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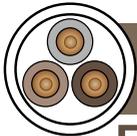
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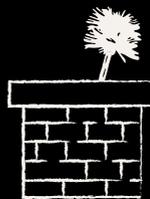
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## FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue of News and Views, residents of West Lavington and Littleton Panell should receive a card telling them about the Housing Needs Survey being led by Wiltshire Council on behalf of West Lavington Parish Council. If you live, work or have a close family connection to West Lavington or Littleton Panell, do complete the survey and make your needs and views known with regard to new housing development in our villages.

Copies of the Survey are most easily found online, but there will be paper copies available from the Parish Clerk, together with stamped addressed envelopes for the Survey's return. Although Wiltshire Council has failed to name Littleton Panell on any of the posters, it is part of West Lavington Parish and all residents should respond to the Survey. The deadline for responding is Sunday March 30th. All the information on how to find the Survey and return it are on the card, and the poster on **page 19**.

**Sue Bonney - Editor** [editor4newsandviews@gmail.com](mailto:editor4newsandviews@gmail.com)

### Deadline Dates

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

This year, the whole of March falls in Lent, a time in the church marked by prayer and reflection as Christians prepare for Easter. Traditionally, Lent would have involved fasting, a practice shared across many faiths which recognise the value of this discipline in helping to focus the heart and mind on God.

Beyond the church, Lent has become a time when many people choose to give something up, perhaps chocolate, cake, alcohol or social media. If you have decided to give something up for Lent, I

wonder how is it going?

Some people may find life so challenging already that they cannot contemplate giving something up. You may be facing poor health, financial uncertainty, or living in the shadow of grief; you may be worrying about your children and what the future holds for them. When daily life already feels challenging, the idea of additional discipline can seem overwhelming.

It is at such times that the words of Jesus can bring comfort: “Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Whatever our beliefs, the invitation to rest, is one we all need. In our busy world, it can be healing simply to pause and sit quietly for a few minutes; to breathe deeply; to notice the first signs of spring emerging around us; to focus on the good things we have, or have had, and to give thanks for them. Small moments of stillness can steady us when life feels pressured.

As the days begin to lengthen, may this time of reflection, however you mark it, bring you rest and renewed hope as we journey towards Easter and into the brighter days ahead.

**Anne Wilson - Lay Worship Leader**

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Date	Market Lavington <b>St Mary's</b>	West Lavington <b>All Saints'</b>	Easterton <b>St Barnabas</b>	Little Cheverell <b>St Peter's</b>	Great Cheverell <b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 1st March</b>	<b>10.30 am - All Saints' West Lavington</b> Benefice Service Communion				
<b>Sunday 8th March</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service with Trinity & St Barnabas @ St Mary's ML	<b>9.00 am</b> Breakfast Church <i>Service 9.30</i>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service with Trinity & St Mary's @ St Mary's ML		<b>11.00 am</b> Simple Celebration Communion
<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Mothering Sunday Service at ML Community Hall	<b>9.30 am</b> Mothering Sunday Service	<b>10.30 am</b> United Mothering Sunday Service at ML Community Hall	<b>10.30 am</b> Benefice Service Communion	<b>10.30am</b> Mothering Sunday Service
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service with Trinity & St Barnabas @ St Mary's ML	<b>9.30 am</b> Praise and Worship	<b>10.30 am</b> United Service with Trinity & St St Mary's @ St Mary's ML		<b>10.00 am</b> Welcome to Worship
<b>Sunday 29th March</b>	<b>9.30 am - All Saints' West Lavington</b> Palm Sunday Service				<b>4.30 pm</b> Evening service either at St Peters or Erlestoke tbc
<b>Thursday 2nd April</b>		<b>6.00 pm</b> Stripping of Altars	<b>6.00 pm</b> Agape Service		

<b>Friday 3rd April</b>	<b>2.00pm - All Saints', West Lavington</b> The Last Hour	
<b>Sunday 5th April</b>	<b>7.00am Market Lavington Vedette</b> Celebration	<b>11.00am</b> Easter Service
	<b>10 .30 am St Marys, Market Lavington</b> Benefice service	

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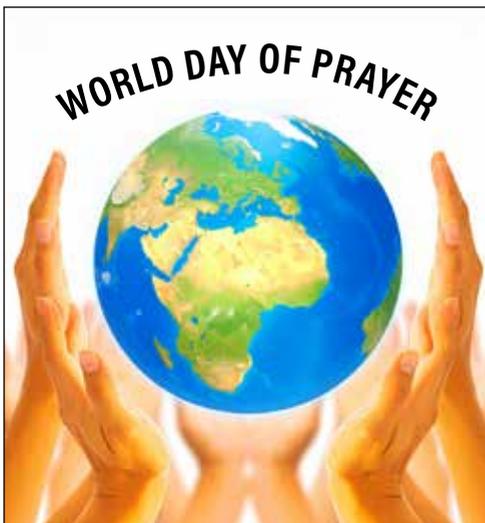
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## Enjoy Singing?

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## The World Day of Prayer Service

**Friday 6th March, 2pm, All Saints', West Lavington**

The Word Day of Prayer is an opportunity for people around the world to pray for the needs of a specific country. This year the service has been written by the women of Nigeria who face problems from insecurity, marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty and despair. Come and hear their stories and how God has been at work in their lives. The service will be followed by tea and cakes. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

The West Lavington Branch of the Mothers' Union has had a full programme of events over the last four months, with interesting speakers, visits and festive meetings.

In November we were given a very interesting and informative talk on Erlestoke Prison. We were told about its history and the present-day activities and work carried out by the prisoners and staff.

Our December meeting was our Christmas event when we joined West Lavington WI at the Village Hall for afternoon tea. Some members read poems, both amusing and festive. December is always such a busy month, and the event was a chance to sit back and enjoy the day.

Also, in December the Diocese of Salisbury Mothers' Union held its annual '**16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence**' service in Salisbury Cathedral, led by **Rev Jackie Clarke**. The service is one where we remember and pray for victims of domestic abuse.

January's meeting was our AGM when we were presented with our financial report from our treasurer, Richard Gamble. At the start of 2026 we have 17 members, and we are keen to welcome more people from the Lavington and Cheverell areas. This coming year is a very special one for us as we look forward to celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union!

At our February meeting, we held the annual '**Wave of Prayer**' service, during which we prayed for the four places globally with which the Salisbury Diocese is connected: these are Botswana, Marsabit in Kenya, Idah and Jebba in Nigeria, and the Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal. During this week in February, these four branches of the Mothers' Union also pray for each other and for the Salisbury Diocese MU.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9th March** when we will have an afternoon of '**Contemplative Meditation**' led by **Rev. Caroline Spindlow**. The meeting starts at **2.15pm**. Please come and join us at 54 High Street, WL. All are welcome.

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

## Can you help News and Views reach its readers?

News & Views is the only magazine that is delivered to all the residents in West Lavington, Littleton Panell, Little Cheverell and Great Cheverell.

It's available in print, but also digitally on all the village websites. It lets you know what's going on, issues affecting our communities, local businesses and useful telephone numbers.

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Edington Arts still have some lower price tickets left for the Dialogus 1685 Bach concert in Edington Priory Church on **Saturday 7th March**, at £11, £15 and a few at £20.

Andrew Arthur (harpsichord) and Rachel Stroud (Baroque violin) have put together a really interesting programme exploring how J.S.Bach used the two instruments as equal partners, rather than one accompanying the other. From dances fast and slow to two of the late sonatas, the music, and Andrew and Rachel's commentaries, will make for a wonderful evening.

The full programme is on the Edington Arts website at [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org), from where you can also choose and book your seats. If you would rather do your booking over the phone, please ring **01380 831256** and speak to **Chrissy**.

## UPCOMING LOCAL ROADWORKS



**ROAD CLOSED**

**2nd to 4th March: Holmfield, West Lavington.** Resurfacing work. Road closed.

**3rd to 6th March: A360** surfacing work at West Lavington, High Street and Church Street. Road closures.

**5th - 13th March: B3098 Lavington Lane.** Overnight road closure for resurfacing

**30th March to 10th April : Pear Tree Lane North East to High Street, Great Cheverell.** Road closed. Diversion in place.

*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/>*

## CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

Our February talk with Mark Hinsley was, as promised, a 'Question and Answer' session. Hopefully those members who asked questions received a satisfactory answer from the widely experienced speaker. We learnt about how the tree roots form and spread; how to protect the space under the tree; about why the roots can push up under tarmac and the controversy of roots causing subsidence, along with many other useful pieces of information. A very interesting and informative talk.

Our talk on **10th March** is by Julie Haylock on planning your garden borders, which will be very useful! She is also bringing plants for sale. It's in Great Cheverell Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. If you have any questions please contact me at [Helen.woodlands@outlook.com](mailto:Helen.woodlands@outlook.com)



## West Lavington Fete Open Meeting Wednesday 29th April, 6pm, Giles Room WL VH

Fete 2026 will be held on **Saturday 18th July** at West Lavington Village Hall and Playing Fields. **However, to ensure another successful Village Fete we need more help!**

At the meeting, there will be a short explanation followed by the chance to sign up for a variety of tasks including:

- Setting up and erecting tents in the morning
- Assisting stallholders
- Helping at the Beer Tent
- Serving Teas
- Clearing up and taking down tents
- And lots more small tasks

Any help is welcome! Drop in to the Village Hall any time between 6pm and 7pm. The more people who help, the less everyone has to do! Without more definite offers the future of our Fete is uncertain.

As well as a fun afternoon for everyone, all money raised at the Fete goes to village groups. **Please support your village by getting involved.** For more information or offers of help before the meeting, please contact [westlavfete@gmail.com](mailto:westlavfete@gmail.com)

## Archaeology in Wiltshire Conference

**Sunday 22nd March, Corn Exchange, Devizes 10am - 5pm**

Join Wiltshire Museum for a fascinating day exploring the county's rich archaeological heritage. Hear from expert speakers, discover the latest finds, and learn about fieldwork. The day includes lunch, and the cost is £40 for the public, £32 for Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society members, or £17 for students, with proof of status. Whether you're a professional archaeologist, a student, or simply passionate about the past, this is a day not to miss. Booking in advance is essential through [wiltshiremuseum.org.uk](http://wiltshiremuseum.org.uk)

## Spring Forward!

**Don't forget to change your clocks!**

The clocks go forward on **Sunday 29th March at 1am.**

The clocks change on the last Sunday of March every year in the UK, moving forward by one hour.

This marks the beginning of British Summer Time (BST).



## **Children's Easter Hunt**

### **Sunday 5th April, Hillworth Park**

**Quiet Hour 10.30 - 11.30am, Regular Hours 12 - 2pm**

Join us for a fun Easter Hunt at the park! Children will embark on an exciting adventure to find hidden letters scattered throughout the park. Once they've gathered all the letters, they'll work together to form Easter-related words. After returning their completed words, they'll be rewarded with a delicious Easter egg! It's a great way to celebrate the holiday while having fun outdoors. If you look closely, you may even spot the Easter Bunny hopping around the park.

Returning this year is our quiet hour with no music, available for a limited number of tickets before the event. Please only book these tickets if your child has special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as availability is limited. We also have an Easter bonnet and Fancy Dress competition for everyone to join in! Judging takes place outside the cafe at 1pm.

Tickets are **£3.50** from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events)

Please only purchase a ticket for those who would like to receive an Easter egg at the end of the hunt.



## **Used Greeting Cards needed for charity**

If you are about to throw away any greetings cards I would be very grateful if you could save them for me instead. I always recycle cards by turning them into new ones and have decided to increase production so I can provide some for the Surgery in West Lavington to sell as part of their fundraising. Hopefully if I have enough I can provide them for other charities too.

I'd be delighted with any cards: Christmas, Birthday, Christening, Engagement, Wedding, Get Well, Sympathy, or any others would all be welcome.

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Thank you!

# Tilshead Village Grand Auction of Promises

**Saturday March 21st 2026**

**Market Lavington Community Hall 7-11pm**

The Tilshead Grand Auction of Promises is being held in aid of some of the most important village institutions: the church, the school, the village hall, and the playing field. Rather than auctioning objects, the event offers 'promises' - donated time, skills, experiences, and treats - generously given by individuals, families, and local businesses.

From home-cooked meals and garden help to unique experiences, lessons, or handmade items, each promise reflects the creativity and goodwill of Tilshead. Proceeds from the Auction will be divided equally between the Playing Field Fund, the Village Hall Ground Fund, the Friends of the Church and St Thomas à Becket Primary School.

Tickets cost £25 and include a 2-course meal and a complementary drink. For more information and tickets, visit the Tilshead Village website at:

<https://www.tilsheadvillage.com/auction-of-promises/>



## **Men's Walk to Support' for Dorothy House Saturday 14th March**

The Men's Walk to Support is an 8-mile walk for men aged 8+ to join in solidarity, share their life journeys together, and raise vital funds to help Dorothy House provide crucial end-of-life care for our local community.

New for 2026, and in celebration of the Hospice's 50th Anniversary, there is also a 25-mile route starting at The Bridge Inn, Horton Road, Devizes. Taking place on the same day, those taking on this incredible challenge will join up along the Kennet and Avon Canal with the 8-mile walkers and finish at Bath Pavilion.

The walk starts at 7.00am in Devizes and 11.00am from Dorothy House, Winsley, and participants will set off on the route that follows along the canal and finishes at Bath Pavilion, in time to watch the day's Six Nations matches.

Entry is £28 and all participants receive a free event t-shirt together with their free drink and food at the end. Participants are encouraged to raise as much as they can to help Dorothy House continue to provide free end-of-life care. Last year's event raised an incredible £115,000 and we're hoping to raise even more in 2026!

So, whether you're walking to show your support for Dorothy House, in memory of a loved one or because you're in our care today, dust off your walking boots and sign up today by visiting [dorothyhouse.org.uk](http://dorothyhouse.org.uk) or search for 'Men's Walk to Support'!



## **Market Lavington Library opening times:**

**Wednesday afternoons:** 2 - 5pm

**Fridays all day:** 10am - 5pm

**Saturday mornings:** 10am - 12 noon

For further information, pay a visit to the Library, or contact Wiltshire Libraries on **01380 818358** or email [libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk)

## **Blossom Day Celebration in Market Lavington**

**Saturday 25th April 1.30 - 4pm, ML Community Park**

The first event in Community Park's history, Blossom Day will be a traditional village fete, with games, artisan and rural crafts, music, competitions, special guests, and lots of surprises. Run by the Community Group, the day will be raising awareness of their work and funds for future projects in the woodland and park. A village event made possible by all the creativity and talent in the area, we would love to hear from anyone with a rural skill or craft, together with other Community Groups who would like to take part. Come and let us show off your talent!

### **Photographic Competition**

Blossom Day traditionally celebrates fruit trees in flower, with a strong nod to our pollinators. As part of the celebration, we are holding a photographic competition with the theme Biodiversity. This is open to all amateur photographers, with a prize for the winner of each group with an overall winners' trophy. Prize Groups are: under 14s, 14-17s, Over 18s. There is also our 'Blossom Day' colouring competition, a template for which can be downloaded from our website. A 'bear hunt' through the woodland will also be hard to resist!

A massive thank you to all who have already agreed to demonstrate their craft, including blacksmith, stonemasons and spinners; and to those who have offered sponsorship, donated funds and prizes and shown their support for the event.

Raffle and tombola prizes are always gratefully received, and together with competition entries, can be dropped at The Old School lobby when open for the Library. or can be collected if you get in touch.

If you have a craft to demonstrate, items to donate, want to participate, sponsor a competition, or want to get involved on the day, all the details can be found on our website at:

<https://www.friendsofcanadawoods.co.uk>

or email: [CWCPCCommunityGroup@outlook.com](mailto:CWCPCCommunityGroup@outlook.com)

**Closing date for Amateur Photographic Competition is 18th April.**



The last few months have seen the Trustees of the Devizes Arts Festival getting their heads down and pulling together the 2026 Devizes Arts Festival, which will run from **Friday 29th May through to Sunday 14th June**. We have secured a diverse mixture of top-quality speakers, music, drama, literature, and comedy for your delight, so keep an eye out for updates on our social media pages, local press and around the town.

Devizes Arts Festival is a charity, run by volunteers and receiving no public funding. We are supported solely by ticket sales, local businesses, and Friends subscriptions.

Our Friends are an integral part of our success, supporting us each year with their subscription. For only £15 per year, you can become a Friend of Devizes Arts Festival and receive the following benefits:

- Advance publicity of the event programme
- Priority booking through a dedicated Friends Booking process
- Discounted tickets for each event (max 2 per event)
- An exclusive invitation to the annual Launch Party, which takes place in April
- An invitation to the AGM

Sign up at <https://www.devizesartsfestival.org.uk/become-a-friend/>

***Become a friend of the Devizes Arts Festival today! Your subscription will help secure the future of the Festival!***

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For vulnerable people in need of support

**0300 003 4576**

 [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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## Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Aware+ Emergency Awareness Training



First Aid is a statutory part of the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) school curriculum. Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance offer interactive first aid training sessions to schools, home education groups and community clubs such as Scouts and Brownies.

Topics covered in primary aged sessions include calling 999, the recovery position, choking, CPR, using an AED and common injuries. For children of secondary age, additional topics can include serious wounds, anaphylaxis, seizures, burns and head injuries.

The sessions are tailored to the age groups and are adapted for children with special education needs and/or disabilities. They are delivered by qualified teachers who are also First Aid instructors. WAA's aim is to educate and empower children by providing them with the knowledge and skills to confidently act in a medical emergency, prior to the arrival of an ambulance.

In 2025, WAA delivered their Aware+ training to 8,756 young people, spread over 60 primary and secondary schools across Wiltshire and Bath.

To learn more, or to book your session, visit [wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk/education](http://wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk/education)



## NGS Open Gardens

**Westcroft, Boscombe Village, Salisbury SP4 0AB.**  
[www.westcroftgarden.co.uk](http://www.westcroftgarden.co.uk)

Thurs 5th and 12th March; 11.00am - 4pm, Admission £4.

Drifts of snowdrops carpet the floor whilst throughout is a growing collection of well over 500 named varieties. Many hellebores, pulmonarias, grasses and seedheads add interest. Homemade soups and teas. Snowdrops and snowdrop sundries for sale.

7m NE Salisbury, on A338 just past Boscombe & District Social Club. Park there or in field opposite house, or where signed on day. Disabled parking only on drive. Partial wheelchair access to lower levels although not easy when the ground is soft. Assistance dogs only please.

## Corsham Court, Corsham SN13 0BZ

Sundays 15th and 29th March - 14.00 - 16.00 Adults £5, Child £2.50

Park and gardens laid out by Capability Brown and Repton. Large lawns with fine specimens of ornamental trees surround the Elizabethan mansion. C18 bath house hidden in the grounds. Spring bulbs, beautiful lily pond with Indian bean trees, young arboretum and stunning collection of magnolias. Wheelchair access to house, gravel paths in garden. 4 miles west of Chippenham, signed from A4 at Corsham.

## Designing Stillness: Creating a Japanese-Inspired Garden

I love Japanese gardens. My first gold medal winning show garden was a Japanese garden and I adore the tranquil garden that Andrew and Jordina have created in West Lavington Manor. So I was thrilled to be asked to create a Japanese-inspired garden design for a Japanese client in Frome. Thankfully, she loved my design. In our initial design meeting, she told me didn't want any clichés. No stone lanterns, raked gravel or cloud-pruned trees. "All too controlled," she said.

Her garden is small, on three levels, sheltered beneath a dense canopy of trees with a river running alongside that occasionally floods the lower level. Rather than fight these issues I decided to embrace them. I called the finished design *Seijaku no niwa* (Garden of Quiet Stillness). Woodland-style planting softens the space, with Japanese stepping stones weaving through it, mimicking the flow of the river and leading to a simple stone seat in a quiet corner to sit and reflect and watch the river flow by. A corten steel water bowl repurposed from their firepit bowl will reflect the trees above. The aim was calm and restraint, not decoration and certainly not perfection.



If you'd like to create a Japanese-inspired garden at home, focus on principles rather than props:

- Keep it simple. A single water feature, seat or small tree can be enough.
- Embrace asymmetry. Avoid rigid layouts, irregular placement feels more natural.
- Use space well. Negative space, or "ma," is as important as what you add. Open areas allow the eye to rest and the mind to slow down.
- Layer texture over colour. Japanese gardens rely on subtle greens, textures, and seasonal highlights. Groundcover, shrubs, and a small tree can create depth without overwhelming the space.
- Choose natural materials. Timber, stone, and gravel are all excellent choices. Keep materials consistent to maintain a calm, cohesive look.
- Accept transience. Don't demand 'year-round interest' from a garden. Blossom fades, leaves fall. In Japan this sensitivity to impermanence is called *mono no aware*.

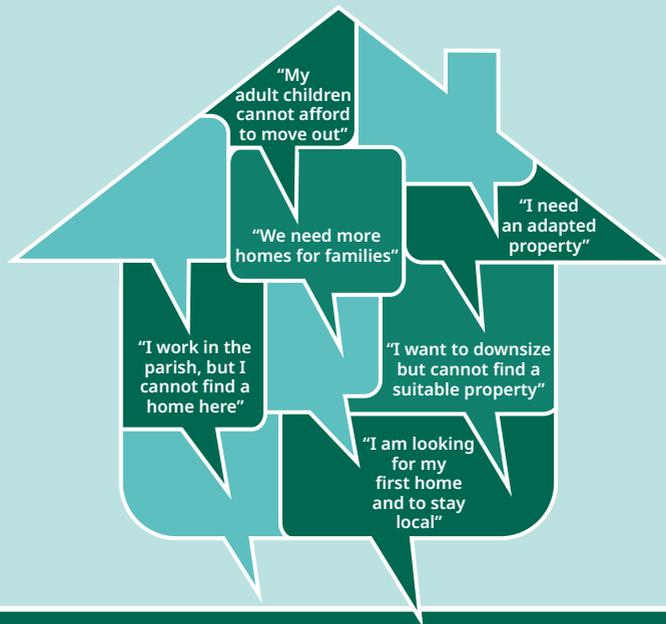
Creating a Japanese-inspired garden is less about copying a style and more about creating your own space that encourages calm, reflection, and connection with nature. Start small, keep it simple, and focus on the principles not the props and your garden can become a personal Zen-like sanctuary.

I offer one-to-one consultations to create a resilient garden on a budget.

**Email me at [info@capabilitycharlotte.com](mailto:info@capabilitycharlotte.com)**

**Capability Charlotte**

# West Lavington & Littleton Panell Housing Needs Survey



The parish of West Lavington is conducting a housing needs survey until 30 March 2026. The survey is being led by Wiltshire Council on behalf of the parish council.

The aim of the survey is to determine the housing needs of the parish and to understand residents' attitudes to new housing development. The survey considers the need for both open market and affordable housing together with the need for adapted housing or housing with care or support. It will also help us to understand your views on new housing development in the parish.

If you live, work, or have a close family connection to West Lavington, we would like you to complete the survey which is available at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-needs-survey/west-lavington](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-needs-survey/west-lavington)



Scan me

If you are unable to complete the survey online, you can obtain a paper copy of the questionnaire from:

John Skillman, Parish Clerk  
Email: [clerk@westlavington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@westlavington.org.uk)  
Tel: 07597 761361

Any paper copies of the survey should be returned directly to Wiltshire Council in the stamped addressed envelope provided.

**Wiltshire Council**



## WHAT'S ON IN 2026 WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

WHO	WHEN
<b>DogSkillz &amp; Puppy Training</b> Email: jaceytee@live.co.uk	Monday & Thursday evenings
<b>The Play Hive</b> (6 months - 5 years old) Email: hellotheplayhive@gmail.com	Tuesday mornings
<b>West Lavington Women's Institute</b> Email: westlavpres@wiltshirewi.org.uk	Thursday monthly varies afternoons/evenings
<b>Wendy's Art Group</b> Phone: 01380 818085	Tuesday mornings
<b>Bob's Art Group</b> Email: bgiles750@gmail.com	Thursday mornings
<b>Lavington Gardening Club</b> Email: Edwards_david_@hotmail.com	Wednesday evenings Monthly
<b>Twinning Group</b> Email: mjohnpage@gmail.com	Friday or Saturday evenings (4-6 weekly)
<b>Wild One's Line Dancing Lady H Lessons</b> Email: udkstreetdance@gmail.com	Tuesday evenings
<b>West Lavington Parish Council</b> Email: clerk@westlavington.org.uk	First Thursday of the month
<b>Cars Galore Stay &amp; Play</b> Email: carsgalorewilt@outlook.com	Varies Saturday mornings
<b>Pilates</b> Email: ncb2010@hotmail.co.uk	Monday mornings
<b>Clubbercise</b> Email: admin@fitnesswithadifference.co.uk	Friday Evening
<b>Baby Sensory</b> Email: meganstrickson@hotmail.co.uk	Monday morning through to afternoon



Wed 4th March  
Starts 11am  
Women Artists  
in Britain 1420 - 1920  
Melksham  
Assembly Hall



Our next lecture showcases the work of women artists working in Britain between 1420-1920. These artists championed equal access to art training and had to struggle to overcome the many institutional barriers to establish themselves as professional artists. You can attend your first lecture for free, regular guests £8. Details of the full lecture programme go to: [www.tasnorthwilt.org.uk](http://www.tasnorthwilt.org.uk)



# BAG A BARGAIN

**Wellington Barn**  
on Manor Farm  
Calstone, Calne, SN11 8PY  
4th March, 11am to 8pm, £7 entry  
5th March, 9am to noon, free entry

Come and browse a barn full of beautiful nearly-new designer clothes, accessories and fabulous jewellery

Tickets available via [wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events](http://wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events)

# LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE



## Defibrillator TRAINING Session



**WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH at 7pm**

**CONTACT: [aspencer@westlavington.org.uk](mailto:aspencer@westlavington.org.uk)**

**FREE ATTENDANCE - ALL WELCOME**

# The Play HIVE

## PLAY DATES

March 5th  
March 12th  
March 19th  
March 26th

Thursdays 11am - 12pm  
West Lavington Village Hall

## MARCH RHYME TIMES

6th & 20th 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

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

Market  
Lavington  
Library

Opening  
Times

Wednesdays  
2pm - 5pm

Fridays  
10am to 5pm

Saturdays  
10am to 12 noon

## The Great Cheverell PAVILION Club

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

The type of film  
you'll talk about  
afterwards

Different  
Memorable  
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Thought provoking

and boy... that  
Tom Hiddleston  
can dance!

**Saturday March 14th**  
Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm  
Members Free - Guests £5

One of the top ten Beatles tributes

# THE VOX BEATLES

Be prepared to Clap Your Hands and Rattle Your Jewellery



All-soul support from blues hero  
**Will Blake**

## Seend Centre

Nr Melksham, Devizes & Trowbridge

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7PM**  
**£18.50**

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[www.ticketsource.co.uk/seend-trust-community-centre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/seend-trust-community-centre)

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Tickets from Devizes Books  
Great Cheverell Stores or  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)

 **Wed 18th March 2026**  
**Starts 10.45am**  
**Windsor -**  
**A Castle Restored**  
Devizes  
Corn Exchange



On November 20th 1992, the Great Fire of Windsor caused £40m damage to the fabric of Windsor Castle reputed to be the late Queen's favourite home. Barbara Askew (a historian and Blue Badge Guide) examines how the restoration of the Castle is a key period in the Castle's post-medieval development.

World-class lectures from October to July  
Members (10 lectures) £50 & Guests £8 (please email)

 The Arts Society Devizes  
[www.theartssocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartssocietydevizes.org)

**LAVINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

**Wednesday 18th March 7:15pm**  
West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4H  
Existing members and those interested in joining our friendly club are very welcome



**Gardening Question Panel**  
Our March event is a chance to benefit again from the collective wisdom of our assembled panel of experts on a variety of gardening-related questions!

**Competition and Extras**  
Come and join us for what promises to be a very informative and enjoyable evening!  
Refreshments available

 Lavington & District Gardening Club  
online @ [lavingtongc.co.uk](http://lavingtongc.co.uk)

Official Folk Chart and download chart #1

**Gaz Brookfield**



**Live at**  
**West Lavington Village Hall**  
**Saturday 21st March**  
**7.30pm**

**Tickets £15** [gazbrookfield.com](http://gazbrookfield.com)

THE NESTLING TRUST

Saturday 21st March

10am - 12.30pm

COFFEE MORNING

West Lavington Village Hall

Browse beautiful Nepali handmade items for sale made by women's groups from the foothills of the Himalayas



Raising funds to help further the work of The Nestling Trust in Nepal, bringing desperately needed healthcare and health education to remote villages.



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SATURDAY 28th March 10am - 4pm

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We provide the tea & cake

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ALL AGES WELCOME

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SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

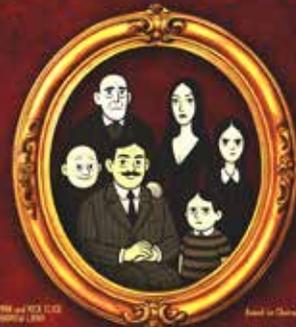
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SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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**Easter Egg Hunt at Hillworth Park**

Easter Bonnet & Fancy Dress Comp | Face Painting | Pottery Painting

**Sunday 5th April**

**Tickets £3.50\***

\*Tickets are only required for children who would like to receive an Easter egg at the end of the hunt

Quiet Hour: 10:30-11:30am  
Regular Hours: 12-2pm

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events)



**DEVIZES CHAMBER CHOIR**

Devizes Chamber Choir  
*presents*

**A SPRING CONCERT**

**Saturday 11th April**  
**at 7.30pm**

**St Andrews Church,**  
**Long Street, Devizes**

**Tickets £14**  
on the door, from choir members,  
Devizes Bookshop or  
[ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir](http://ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir)



Whatever you choose to use – Get snapping and win prizes

**Blossom Day**  
Amateur Photographic Competition

Theme: Biodiversity

A4 photograph please

Prize Groups:  
Under 14's, 14-17's, Over 18's,  
Overall Winners' Trophy

On the reverse of your picture please provide:

- Name • Age • Contact Details
- Title of your picture

Deposit entries in the lobby of The Old School, Market Lavington in the box provided.

Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Prizes awarded at The Blossom Day Event in Community Park, Market Lavington on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

For more information:  
<https://www.friendsofcanadawoods.co.uk>



**CARS GALORE**

Dinosaurs Stay & Play

**Saturday 18th April**  
**10:30-11:30am**

**West Lavington**  
**Village Hall**

Booking & more info:  
<https://bookwhen.com/carsgalore>

## THE NESTLING TRUST

### Invites you to A Nepali New Year Dinner Night Celebration

Featuring authentic three course traditional cuisine  
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West Lavington Village Hall

**Saturday 18th April**  
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Tickets £45

Available from: Devizes Books / St Arbucks Market Lavington  
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A sensational evening, the proceeds of which  
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to remote Himalayan villages



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## Community Park Blossom Day

Music  
Tombola  
Raffle  
Competitions  
Rural crafts  
Local celebrities  
Surprises

**Photographic Competition**

*This years theme: Biodiversity*

**25th April 2026 1:30-4**

For more information [FriendsOfCanadaWoods.co.uk](http://FriendsOfCanadaWoods.co.uk)



## SERENATA GUITAR TRIO

**Saturday 25 April 2026 - 7:30pm (doors 7pm)**

West Lavington  
Village Hall,  
Sandfield  
SN10 4HL

Music from the  
Baroque Era, Spain,  
South America, and  
Music from the Movies.

Ticket: £12  
(£5 for accompanied under 15) Cards Accepted

Tickets available at the door or may be reserved ahead of the concert by contacting:  
[serenataguitar@netbook.com](mailto:serenataguitar@netbook.com) | Tel: 01375 96809

Drinks, including wine, available during the interval.

Serenata Guitar Trio:  
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Guest Artist:  
Fernando Aguera (from Brazil)



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## **A Message from Cllr Dominic Munns**

### **Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons**

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email:

**dominic.munns@wiltshire.gov.uk**  
or by phone on **07585 394 178**

I am currently preparing for the Council's annual budget meeting on the 24th February. This year, due to the 'No Overall Control' situation, we will discuss not just a Liberal Democrat budget but also an alternative Conservative one. With a revenue budget of over £500m, it is essential we agree on an approach that works for Wiltshire residents.

You will have read about numerous U-turns in the press over the last month, Household Recycling Centre closures and cuts to Link community transport being two. The administration also proposes to completely ignore Full Council's January ruling NOT to give a Yorkshire businessman £2.5m and a multi-storey car park, by adding it back into their budget! Even more worrying is the plan to use our reserves (emergency savings) to cover overspend across the Council rather than addressing the reasons for the overspend. This would leave us in a position where spend continues to spiral out of control whilst our financial safety net rapidly disappears.

The roads across the country are in a shocking state due to decades of underinvestment by central government (predominantly Conservative but Labour too). In 2024/25 Wiltshire Council added tens of millions of pounds to its Highways budget to boost works. I am sure you will agree with me that in the last year the roads have 'significantly deteriorated. Getting to Devizes on the A360 now risks serious vehicle damage. The reason is simple: the administration which took over in May 2025 has failed to invest any additional money in road maintenance. Realising their mistake, in their new budget they want to invest £15m into roads to catch up. However, unlike in previous years, they are planning to borrow the money. Over the course of the loan, they claim the £15m they want to spend will cost you and me (and our children) £58m to repay!

I cannot, in good conscience, support a proposal which ignores overspending and burdens future generations with compounding debt to fix roads. I will not be supporting the proposed budget when it comes to Full Council this month. Instead, I will be supporting the alternative budget which promises to get a grip on the overspending, introduces new innovative revenue streams such as renting road space to utilities companies who need to dig them up, therefore generating income from the disruption whilst incentivising them to finish works swiftly. The current way, where they simply pay an admin fee to close the road does not encourage them to work quickly and does not value the disruption you and I have to put up with.

By the time you read this I hope Wiltshire will have a sustainable and responsible budget. Even if we don't, we should have the works at Black Dog finished and working! Repairs to the A360 between us and Potterne should also have been made, and we will be just over a fortnight from a resurfaced B3098 between West Lavington crossroads and Lavington School.

As always, I will keep you updated.

## CHEVERELL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on **Monday 2nd February** where Members discussed a wide range of topics. The Council welcomed a new Member, **Cllr Ian Webster**, who was co-opted onto the Council. The meeting heard from members of the public and Mr Des Read from Victoria Park Residents Association. Planning applications were discussed and Members voted on their decision for each application. All details can be found on the Parish Council website.

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group reported back to the Parish Council and is making excellent progress. The Council also considered and approved a grant application to the Pantomime committee for £50 towards this fantastic annual event. Please note that policies, grant application forms, agendas, minutes (including the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan steering group) can be found on Parish Council website at: <https://www.cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk>

The final meeting of the current municipal year is on **Monday 13th April** where the Council will view the end of year accounts in preparation for the internal audit later that month. Both the Annual Council meeting followed by the Annual Parish meeting will take place on **Monday 11th May** – please save the date for this friendly community event. Wine and nibbles will be served!

[www.cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council is on **Monday 16th March** in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. As always the agenda will be posted on our website [www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.littlecheverell-pc.gov.uk) ahead of the meeting, and on the notice board next to the phone box on Low Road. Minutes can also be found on the website together with useful local information.

Wiltshire Council recently carried out a speed and traffic survey on Westbury Road, and the results will be discussed at this meeting

**Parish Precept:** The Council has approved a precept for the fiscal year 2026/7 of £10,740 which will result in an annual increase in precept of £25.77 per Band D household from April. The increase is needed to cover maintenance and staffing and administrative costs and allow the Council to meet statutory obligations with respect to financial rules.

Please note that there are a lot of upcoming roadworks in the area, too many to write about here in detail, but see the Local Roadworks box elsewhere in this magazine. The best way to review the details is by heading for the map at <https://one.network> then zoom in on our area and use the drop-down menu at the top of the page to select the date range, which will produce a list. Many of the works involve road closures. Please plan ahead to avoid delays.

**Cllr. Mike Phillips - Chairman**

Tel: **07908 143389**



## Little Cheverell Village Hall

Little Cheverell Village Hall Pop-Up Pub will be back on **Saturday 7th March**, from 6 - 11pm. We will offer Pieminister Pie and mash, (vegetarian and gluten free options available). We will also be offering a children's option at a reduced price, but the menu is still under consideration at present. Locally brewed ales and reasonably priced wines and spirits also available. Once again, we are aiming to have some after dinner entertainment in the form of

live music. These evenings are open to all and are family and pet friendly. Card payments are preferred. If you fancy a pie, please let us know in advance for the numbers - we will always have spares for walk in orders. Follow our **Facebook page @Little Cheverell Village Hall** for the latest on our events.

The Little Cheverell Fete takes place on **May 16th**, we have a brand-new marquee and many stalls offering loads to do and see for all the family, as well as our fabulous Burgers! The bar will be open from early evening and we will have a live band and a Barbecue. There is no need to book and entry is free. More details will be available nearer the time. The proceeds of the day support the Village Hall and enable us to offer improving facilities. If you would like to donate a raffle or Tombola prize, please let Barbie know by sending a message to **07934 855404** or, alternatively, items can be dropped off at Rose Cottage, Low Road or Beech Cottage, Low Road, Little Cheverell.

## Carers Together Wiltshire

### Devizes Carer Cafe

First Wednesday of the month

**The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS**

**March 4th 10.30-12.00**

Our cafes 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

**The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS**

**Wednesday March 18th 10.30 - 12noon**

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 WPCG will be in attendance to talk about the work that they do.

You can contact us on **01380 710300** or email [enquiries@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk) or visit our website <https://carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk/>

## Housing Needs Survey

This month we will be launching a Housing Needs Survey for the Parish of West Lavington, including Littleton Panell. This survey is run by Wiltshire Council and asks a number of questions, the answers to which will be in complete confidence. The analysis of the results will indicate how many homes we need to add to our village to meet local needs. **The survey (see page 19) is very important. From its results we can determine if our village should support future development or object to it.**

The survey will run from the 9th to 30th March. We would prefer it if you could complete it online, but if you are not able to, we can send you a paper copy. Contact John Skillman, the Parish Clerk, on **07597 761361** or email **clerk@westlavington.org.uk**

Don't forget our **Defibrillator Awareness Training** on **Wednesday 4th March** at 7pm in West Lavington Village Hall. This session will be provided by the South West Ambulance Service Trust. There is no need to book, just come along - it is an hour of your time and the skills you learn may well save a life. If you have never done it before come and learn; if you already know how to do it, come for a refresher.

At this time of year Wiltshire Council, together with all local councils, announces its annual budget and the impact on Council Tax. The Parish Council Precept is part of that process although the Parish share of Council Tax is very small. As we do every year, we apply for an increase based on the expected annual costs we expect to pay for services that the Parish Council manages. This year we are asking for a small increase - an additional £5.46 per household per year.

Our budget work is done every December in preparation for the new financial year in April. Want to know more? Come to a Parish Council meeting, where we discuss the budget and our performance against it every month.

One of our largest costs is maintenance of the playgrounds and equipment around the recreation ground. We are starting work to look for grants to enable us to update and renovate the equipment and environment. If you would like to be involved, especially if you have experience of obtaining grant funding, do get in touch.

The April Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Giles Room of the Village Hall on **Thursday 2nd April at 7pm.**

**Peter West – Chair, West Lavington Parish Council**

# HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



From celebrating culture and diversity to exploring stories, our community and global history, the past few weeks have offered our children countless opportunities to be inspired, curious and connected. Here's a look at what we've been up to!

**Our Chinese New Year celebrations** offered a wonderful reflection of the rich diversity within our school community. We were delighted to welcome Ms Fan and Mrs Hui, who led an engaging workshop for every class. Through artwork, writing tasks and creative dance activities, children explored the festival's traditions and meaning, fully immersing themselves in the experience. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the day so memorable.

## **National Storytelling Week**

brought a reading bonanza! Our Reading Leaders visited each class before hosting a storytelling afternoon. We were fortunate to welcome guest readers from Dauntsey's, as well as parents and friends of the school, who shared stories, poetry and non-fiction. Pupils had preselected their sessions based on their interests, with some older learners returning



nostalgically to *Hairy Maclary*. As part of our ongoing drive to nurture reading for pleasure, Stonehenge, White Horse and Sarum classes visited Devizes Library. Pupils listened to a story, explored the bookshelves and, for those with memberships, borrowed a book to take home. Local libraries are incredible community spaces - wonderful places to relax, discover new authors and travel the world from the comfort of a beanbag.

**Stonehenge Class** also enjoyed a visit from Wiltshire Police. Children learned about the important role the police play in keeping our community safe and what to do if they ever become lost. Officers were impressed by how confidently pupils explained how to call 999 and give their home addresses. The highlight was sitting inside a real police car and trying on a police vest—an experience that sparked plenty of excitement!

**Silbury Class** welcomed Henry Aldridge & Son Ltd, the world's leading auctioneers of ocean liner memorabilia. Andrew Aldridge captivated the children with his knowledge of the Titanic, its passengers and its legacy. Pupils asked thoughtful questions and were thrilled to see extraordinary artefacts heading to auction, including a Titanic life jacket vest and a lifeboat name plaque.

**White Horse Class** has been busy with their Bird Feeder Project as part of the "Grow a £1" enterprise challenge. Pupils made fir cone feeders, designed packaging and created bird spotter sheets. They also hosted a magnificent Storytellers Cake Sale, raising an impressive £289.25.

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Mid Wilts Dance Festival. Our Y6 dance squad shone on stage with energetic choreography, great styling and superb teamwork. Thank you to our fabulous staff, supportive families, and the Dauntsey's Outreach Partnership for providing this wonderful opportunity.

**Every Day is an Open Day:** If you think your child would enjoy being part of our school community, please book a visit to look around and meet the Headteacher. Further information can be found at [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk), or by calling **01380 813796**.

## **Carer Support Wiltshire in Devizes**

**Bereavement Help Point - The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS**

**3rd, 17th March, 10.30am - 12.30pm**

The Bereavement Help Point is a community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting. All sessions are free of charge and there's no need to book, just come along. This group is a partnership between Dorothy House Hospice and Carer Support Wiltshire. It is kindly funded by Devizes Town Council, Devizes Lions, Potterne Parish Council and Worton Parish Council.

## **Food Workshops**

with Peer Support Group at: **Vaughan's Kitchen Cookery School, Unit 8, White Horse Business Centre, Hopton Road, Devizes SN10 2HJ**

**14th March:** Master the art of the homemade pizza, 2 - 5pm

Spaces for these workshops will be allocated via a draw;  
email [events@carersupportservices.co.uk](mailto:events@carersupportservices.co.uk) now for your chance to get a space today!  
When emailing please include the details of the workshop you would like to book onto.

## **Carer Support Wiltshire:**

**Freephone 0800 181 4118 Mon-Thurs 9am - 4.30pm, Fridays 9am - 4pm**

General Enquiries: **01380 871690** [carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](http://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk)



This term at St Barnabas we have been delighted to see both our youngest and oldest pupils enjoying time at Forest School. It has been truly special to watch children across the age range exploring, working together, and learning outdoors, building confidence, resilience, and a deeper connection with nature. Seeing our Nursery children and Year 6 pupils sharing these experiences highlights the strong sense of belonging within our school family and the love we have for learning in all its forms.

We have also loved welcoming parents into school for the exciting KAPLA Club grand demolition event. After a full day of building, where every child aged 2 to 11 took part, it was wonderful to see families join their children to celebrate creativity, teamwork, and imagination, before the much anticipated grand demolish. These moments of working and celebrating together perfectly reflect our commitment to love, aspiration, and belonging, and we thank everyone who joined us and helped make the event such a success.



Alongside this, we are excited to share that there is a huge change underway in our EYFS area. This transformation will promote opportunities for children to develop their fundamental skills across a setting that is purposefully designed to support every stage of their learning. We cannot wait to see what this space looks like very soon.

We have also been making great use of laptops in our learning, exploring how technology can support and enhance our work. Using the Password Monster website, children have been finding out what makes a strong and secure password. One Year 4 child created a password that would have taken an incredible 94 centuries for a computer to crack, which shows just how thoughtfully our pupils are applying their learning.

If you're considering schools for your child, we'd love to invite you to visit and see what makes St Barnabas so welcoming. Visitors are welcome any time by appointment **01380 813436**  
**[www.st-barnabas.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.wilts.sch.uk)**

We began the term by talking about how we can keep healthy and healthy foods. The children designed their own placemats, drawing pictures of their favourite foods. We had a healthy food tasting session where the children were able to try a variety of different healthy foods.

The cold weather gave us plenty of opportunities to explore ice. We were able to go out in the garden and investigate the ice we could find, this led to some amazing descriptive language from the children. The children also enjoyed releasing the plastic animals which we had frozen in the ice, using warm water and hammers.

The children thought it would be a good idea to make some bird feeders as the birds might be cold. They used their gross motor skills to squish the seeds into the lard before placing the mixture onto cardboard rolls which we hung around the school grounds.

We held a number week and the children found activities around the classroom which helped them practice their number recognition and we played counting games too.

During our last week of term we focussed on those people we love and who are special to us and learning the importance of being kind to one another. The children created some super Valentines cards and gifts to take home for their someone special.

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

**[preschoolmanager@daps.equamead.org](mailto:preschoolmanager@daps.equamead.org)**



## 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.

<b>March 1st:</b>	Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion Led by Abigail Perrow
<b>March 1st:</b>	United Church Service at St Mary's Market Lavington Led by Revd Gary Gotham
<b>March 1st:</b>	Trinity Mothering Sunday Service Local Arrangement
<b>March 22nd:</b>	United Church Service at St Mary's Market Lavington Led by Abigail Perrow
<b>March 29th:</b>	Trinity Church Service Led by Abigail Perrow

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

**01380 724264** [gary.gotham@gmail.com](mailto:gary.gotham@gmail.com)

**Trinity Church Secretary:** Les Charlton

**07962 422 624** [secretarytrinitychurchml@gmail.com](mailto:secretarytrinitychurchml@gmail.com)

**Postal address:** Trinity Church Secretary, c/o St. Arbucks Cafe,  
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## Market Lavington Museum

### Summer Opening Dates

#### Friday 24th April:

Museum Miscellany 7.30pm,  
Community Hall, Market Lavington

#### Sunday 25th April:

Museum Clean up 10.00 -12.00

#### Saturday 2nd May:

Museum opens 2.30 - 4.30pm  
Wednesday, Saturday, and  
Sunday every week



## **The line separating good and evil**

In July 2024 on BBC Question Time political commentator Andrew Marr hailed the election of the new Labour government led by Sir Keir Starmer with these words: “For the first time in many of our lives, actually Britain looks like a little haven of peace and stability”. With near constant speculation in the media now over how much longer Starmer will occupy 10 Downing Street, Marr’s quote hasn’t aged well.

On being elected the Prime Minister pledged to clean up public life. Then In February 2025 he proceeded to appoint Peter Mandelson as UK Ambassador to the United States of America. Starmer was forced to sack him from that role some seven months later, once Mandelson’s links to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein were revealed. The scandal blew up again last month when the publication of the Epstein files laid bare the full extent of the former ambassador’s relationship with the disgraced financier. As I write despite the backlash Starmer has managed to cling on as Prime Minister.



My point isn’t a party political one. Politicians of all stripes have been involved scandals over the years. So have high up business people, figures from the church and members of the royal family. As the Soviet dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn reflected, “The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either—but right through every human heart”.

Recent events are a stark reminder of our fallen humanity. No matter how high we may rise, there is something within us that brings us back to earth with a bump. The Bible calls that something ‘sin’. Our political leaders have no answer to this problem, for they like us are part of the problem. But God has an answer, and his answer is Jesus. The Son of God came into the world to save us by dying on the cross for our sins. By faith in him we may be forgiven and be put right with God. That’s good news for each and every one of us.

**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, followed by refreshments.

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

<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Wed 4th:</b>	North Wilts Arts Society lecture on Women Artists 1420 - 1920. Assembly Hall, Melksham, 11am. Guests £8.
	Public Defibrillator Training Session, WL VH, 7pm
<b>Wed 4th/ Thurs 5th:</b>	Bag a Bargain sale in aid of the Bobby Van Trust, Wellington Farm Barn, Calne. Wed 11am - 8pm tickets £7, Thursday 9am - 12 noon, free.
<b>Thurs 5th:</b>	WL Parish Council meeting, Giles Room WL VH, 7pm.
<b>Sat 7th:</b>	Pop-up Pub, Little Cheverell Village Hall, 6 - 11pm.
	Edington Arts Concert: An evening of J S Bach, with Dialogus 1685. Edington Priory Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £11 - £25, under 18s free.
<b>Mon 9th:</b>	Mothers' Union meeting 'Contemplative Meditation', 54 High St, WL, 2.15pm.
<b>Tues 10th:</b>	Cheverells Garden Club meeting 'Planning Your Garden Borders', GCVH, 7.30pm
<b>Sat 14th:</b>	Film Night at the Pavilion Great Cheverell. members free, visitors £5 - 7pm
	Men's Walk to Support in aid of Dorothy House, 7am Devizes, or 11am Winsley. Entry £28.
	White Horse Opera concert Top of the Ops, St Peter's Church, GC, 7 for 7.30pm, Tickets £15 from the <b>GC village shop</b> , or <b>Devizes Books</b> .
	The Vox Beatles, Seend Centre, 7pm. Tickets £18.50 from <b>Seend Centre or ticket source online</b> .
<b>Sun 15th:</b>	Mothering Sunday
<b>Mon 16th:</b>	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH, 7pm.
<b>Mon 16th to Sat 21st:</b>	How the Other Half Loves, Wharf Theatre, Devizes, 7.30pm. Tickets £18, or £16 for under 16s. <b>wharftheatre.co.uk</b>
<b>Wed 18th:</b>	Arts Society Devizes lecture 'Windsor - a Castle Restored', Corn Exchange Devizes, 10.45 for 11am. Guests £8.
	Lavington Gardening Club 'Gardening Question Time', WL VH, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.
<b>Fri 20th:</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Sat 21st:</b>	Nestling Trust Coffee morning, WL VH 10am - 12.30pm
<b>Sat 21st:</b>	Gaz Brookfield live at WL VH, 7.30pm. Tickets £15 from <b>gazbrookfield.com</b>
	Tilshead Village Grand Auction of Promises, MLCH, 7 - 11pm. Tickets £25 from <b><a href="https://www.tilsheadvillage.com/auction-of-promises/">https://www.tilsheadvillage.com/auction-of-promises/</a></b>

<b>Sun 22nd:</b>	Archaeology in Wiltshire Conference, Corn Exchange Devizes, 10am - 5pm. Tickets £40, Students £17, including lunch, from <a href="http://wiltshiremuseum.org.uk">wiltshiremuseum.org.uk</a>
<b>Sat 28th</b>	All Saints' WL Churchyard Tidy Up, 10am - 4pm. Call Mark Spindlow on <b>01380 813445</b> .
<b>Sun 29th:</b>	Clocks go forward one hour. Spring Forward! 1am. Warminster Independent Market, 10am - 4pm, Warminster town centre.
<b>Mon 30th:</b>	Deadline for WL Housing Needs Survey
<b>Mon 30th to Fri 10th April:</b> Schools Easter holiday	
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Wed 1st to Sat 4th:</b>	Devizes Musical Theatre presents The Addams Family musical, Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School, WL. 7.30pm. Matinee Sat 4th 2.30pm. Tickets from £18 (children £14) from <b>Devizes Books</b> or <a href="http://www.DevizesMusicalTheatre.co.uk">www.DevizesMusicalTheatre.co.uk</a>
<b>Fri 3rd:</b>	Good Friday
<b>Fri 3rd to Mon 6th:</b>	St Giles Church, Imber, Easter Open Days. 11am - 4pm
<b>Sun 5th:</b>	Easter Sunday Easter Hunt, Hillworth Park, Devizes, From 10.30am. Tickets £3.50 (only required if your child would like to receive an Easter egg)
<b>Mon 6th:</b>	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
<b>Sat 11th:</b>	Devizes Chamber Choir Spring Concert, St Andrew's Church, Devizes, 7.30pm. Tickets £14 on the door or from <b>Devizes Books</b> or <a href="http://ticket.source.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir">ticket source.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir</a>
<b>Mon 13th:</b>	Schools return Cheverell Magna Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, The Pavilion GC.
<b>Sat 18th:</b>	Cars Galore, Dinosaurs Stay and Play, WL VH, 10.30 - 11.30am, Book at <a href="http://bookwhen.com/carsgalore">bookwhen.com/carsgalore</a> Nestling Trust Nepali New Year Celebration, ML Community Hall, 7 for 7.30pm, Tickets £45 from <b>Sue Hamblin 07747 062 757</b> .
<b>Mon 20th:</b>	Licensing of Revd Sam Park by Bishop of Ramsbury. All Saints' Church, WL, 7pm.
<b>Fri 24th:</b>	Market Lavington Museum Miscellany, MLCH, 7.30pm
<b>Sat 25th:</b>	Market Lavington Museum Tidy up - 10am - 12 noon. Blossom Day, Community Park, Market Lavington. 10am - 4pm Serenata Guitar Trio Concert, WL VH, 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm, Tickets £12, accompanied children £5 from <a href="mailto:serenatatrio@outlook.com">serenatatrio@outlook.com</a> or <b>01373 865039</b>
<b>Wed 29th</b>	WL Fete Open Meeting, Giles Room, WL VH 6pm.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency Ambulance/Police/Fire	999
Police Non-Emergency	101
NHS Direct	111
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Salisbury District Hospital	01722 336 262
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Great Western Hospital Swindon	01793 604 020
Minor Injury Unit Trowbridge	01225 711 329
Minor Injury Unit Chippenham	01249 447 100
Village Link West Lavington	07598 947180
Village Link Gt Cheverell	01380 721 775
Wiltshire Council	0300 456 0100
Your Wiltshire Councillor Dominic Muns	07585 394 178
West Lavington Parish Council (Parish Clerk)	07597 761 361
Cheverell Magna Parish Council (Parish Clerk)	07766 319252
Little Cheverell Parish Council (Parish Clerk)	07544 803175
Little Cheverell Parish Council Whats App Group	07908 143389
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	01380 734 022
Wiltshire Highways	0300 456 0105
Wessex Water Plc	0345 600 4600
Open Reach (BT)	03301 233 7533
National Grid	0800 404 090
SSE Electricity	0800 048 3516
Power Cuts	105
<b>LOCAL CHARITIES</b>	
Alzheimers Support Wiltshire	01225 776 481
Carer Support Wiltshire (for carers)	0800 181 4118
Carers Together Wiltshire	01380 710300
Citizens Advice	0800 144 8848
Domestic Abuse Fear Free Wilts	01225 775276

Dorothy House Hospice 24 hr Advice Line	0345 0130 555
Julia's House Devizes	01380 562 525
Kennet Furniture Refurbiz	01380 720 722
SSAFA Wiltshire	0204 566 9131
Victim Support	0808 281 0113
Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance	01225 300536
Wiltshire Mind	01225 706 532
Wiltshire Sight	01380 723 682
Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital Animal Queries and Emergencies	01980 629 470 07850 778 752
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	01380 725 670
<b>NATIONAL HELPLINES</b>	
Childline	0800 11 11
Combat Stress Helpline for veterans	0800 138 1619
Crimestoppers to anonymously report a crime	0800 555 111
Highways Information Line	0300 123 5000
Macmillan Cancer Support	0808 808 0000
NSPCC Child Protection Helpline	0808 800 5000
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National Suicide Prevention Helpline	0800 689 5652
RSPCA National Call Centre	0300 1234 999
Samaritans	116 123
SSAFA Forcesline	0800 260 6767
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Victim Support Supportline	0808 1689 111
<b>LOCAL SCHOOLS</b>	
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DAPS Primary School	01380 813 373
Holy Trinity	01380 813 796
St Barnabas Easterton	01380 813436
Lavington School	01380 812 352
Dauntsey's School	01380 814 500

## 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 3.30-5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.15-8.15pm, Thursdays 6.30am-7.30 am, Dauntsey's School Pool.

Tuesday 6th January to Tuesday 24th March 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **Downswood Care Farm** Wilts LN/000016929

At Downswood Care Farm we offer the chance for people, especially young people, to experience the positive effects of being in nature, to interact with animals and to get their hands in the soil growing flowers or vegetables and to express themselves through art and craft.

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**Clare 0751 803 2752 - Mark 0781 3176 382  
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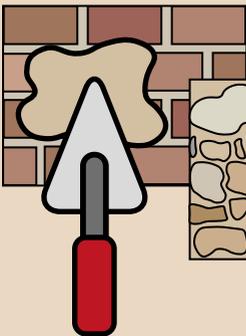
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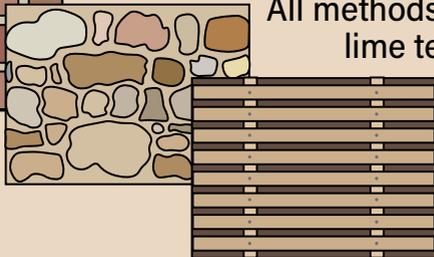
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