fell silent and marked the end of the Great War.

I highlight this because there are those in our community who serve today and, with world instability, may be called on to protect us again. In all walks of life, respectful dialogue is always better than conflict. Please join the ceremonies if you can. It is essential we remember the mistakes of yesterday, to avoid repeating them tomorrow.

For those who follow planning applications in the village, you will see that the Parish Council has applied for planning permission to resurface the car park at the Village Hall. We will shortly be tendering for a contractor to carry out the work. If you have a ground works business and would like the opportunity to respond to our tender, please contact the Parish Clerk.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact our Parish Clerk, John Skillman, by email at **clerk@westlavington.org.uk**

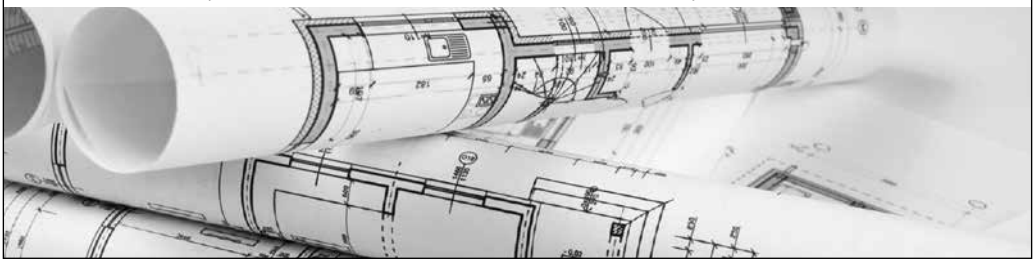
The agenda is published around a week before the meeting.

The November Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Giles Room of the Village Hall on **Thursday 5th November** and the December meeting on **Thursday 3rd December**, both at 7pm.

Peter West – Chair, West Lavington Parish Council

Planning Matters

Please see the next PC meeting agenda for details of the planning applications we are considering. The agenda can be seen on the Parish notice board by the shop, or on the website here: **https://www.westlavington.org.uk/about-us/parish-council-meetings/**



HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



At Holy Trinity, we believe that children flourish when they are given rich and exciting opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. Whether through vibrant class themes, whole-school projects, inter-school festivals, enrichment clubs, offsite visits or welcoming experts into school, we aim to offer a creative curriculum full of variety and challenge. These experiences help pupils deepen their understanding, spark curiosity and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Forest of Dean Residential Trip: Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic three-day residential trip to the Forest of Dean, where they took part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities. Throughout the trip, the children developed valuable skills such as independence, resilience, courage, friendship and teamwork. It was great to see them encourage one another through physical and personal challenges and celebrate each other's successes. We are very grateful to the staff who dedicated their time to leading the trip and supporting the children.

Other curriculum visits: Our Reception and Year 1 pupils visited Stonehenge recently and explored Neolithic life, artefacts and the story of Stonehenge. They enjoyed the bus ride down to the stones themselves, walking around and seeing the stones from different angles. They were so beautifully behaved that many tourists at Stonehenge commented on them! Well done Stonehenge class.

Our Year 1 and 2 children in Whitehorse class have been learning about Victorian school life, spending the day at Sevington in the Victorian School, dressing up as Victorian school children and having Victorian names. They enjoyed writing on slates and with ink pens, playing games and carrying out a range of household chores!

Special causes and charity contributions: Our children and families raised over £200 for Macmillan with our Coffee morning – we enjoyed the cakes, they were delicious! The Harvest Festival donations were taken to the Foodbank in Devizes – we donated over 70kgs of food! Our Harvest service at St Peter's Church was enjoyed by families and parishioners alike.

Next term we are working with St Peter's and the Great Cheverell community to collect donations of toys for children at Julia's House over Christmas. If you have anything you could donate, please deliver to St Peter's or Holy Trinity PCE Primary before **Monday 30th November**. Toys must be new and not wrapped – nothing over the value of £10 please.

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

Jo Andrews - Headteacher

ST BARNABAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is a pleasure to be writing my first entry as the Headteacher of St Barnabas. I have felt very welcomed by children, parents and the local community here and am proud to be working in such a friendly place.

As well as myself, the school has welcomed two other new teachers who are settling in well. We have had a number of new children too, mainly into our Nursery and Reception classes but also a few others across the school. We are very proud that all of our children have settled back well into the routines of learning; they are focused, excited to learn and there have been noticeable role models of positive behaviour across the school.

This term we have focused on our value of Love and have looked at how we can show this, even when it is difficult - a challenge for us all! This has culminated in celebrating Black History Month and finding out about Black individuals who have shown love to their local communities. We ended our term with our first church service of the year at St Barnabas Church, marking Harvest. The children worked really hard throughout the term to learn some new songs for this service and it has been wonderful to hear them sing so enthusiastically as they have become more confident and familiar with the music.

Other highlights across the term have been the opportunity for children to take part in activities outside of the classroom. Early Years and Year 3 and 4 have had Outdoor Learning sessions every week, focusing on building skills such as teamwork and resilience while enjoying the fantastic outdoor environment we have at St Barnabas. A group of our Year 5 and 6 children worked hard when they visited Dauntsey's School for a rugby festival involving local schools. As well as playing well, we were also proud of their sportsmanship and their positive attitudes on the pitch.

Some of you may have seen our flyers and adverts for our upcoming Open Morning on **12th November.** This is a chance for any prospective parents to come and visit the school, meet the staff and find out what makes St Barnabas so special. Please do extend the invitation to any families you know of in the local area. We would also like to extend an invitation to our Christmas wreath making event which takes place in the evening of **27th November.** See our poster elsewhere in this News and Views, and our Instagram page for more details.

All that remains for me to say is that it has been a pleasure, over the last two months, to see how the investment in our children extends beyond parents but to grandparents, friends, wider family and the churches of the village. The saying 'it takes a village to raise a child' could not be more apt.

Abbie Dellar - Headteacher
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Parent Carer Virtual Group

Thursday 26th November 7.00 - 8.00pm

A monthly online chat for Parent Carers. For a link to join, please email **jo.hiller-culley@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk**

Devizes Carer Cafe - first Wednesday of the month

The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS

4th November & 2nd December 10.30-12.00

Our cafés are a great way to make new friends and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings. Come when you can and stay for as long, or as little as you like.

Parent Carer Group - third Wednesday of the month

The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS

Wednesday 18th November 10.30 - 12 noon

A chance for unpaid Parent Carers to chat, relax and catch-up – it's all about connecting, having fun and looking after your mental well-being! A representative from the WPCC will be in attendance to talk about the work that they do.

You can contact us on **01380 710300** or email e**nquiries@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk** or visit our website **https://carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk/**

Support for working carers - Your Rights at work

Thursday 19th November 6:00pm

Free online session 45 mins, organised by Forward Carers

Balancing work alongside caring responsibilities can be challenging, particularly when Carers are unsure of their rights or the support they can request.
This informative session will explore Carers' Leave and other employment rights, helping working Carers understand their entitlements and feel more confident having conversations with their employer.

Book your place here: **https://calendly.com/carerfriendly-forwardcarers/support-for-working-carers-rights-at-work-01-04-26-1pm?month=2026-11&date=2026-11-19**

Or phone **0121 274 0439**, or email **info@forwardcarers.org.uk**

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Carers Card Discovery Session

Tuesday 24th November, 1:30pm or 6:30pm

Free online session, 1 hour, organised by Forward Carers

Join us to discover more about the Carer Friendly ID Card and how it has been designed to make life a little easier for Carers. During the session, Carers can find out:

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- How Carer Friendly businesses are supporting Carers.

We will also be joined by a Carer Friendly business, who will share why they joined the programme and the difference they hope to make.

Sign up for your place here: **https://calendly.com/carerfriendly-forwardcarers/carer-s-card-discovery-session-190526-130pm?back=1&month=2026-11&date=2026-11-24**

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Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub can help:

- put people in touch with community groups who can help and provide a warm space
- signpost to sources of financial support and foodbanks
- provide advice to those experiencing loneliness
- advise people on cost-of-living crisis
- signpost customers to appropriate schemes through the Household Support Fund (HSF)

The Household Support Fund is to support households that would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs during the current cost-of-living challenges and particularly those who may not be eligible for the other forms of Government support.

Call the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub on **0300 003 4576**

Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-4pm or email: **wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk**

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.

Services for October	
Sunday 1st November:	Trinity Church Service Led by Shirley Cairns
Sunday 8th November:	Remembrance Service at St Mary's, Market Lavington at 1030 am Led by Rev'd Gary Gotham
Sunday 15th November:	Trinity Church Service Local Arrangement
Sunday 22nd November:	United Toy Service at St Barnabas, Easterton Led by Pat Morrisonn
Sunday 29th November:	Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion Led by Rev'd Gary Gotham

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Follow Your Heart

Before we set off to the south of France for our summer holiday, well-meaning friends pointed out that the region was ablaze with wildfires. Yes, that was true. Especially in the countryside surrounding Bordeaux, but thankfully, the area around Nice was unaffected. And that's where we were headed.

As I write, parts of France are once more engulfed in flames. Not drought-induced wildfires this time, but fires resulting from schoolchildren and students angrily protesting about the lamentable state of education in France. Others have since joined the unrest. The French government is struggling to maintain order. In an article in The Times commenting on the protests, Agnès Poirier made a connection between torched schools and prevailing trends in Western culture. The writer cites a recently published book, Homo Occidentalis: What Have We Become?: "Today, we live in a horizontal, disinhibited society centred on self-fulfilment."

A horizontal society because we live in a secular world where God barely gets a look in. Disinhibited because the virtue of self-restraint is in danger of being rendered obsolete by a focus on self-fulfilment. Welcome to the age of expressive individualism, turbocharged by social media.

It is no accident that the bitter fruit of this outlook is being tasted in France. The French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712–1788) insisted that life is about self-expression. "Follow your heart," we would say today. When applied to education, Rousseau argued that society must not try to impart knowledge to children or try to shape their characters. They must be allowed to develop in their own way, in defiance of whatever society may expect of them.

Following the impulses of our hearts is excellent advice if our hearts are pure and good. But what if they are not? In that case, unrestrained self-expression is a recipe for disaster, especially when my desire for self-expression bumps up against yours, creating never-ending friction and a sense of grievance. A God-free, horizontal society offers no way out of this predicament. And so the flames of rage are stoked.

Jesus shows us a better way. He came to die on the cross so that we may be forgiven and freed from the power of sin that twists our desires. He rose from the dead so that we might have new life. The message of Jesus is not "follow your heart", but "follow me".

Guy Davies

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You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services at 4.30pm, followed by refreshments.

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER	
Mon 2nd:	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, the Pavilion, 7.30pm.
Tues 3rd:	National Theatre Live: The Misanthrope. Wharf Theatre, 7.30pm. Tickets £18
Wed 4th:	North Wiltshire Arts Society Lecture: The Textiles Revolution and Postwar Female Designers, Assembly Hall Melksham, 11am. Guests £8.
Thurs 5th:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WLVH, 7pm.
Sat 7th:	Remembrance Concert by Wiltshire Concert Band in aid of Royal British Legion, MLCH, 7pm. Tickets £10 from St Arbucks, Greem Dragon, Devizes Books or at the door.
Sun 8th:	Remembrance Sunday Lunch, WLVH, 12.30pm. £22 for 2 courses. Tickets from: **mrsannewilson@gmail.com**
Mon 9th:	Mothers' Union meeting: talk on the Nestling Trust, 2 Hooks Court WL, 2.15pm.
Wed 11th:	Wreath Laying Service, Remembrance Avenue, 11.00am.
	Mercers' Talk by Tim Marshall, Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School, 7.30pm. Entry free, but seats must be reserved online or by phone.
Thurs 12th:	St Barnabas CE Primary School Open Morning
Sat 14th:	Christmas Country Fair in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund, MLCH 10am - 2pm.
	Hike to the Lights: 15 mile sponsored walk in aid of Dorothy House. More info from **www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/get-involved/events**
Tues 17th:	Cheverells Garden Club meeting: Hedgehog Rescue talk, GCVH 7.15 for 7.30pm
Wed 18th:	Devizes Arts Society lecture on Lutyens and Jekyll, Corn Exchange, 10.45am. Guests £8.
	Lavington Gardening Club AGM and Social Evening, WLVH, 7.15 for 7.30pm
Sat 21st to Sun 22nd:	Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Christmas Market, WBAA Airbase, Semington BA14 6JX. 11am - 5pm, Tickets £2, U14s free, book via WBAA website
Sat 21st:	St Peter's Church LC Coffee morning, LCVH 10am - 12 noon. Christmas gifts, cakes
Sun 22nd:	Christmas Market, Furlong Close, Rowde, 12.30 - 3pm
	Dorothy House Light Up A Life Service, Winsley BA15 2LE, 3pm. Tickets from **dorothyhouse.org.uk**
Fri 27th:	Christmas Wreath Making, St Barnabas CE Primary School, 6 - 9pm, tickets £25 from: **admin@stbarnabas.equamead.org**
	Devizes Winter Festival, Makery Market and Lantern Parade, Market Place, 12 - 8.30pm. Lantern parade from 6pm, Christmas Lights switch on from 7pm.

Sat 28th:	Devizes Winter Festival and Makery Market, Market Place, 11am - 6pm
	Pop up Pub, LCVH, 6pm - 11pm.
Sun 29th:	Dorothy House Light Up a Life Service, Bath Abbey, 7pm. Tickets from **dorothyhouse.org.uk**
Mon 30th:	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7pm.
Mon 30th to Tues Dec 1st:	Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair in aid of Bobby Van Trust, Bowood Hotel Spa: Mon Preview 2-8 pm tickets £15; Tues 9am - 3pm, tickets £5, with two for one offer from **www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk**
DECEMBER	
Tues 1st/ Wed 2nd/ Wed 16th:	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, Devizes Town Hall, 6.30 - 9pm, Tickets £39 including foliage, decorations, hot drinks and a mince pie. Bring your own scissors/secateurs. **devizesvenues.co.uk**
Wed 2nd:	North Wiltshire Arts Society lecture: the Perfect Partnership, Lutyens and Jekyll, Assembly Hall, Mellksham, 11am, guests £8.
Thurs 3rd:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WLVH 7pm.
Thurs 3rd to Sat 12th:	Peter Pan, Wharf Theatre, Devizes. Matinee Sat 5th.
Sat 5th:	Devizes Chamber Choir Christmas Concert, St Andrew's Church, Devizes, 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from Devizes Books, choir members, on the door, or from **ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir**
	Edington Arts Advent Concert, Edington Priory, 7.30pm. Tickets £11-£25, u18s free, from **www.edingtonarts.org**
Sat 5th to Sun 6th:	St Barnabas Christmas Tree Festival, St Barnabas Church, Easterton, 10am - 4pm.
Mon 7th:	Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Carols at Bath Abbey, 6.30 for 7.30pm. Tickets from £16 from **wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk**
Tues 8th:	Christmas Candle Making Workshop, Devizes Town Hall, 6.30 - 9pm, Tickets £49 include candles, tea lights, decorations, hot drinks and mince pie. **devizesvenues.co.uk**
Sun 13th:	Devizes Town Band Christmas Party, Corn Exchange Devizes, 2pm. Tickets £10, U16s £7.50, pre-school £5 from Devizes Books or **www.devizestownband.com**
Fri 18th:	Lavington Community Choir Christmas Concert, MLCH 7.30pm Tickets £10.
	Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Carols at Marlborough College, 6.15 for 7pm. Tickets from £21 from **wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk**
Mon 21st:	Carol Singing, LCVH

REGULAR MEETINGS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

Art Group: Thursday mornings, Giles Room, WL Village Hall, 9.30am - 12.30pm

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 2.00pm.

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

Lavington and District Swimming Club: Sundays 3.30 to 5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.15-8.45pm, to 8th December. Morning Swimming: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30am-7.30am. Dauntsey's School Pool **Lavingtonswim@gmail.com**

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. May meeting at 2 Hooks Court, WL

Rhyme Time: for babies through to pre-schoolers, 1st and 3rd Fridays of month, including holidays. 10.15 - 10.45am, Market Lavington Library. November 6th and 20th.

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

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

West Lavington WI: second Thursday of the month, Giles Room WLVH, Nov to March 2pm

West Lavington Youth Club: Mondays 6-8pm (9+ year group), Tuesdays 6-8pm (7-8 year group), Wednesdays 6 -8pm (4-6 year group) WL Village Hall

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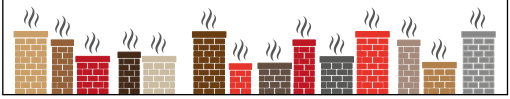
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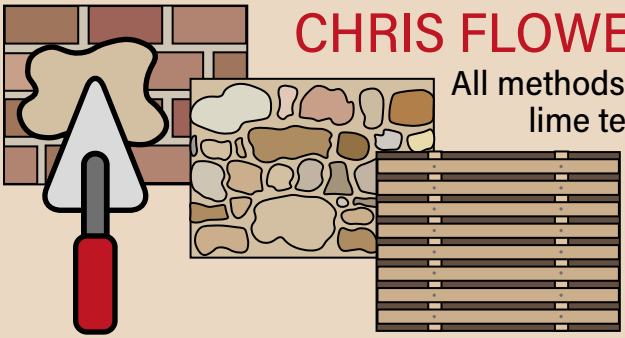
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