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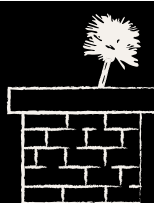
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FROM THE EDITOR

Another year, another final double issue of News and Views to end the old year and see in the new! Hopefully this issue will keep you informed and entertained until the February issue drops on your mat! We feature lots of seasonal events on offer for you to see, attend and enjoy over the next few weeks.

My sincere thanks go to everyone involved in the production and delivery of News and Views, from its design, editorial and advertising to its delivery through your doors, all of whom are volunteers. Thank

you, too, to all our contributors and advertisers, without whom News and Views could not continue! I am immensely grateful for all your support.

We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

See you in February!

Sue Bonney - Editor editor4newsandviews@gmail.com

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REFLECTION

*During this season in our Benefice without a rector, different church members are delighted to share a monthly reflection with you. This month it is written by **Mark Spindlow**.*

What do you do when you are waiting for someone? I scroll mindlessly through Facebook or play solitaire on my phone. Then again, I do that at other times too! It's estimated that the average person spends 2 hours and 24 minutes on social media every day. It's a great distraction and I know I'm not alone in wasting significant amounts of my actual free time in waiting mode - and

yes, that's the Church season we are in now, Advent, which means waiting.

We are waiting for Christ's arrival. Spiritually speaking, waiting has far more in common with attention than distraction. The Psalmist describes the soul waiting for God 'more than watchmen for the morning', and the first Christmas story is full of people who do this preparation well. Elizabeth spends a lifetime obediently following the law and finds herself at the centre of a miracle in old age. Wise men patiently study the night sky and observe an unusual star even as it is 'rising'. Righteous Simeon 'looks forward to the consolation of Israel' and immediately recognises the infant Jesus as the Messiah when he is presented at the Temple. This is waiting redeemed, and these people are inspiring.

But God comes also to a young, unmarried girl told she will now mother the Son of God, to Joseph in his sleep and to shepherds utterly terrified by the unexpected arrival of angels. The spiritual life, I find, is one of striving and failing - and where it is failing, I take comfort in a God that bursts into the world whether it is ready or not. Emmanuel: God is with us.

Join us for our Christmas services and hear the Christmas story, with new attention, afresh again this year.

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From the Parish Registers

October ~ November 2025

Saturday 4th October: The Memorial Service for **Sue Stacpoole** took place at St Mary's, Market Lavington. Sue's ashes were buried within the Churchyard with her late husband Pat.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BENEFICE

Regular worship in our sister churches

9.00 am St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Littleton Panell

4.30 pm Ebenezer Baptist Church, West Lavington

Benefice Office

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Benefice Administrator: **Catherine Brown**

Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Little Cheverell St Peter's	Great Cheverell St Peter's
Sunday 7th December	10.30 am - St Peter's Great Cheverell Benefice Service Communion				
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December	10.00 am - 4.00 pm St Barnabas Easterton Christmas Tree Festival				
Sunday 14th December		9.00 am Breakfast Church Service 9.30	6.00 pm Carol Service		4.00 pm Carol Service
Tuesday 16th December			10.00 am St Barnabas School Service		
Wednesday 17th December		6.00 pm Carol Service			
Sunday 21st December	10.30 am Benefice Service All Saint's West Lavington				10.00 am Welcome to Worship
Sunday 21st December	6.00 pm Carol Service	4.00 pm Christingle			
Wednesday 24th December	4.00 pm Christingle 11.30pm Midnight Mass		4.00 pm Christingle	5.00 pm Crib Service	4.00 pm Christingle 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Date	Market Lavington St Mary's	West Lavington All Saints'	Easterton St Barnabas	Little Cheverell St Peter's	Great Cheverell St Peter's
Thursday 25th December		9.30 am Christmas Day Service	11.00 am Christmas Day Service		
Sunday 28th December	United Service with Trinity & St Barnabas at St Barnabas, Easteron	9.30 am Praise & Worship	10.30 am United Service with Trinity & St Mary's		
JANUARY 2026					
Sunday 4th January	10.30 am Benefice Service Communion St Peter's, Little Cheverell				
Sunday 11th January	10.30 am United Service with Trinity & St Barnabas At ML Community Hall	9.00 am Breakfast Church <i>Service 9.30</i>	10.30 am United Service with Trinity & St Mary's At ML Community Hall		11.00am Simple Celebration of Holy Communion
Sunday 18th January	10.30 am Benefice Service Communion St Mary's Market Lavington				10.00 am Welcome to Worship
Sunday 25th January	10.30 am United Service with Trinity & St Barnabas At ML Community Hall	9.30 am Praise & Worship	10.30 am United Service with Trinity & St Mary's At ML Community Hall		11.00 am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 1st February	10.30 am Benefice Service Communion St Barnabas Easterton				

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

Benefice 200 Club

This year I have been contemplating the future of the Benefice 200 Club. Every year fewer people buy tickets and sadly the prize money has therefore had to be reduced. Ticket sellers are very difficult to find and I am extraordinarily grateful to those of you who have volunteered in the past. Little Cheverell is currently fundraising for a new church roof, which needs £80,000, and takes priority. The final straw was when the bank introduced a monthly charge on the account, which was empty for eleven months of the year. We would have been in debt by December each year!

Therefore, with sadness and in consultation with the churchwardens, I have drawn the very last winning ticket. Congratulations to **Julia Ford** of West Lavington who is the final winner.

Please remember to cancel your direct debit to the Club if you have one set up.

Quentin Goggs set up the Benefice 200 Club in 2005 and it has raised around **£25,000** over the last 20 years - an astonishing amount, with all the proceeds going to help the five parishes fund the Benefice secretary.

My huge thanks to the kind souls who have given their time every year's end to sell tickets and collect money - not an easy task - and to everyone who has bought tickets over the last two decades. Without you, none of this would have been possible.

With thanks to you all

Bonnie Matters



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Sunday 30th November:	Advent Carols and Lessons, All Saints', West Lavington 6.00pm
Sunday 14th December:	Carol Service, St Peter's Great Cheverell, 4.00pm Carol Service, St Barnabas, Easterton, 6.00pm
Wednesday 17th December:	Carol Service, All Saints', West Lavington, 6.00pm
Thursday 18th December:	Carols around the Tree, Churchill Arms, 6.00pm
Sunday 21st December:	Christingle, All Saints', West Lavington, 4.00pm Carol Service, St Mary's, Market Lavington, 6.00pm Carol Service, Ebenezer Baptist Church, 4.30pm
Wednesday 24th December:	Christingle, 4.00pm at: St Mary's Market Lavington St Barnabas, Easterton St Peter's, Great Cheverell Crib Service, St Peter's, Little Cheverell, 5.00pm Midnight Mass, St Mary's, Market Lavington 11.30pm Midnight Mass, St Peter's, Great Cheverell 11.30pm
Thursday 25th December:	Christmas Communion, All Saints', West Lavington 9.30am and at St Barnabas, Easterton, 11am
Sunday 28th December:	End of year Service with carols, Ebenezer Baptist Church, 4.30pm



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Advent Concert Saturday 6th December



Tickets are on sale now for Edington Arts' very popular Advent Concert, either online through the website at www.edingtonarts.org or by phone from **Chrissy on 01380 831256**.

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Christmas Markets Near Us

Avebury, National Trust:

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Avebury Manor: The house will be open daily from 11am-4pm, with Christmas displays on show from **29th November** until **4th January**.

Salisbury

Christmas on the Square: 21st November - 31st December, Guildhall Square
Sunday Festive Markets: 30th November, 7th, 14th and 21st December, Salisbury Market Place

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Christmas Market: Thursday 27th November - Sunday 14th December

Monday - Wednesday: 10am to 7pm

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Sunday: 10am to 6pm

LOCAL ROADWORKS



20th October - 27th February 2026: ongoing works to install traffic lights at the Black Dog crossroads affecting several roads around Market Lavington.

1st - 5th December: Church Street, West Lavington. Building repairs. Traffic signals in place.

2nd December - 4th December: High Street, West Lavington, Wessex Water repairs. Traffic signals in place.

7th - 9th January: Church Street, West Lavington, roadworks. Stop/go boards.

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

Did You Know? Oh yes you did!

Local Pantomimes this Christmas and New Year

Wharf Theatre, Devizes:	Snow White, November 25th - December 6th. Box Office 0333 666 3366. Tickets £14 - £16.
Salisbury Playhouse:	Jack and the Beanstalk, November 29th to January 11th. Tickets from £18, Age 4+. Box Office 01722 320333. www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk/events/jack-and-the-beanstalk
Theatre Royal, Bath:	The Further Adventures of Peter Pan December 11th to January 11th. Tickets £11 - £42.50. A Christmas Carol, 15th - 19th December.
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Wyvern Theatre, Swindon:	Sleeping Beauty, December 6th - January 4th. Box Office 0343 310 0040. Tickets £14 - £39 https://trafalgartickets.com/wyvern-theatre-swindon

Market Lavington Christmas Country Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the Christmas Country Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall on November 15th. We would especially like to thank all our stallholders, and everyone who baked a cake and helped our Cake and Hamper stall raise £260. We hope you all enjoyed the Fair and found some great things to buy. Our very grateful thanks to everyone who helped us set up and run the Fair, especially Jean and Dave Edwards, Becky and Ruby Donegan, Carol Treloar, Barbara Galloway, Sue and Gordon Somerville, and June Wright who donated the prize Hamper!

In case you were wondering, the Hamper was won by Liz Cade of Littleton Panell with winning ticket and Bonus Ball number 25.

We raised an amazing **£1592.91 for the Army Benevolent Fund**, which is our highest total to date, and brings the amount raised over the last fourteen years to **£15,855.89!** Thank you all very much! This money will help a lot of serving and former serving soldiers and their families who are in need.

Sue and Chris Bonney

CHEVERELLS' GARDEN CLUB

The Cheverells Garden Club welcomed back Andrew Toleman in November. He managed to swim his way to us on a very wet night and told us about many hidden and lesser known gardens that he has visited. It was absolutely fascinating and we are all planning where we are going next year. A very good way to gain access to gardens that aren't usually open to the public is to join a club or interest group, such as the Topiary Society or the Hardy Plant Society. One particular group should apparently be renamed the Wine Society, but I had better not mention which one! We are very

grateful to Andrew for such a wonderful talk.

The next meeting is on the **9th December is the members' Christmas party** with mulled wine, food, a fun quiz and lots of camaraderie. It's in Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.30pm. The meeting on **13th January is about the National Gardens Scheme**, the charities they support and how the Scheme works in Wiltshire. It's in Great Cheverell Village Hall at 7.30pm.



If you would like any further information, please contact me at **Helen.woodlands@outlook.com**

Dash for Santa and charity!

Dauntsey's School Athletics Track

Saturday 6th December, 9.00am - 10.30am

Dauntsey's School is holding a 'Santa Dash' for local children on **Saturday 6th December** at the School Athletics Track from 9am to 10.30am. It will be a morning of Christmas themed fun-running and games on the athletics track! The main purpose is to raise money for Dauntsey's chosen charities for this academic year, which are: Julia's House, Evie's Gift, and Charlie's Beach Hut. These are all charities with a similar cause, helping children and their families with life-limiting illnesses and end of life care. The Santa Dash will be a great opportunity to raise some money for other children and their families.

Entries cost £5, payable in cash or card on the day, and entrants must wear a Christmas outfit/jumper /hat!

To sign up, email Gail Butterworth at:

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Lavington and District Swimming Club



Spring Term 2026

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

Tuesdays and Sundays: Spring Term starts on ***Tuesday 6th January*** and includes 11 Tuesday swims and 9 Sunday swims, the last swim being ***Tuesday 24th March***.

The Club swimming times are **Sundays: 3.30pm to 5:30pm;**
Tuesdays: 7:15pm to 8:15pm.

Membership fees for the term: £37 for individual and £74 for a family.

For further details about joining this offering, please contact **Alison Andrews**, Membership Secretary on **Lavingtonswim@gmail.com**

Morning Swimming starts ***Tuesday 6th January*** and is from **6:30am to 7:30am** and includes both Tuesdays and Thursdays. Membership fee for the term is £68 for 11 Tuesdays and 11 Thursdays.

For further information about the morning swimming please contact **Phil Richardson**, Membership Secretary on **ladscmorningswim@gmail.com**



Streetscene

We have had a busy autumn refilling planters and replacing old ones. The entrance to Duck Street now has a much larger wooden planter in a prominent position and a newly planted tree in the grass border, under planted with spring bulbs. The two old barrels at the Chocolate Poodle have been replaced again with much larger planters to make more of a visual impact when cars enter the villages. Now it's nearly time to sit back and wait for the planters to mature!

Our thanks again to all involved in making Streetscene happen.

Susan West



theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

West Lavington WI

There was a good turnout of members at our November afternoon when we had a really informative talk entitled 'Gunpowder, Treason and Plot'. We learned of the origins of Gunpowder, its make up and its uses over the centuries. We then moved on to hear of the religious persecution carried on

under King James 1, resulting in the Plot which failed to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605, and the execution of the conspirators for Treason. The custom still continues to this day as an annual event to light bonfires, let off fireworks and burn effigies of Guy Fawkes.

Members are looking forward to our December meeting, when we join with the WL Mothers Union to hold a celebratory Christmas Festive Tea.

We meet at West Lavington Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month, in winter (November-March) at 2pm and in summer (April-October) at 7pm. We welcome guests at most meetings, but need to know numbers in advance because of the capacity of our meeting room. You may attend one meeting free of charge, after which a guest fee of £5 is chargeable.

Why not come along to find out what the WI nationally is campaigning for? We are a powerful national organisation with an important voice in women's issues.

To book for a meeting, or for any queries, please contact Sue Bastone at:
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Early Blooms: A Strange December Garden

Have you noticed strange things happening in your garden? Are things in flower that shouldn't be? My *Prunus autumnalis* has already flowered, which feels far too early. *Clematis cirrhosa* is in bloom, cowslips and primroses are out, and my salvias and geums have only just started flowering after the summer drought. My *Coronilla* is out too. Even the lawn is growing like mad. Friends have told me their daffodils and *Rhododendron luteum* are already flowering, another sign that this winter is unusual.

It all feels out of sync, and it's hard not to worry about spring. Will anything have the energy to flower again? Fear not, most plants will manage a second, more normal spring flowering even if they've had an early wobble. *Prunus autumnalis* usually flowers again in late winter. Many spring plants, like primroses and cowslips, form buds well in advance, so even if they open a few early, there are more waiting. *Clematis cirrhosa* will probably continue in fits and starts, and salvias and geums should settle into their usual pattern once the weather cools. The only real risk is a sudden hard frost catching new growth.

What we can do now is focus on resilience. Mulching is one of the best things you can do. A good layer of organic matter protects roots from frost, keeps moisture steadier, and stops soil compacting. Leaving stems and slightly untidy growth over winter protects crowns and provides shelter for wildlife.

Choosing resilient plants is more important than ever. *Ceanothus*, *Hellebores*, Ferns, *Cornus*, *Euphorbias*, grasses like *Miscanthus* and *Stipa*, and hardy salvias and geums cope well with extremes. Deep rooted perennials and evergreens are particularly valuable. Even if this winter feels strange, most plants find their rhythm again. We just need to support them so they are strong enough to do it.

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

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Capability Charlotte



My *Clematis cirrhosa* 'Freckles' has been out since October



Dorothy House Superstore and Donation Station opens in Devizes

Ahead of celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026, at the end of November Dorothy House Retail announced the grand opening of their new Superstore and Donation Station on the Devizes Garden Trading Estate. It will play a vital role in raising much-needed funds to support the delivery of end of life care, both at the Hospice in Winsley and out in the community.

The new Superstore is the largest of Dorothy House's thirty shops and offers a wide selection of donated and new goods, including home, garden and lifestyle, with parking available onsite. It will also host a range of community workshops in 2026 which will celebrate the sustainable and therapeutic benefits of turning preloved into reloved, and showcase the preloved treasures that can be found in store.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 9.30 - 5pm.
Unit 1, Garden Trading Estate, Devizes SN10 2HW

Pre-loved donations needed!

Quality donations from the public play a vital role in generating much-needed hospice income. Dorothy House is asking for donations of children's and adult's clothing, homewares, children's toys (with a CE mark), furniture (with a visible fire label) and books.



Interested in Volunteering?

Dorothy House has many retail opportunities available. From working the till and sorting stock to researching unique items and prepping them for sale, it's a great way to meet new people and make a meaningful difference. Go to the Dorothy House website at: **dorothyhouse.org.uk** to find out more about their retail volunteering roles.

Vital income for end of life care

Last year Dorothy House cared for 4,254 families living with an end of life diagnosis. To continue to be there for their communities in life and death, Dorothy House must raise over £19 million each year. Income from their retail portfolio funded more than £5m of care in 2024.

Julia's House Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling

Julia's House will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees between 8th - 10th January 2026. They raised over £27,000 last year thanks to the generous donations from supporters whose trees were collected, which went towards providing essential support for the children and families in their care.

Their Wiltshire collection covers postcodes SN8, SN9 and SN10. Booking closes at 23:59 on 5th January (unless they reach capacity before that date). To book a collection, contact Julia's House at:

<https://www.juliashouse.org/christmas-tree-collection-recycling>

Could you help collect Christmas trees this year?

Julia's House needs lots of vans and volunteers to help with the tree collections. If you have a van or a truck, could spare a day or even a few hours on 8th, 9th or 10th January and fancy some fun and fresh air, you could help your local community and help us support vulnerable families who really need our care. Contact:

www.juliashouse.org/volunteer-help-our-christmas-tree-collection



**All Saint's Church
Christmas Services**

**Sunday 30th November
Advent Service 6pm**

**Wednesday 17th December
Carol Service 6pm**

**Thursday 18th December
Carols round the tree
Churchill Arms 6pm**

**Sunday 21st December
Christingle 4pm**

**Thursday 25th December
Christmas Day
Holy Communion
9.30am**



BOWOOD

**Bowood Festive Food
and Gift Fair 2025**

Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort

Join us for two days of festive
food, music and shopping

Preview evening:
Monday December 1, 4pm to 8pm
Tickets £15 including glass of wine and canapes

Tuesday December 2, 9am to 3pm
Tickets £5 on the door or get two for one in advance
from
wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events



WHAT'S ON IN 2026 WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

WHO	WHEN
DogSkillz & Puppy Training	Monday & Thursday Evenings
The Play Hive Children 6 months - 5 years	Tuesday Mornings
West Lavington Women's Institute	Thursday Monthly Varies Afternoons/Evenings
Wendy's Art Group	Tuesday Mornings
Bob's Art Group	Thursday Mornings
Lavington Gardening Club	Wednesday Evenings Monthly
Twinning Group	Friday or Saturday Evenings (4-6 weekly)
Wild One's Line Dancing Lessons with Lady H	Tuesday Evenings
West Lavington Parish Council	First Thursday of the month
Cars Galore Stay & Play	Varies Saturday Mornings

If interested please contact
villagehallwestlavington@gmail.com
We will put you in touch with the relevant group.



**Wed 3rd December
Starts 11am**
A Bit of a Carry On
with drinks afterwards
**Melksham
Assembly Hall**



Our December Lecture is designed to get you
into the Christmas Spirit and tells
the remarkable story of actor Peter Butterworth and
his wife Janet Brown, Britain's first female impressionist

World-class lectures from October to July
Membership from October to February £50
March to July £30 - Guests £8 - First Lecture Free

www.tasnorthwiltshire.org.uk



Devizes Chamber Choir
presents



**a Christmas
Celebration**

with seasonal songs & carols

Saturday 6th December

**7.30pm at St Andrew's Church
Long Street, Devizes**

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

Registered Charity no 1089712
www.devizeschamberchoir.org.uk



XMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY
6th DECEMBER**

9am to 1pm

Dorothy House, Winsley

**JOIN US AT OUR XMAS FAIR
& SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE**

**Festive stalls Crafts
Clothes Pop-Ups
Treats and refreshments**

Help to ensure we all have access to end-of-life care

DECEMBER RHYME TIMES

5th & 19th from 10.15 to 10.45

JANUARY

2nd & 16th
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

SANTA DASH

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

9AM - 10.30AM

DAUNTSEY'S ATHLETICS TRACK

£5

ENTRY

Per School Charity



YEARS
2-6

CHRISTMAS OUTFITS TO BE WORN

To enter please contact: g.butterworth@dauntseys.org

Christmas Wreath Making



£15. PER PERSON

Includes All the greenery & Instructions
Glass of mulled Wine

Bring your own decorations -
baubles, Lights, Orange Slices etc.

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

7pm

Little Cheverell Village Hall

BUY TICKETS

Nic Bollen 07957 427848

<http://tinyurl.com/2n2f4van>



Buy Tickets

Join us at Bath Abbey

Festive carols and readings in the
stunning setting of the Abbey.
Hosted by BBC's Paul Martin.

Thur 11 Dec
7.30pm

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WHITE HORSE OPERA

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH

VIVALDI'S GLORIA

Christmas

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

FRI 12TH DECEMBER 7.30pm

TICKETS £15 FROM

DEVIZES BOOKS &

WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/WHITEHORSEOPERA

REGISTERED CHARITY NO:1194308

 **Breakfast with Santa**
at The Bell Inn



Saturday 13th December

£5 per child £10 per adult

Buffet breakfast

Bookings can be made in the shop

Santa will give each child a small gift sponsored by the pub

Breakfast served at 9.30 - Santa will arrive about 10.15

The **Great Cheverell**
PAVILION *Club*

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

A Christmas film with a difference

Funny, poignant & heartwarming

A master at a prep school remains at school over Christmas to babysit students who have nowhere to go



Saturday December 13th

Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm

Members Free - Guests £5

ST BARNABUS CHURCH

Christmas Tree Festival

13th and 14th December 10am - 4pm

The Theme this year is

CHILDREN'S RHYMES

Will you be able to guess them?

All Welcome - Free Admission



Story Time with Father Christmas

Between 11.00-12.00 & 14.30-15.30

Raffle & Refreshments

Contact junwri@outlook.com for more details

Start your Christmas with
our family Carol Service

Carols by Candlelight

St Peter's Church
Great Cheverell

14th December 4pm



FULLTONE PRODUCTION PRESENTS
A Concert of two halves

THE SNOWMAN

WITH ALED JONES

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

2.30pm & 6pm

MARBOROUGH COLLEGE
MEMORIAL HALL

celebrating the
40th Anniversary of
WALKING IN THE AIR
sung by Aled Jones'



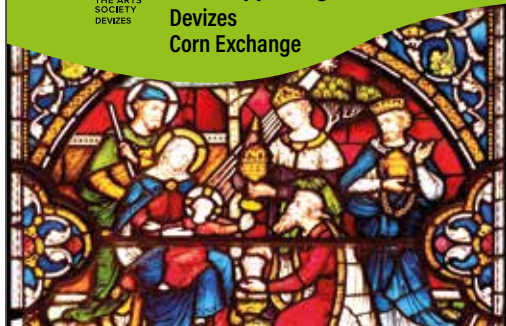
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SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA



Wed 17th December
Starts 10.45am

Joseph of Nazareth
Best Supporting Actor

Devizes
Corn Exchange



Amina Wright's lecture explores the many legends
and faces of Joseph through the ages,
from wizened old man to powerful guardian.

Former Senior Curator of the Holborn Museum in Bath,
Amina Wright has three decades of experience as a
curator of historic art collections and exhibitions.

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



The Arts Society Devizes

www.theartsocietydevizes.org



Tickets: £8

on sale from Devizes Books and St. Arbucks.

There'll be mince pies!
Bar available.



DEVIZES TOWN BAND'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY
 Sunday 21st December 2.30pm
 DEVIZES CORN EXCHANGE



CASH BAR - Festive Music
Christmas Singalong - Games & Prizes

Bring Your Own Nibbles

Adults £10 - Under 16s £7.50 - Under 5s £5

From: Devizes Books or www.devizestownband.com

A moving service for all the family

Christingle

St Peter's Church
Great Cheverell

24th December 4pm



THE ARTS
 SOCIETY
 DEVIZES

Wed 21st January 2026
Starts 10.45am

Brave New World
The Festival of Britain

Devizes
Corn Exchange



The 1951 Festival of Britain was an inspiring event designed to put Britain back on its feet after the ravages of the Second World War.

Marc Allum, (an art & antiques writer/broadcaster) looks at its legacy and effect on post-war Britain through the development of design, architecture and art.

World-class lectures from October to July

Members (10 lectures) £50 & Guests £8 (please email)



The Arts Society Devizes

www.theartsocietydevizes.org

**LAVINGTON & DISTRICT
 GARDENING CLUB**

Wednesday 21st January 7:15pm

West Lavington Village Hall SN10 4H

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



THE PLANT DOCTOR

A talk by Roger Hiron

With a wealth of plant knowledge

Roger has lectured in garden design. He is a published author and trained at Pershore College.

Competition - Display a Fragrant Winter Flower

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

**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

Dear All

As we approach the festive season, I want to take this opportunity to wish every resident of our parish a joyful and peaceful Christmas. This time of year is special: a chance to pause, reflect, and celebrate the values that bind our community together.

2025 has been a year of challenges and achievements, and I am proud of the resilience and spirit shown by our local groups, volunteers, and residents. Whether it's supporting those in need, organising events, or simply looking out for neighbours, these acts of care make our parish such a wonderful place to live.

Looking ahead to 2026, my commitment remains clear: to support you and the community in every way I can. I will continue working closely with local organisations, schools, and charities to ensure that we have the resources and opportunities to thrive. If you have ideas, concerns, or projects you'd like to discuss, please do contact me - your voice matters, and together we can make a real difference.

Christmas is also a time to remember those who may be struggling. If you know someone who could use a helping hand or a friendly chat, please take a moment to reach out. Small gestures can have a big impact, especially during the colder months.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who contributes to the life of our parish, from volunteers and group leaders to those who quietly make a difference every day. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are deeply appreciated.

May your homes be filled with warmth, laughter, and love this Christmas. I look forward to working with you all as we step into a new year full of promise and opportunity.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Carer Christmas Drop In

11th December 2025

2pm - 4pm

AGE UK Wiltshire

Unit 9-10 Prince Maurice Court

Hambleton Ave, Devizes SN10 2RT



December is upon us and one of the last Parish Council discussions of the year was the Corporate Plan. This is where we plan how we will spend your money and what initiatives we need to focus on in the coming year. We discussed:

How to communicate to more villagers: early in 2026 we intend to launch a broadcast only What's App Group for village events so that we can send information about such things as the Village Fete and Scarecrow Festival direct to people's phones. We will send more information on how to subscribe in the New Year.

Do we have the right facilities in our recreation ground, Village Hall and playgrounds? In the New Year we will invite every household to submit a survey response asking what things you would like to have in the village. You may want more sports facilities or classes and events, different facilities for children. All ideas are good so watch out for the Survey which should be with you by February.

Our Rights of Way Team will run some working parties for footpaths and bridleways in the winter. If you see any paths blocked by fallen trees or overgrown hedges, you can contact the Team by email at footpaths@westlavington.org.uk We also work closely with the footpaths team at Market Lavington, so tell us about blocked paths even if you are not sure of the responsible owner and we will make sure it goes to the right team. Our volunteers have done a fantastic job this year making sure overgrown footpaths are clear, and working with householders that need to cut back hedges and borders. Thank you to everyone who has participated - walkers who enjoy using the paths have seen the difference.

Winter has very much arrived with its usual wet and windy start - leaves are off the trees and we saw the first road floods in November. Water run-off is our biggest risk, so please keep an eye open for blocked drain gullies near your home. A quick sweep of leaves means water can drain away and reduces any risk to homes, walkers and drivers. It is a simple way to help ourselves be more resilient. The Parish Council has a small stock of Gel instant sandbags and rock salt for paths and pavements. Should you need any please get in touch in the usual way.

We have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. The role is not arduous - one meeting a month and participation with some of the initiatives that we work on from footpaths to housing and planning. You don't need to have expertise, just a desire to help our community and give a little time for our village. If you are interested, please contact any of the councillors or email our Clerk at clerk@westlavington.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings will be held in the Giles Room of the Village Hall on **Thursday 4th December and Thursday 8th January at 7pm.**

The Parish Council wishes everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Peter West - Chair, West Lavington Parish Council

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2026!

Now that the weather is changing, please remember that the New Pavilion is the official Community Hub for the village. If there are emergencies due to inclement weather or power outages, you will be welcomed there for a cuppa and a chat. You can find all the information on our website under 'Emergency Plan', together with useful contacts.

Although we have plenty of volunteers to help out during any emergency, we are still looking for a Flood/Snow Warden who will help to co-ordinate any incidents. Please get in contact if you are interested in this role - support and training is available.

We also hold supplies such as flood and snow warning signs and gel sacs to protect your home. **Cllr Hayward** can be contacted on **07970 237 495** to access supplies.

Parish Council meeting: the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 1st December at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. All residents are welcome to attend the meetings. There is always a public participation opportunity. We also have a meeting scheduled for **Monday 2nd February at 7.30pm.**

In December, the Parish Council will be agreeing the budget for 2026-27 and setting the precept. Agendas and minutes for all meetings can be found on the Parish Council website: **www.cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk**

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

Defibrillator: we have a defibrillator located at the Pavilion which is checked regularly. If you are interested in attending a training session, please get in touch.

Neighbourhood Plan: the Parish Council has established a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who have elected their own Chairman and organise their own meetings. The area for the Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed by Wiltshire Council and it is the parish boundary. The steering group has conducted early consultation with parishioners and there is more consultation and detailed work on the plan to follow. You can find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan and have your say through the dedicated section of the website.

Councillor Vacancies: do you want to have a say in village affairs including how local services are provided by the Parish Council? At the May elections, we did not have a full complement of councillors standing and so we are carrying three vacancies. Please consider joining our friendly team where you will find support and training available. Further information is available on the website.

Contact for all enquiries: **clerk@cheverellmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk**

LITTLE CHEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Little Cheverell Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Little Cheverell a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on **19th January** at 7pm in the Village Hall.



Little Cheverell Village Hall

Little Cheverell Village Hall has had a good year in 2025. We have managed to install proper heating and ventilation as well as free public Wifi in the Hall for all users to enjoy and have many more plans for improvements in the future, funding permitting. The Committee really appreciates your ongoing support for our events - the profits from these are our only income to cover day to day costs.

The Hall is a lovely venue and is available for you to hire at very reasonable rates for your event or session. The facilities include: Free Wifi / Modern Heating and Cooling / Licensed bar / Card payment facilities / House PA system / Lovely outdoor space, historic Sheep Washing Pool / Online payments for bookings and tickets / Can accommodate 40 seated indoors.

If you are interested in a one-off hire or regular booking for your group activity, please contact us to discuss your needs on 07908 143389 (What's App or call)

Follow us on **Facebook @ Little Cheverell Village Hall**

Pop Up Pub with Pie and Mash - dates to be announced via our Facebook page.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop: Monday 8th December, 7pm - 10pm. Greenery provided, bring your own ribbons, lights, decorations. Glass of mulled wine and mince pie.

Wednesday 24th December: Mulled wine before the Crib Service - free event. 4.00pm (time to be confirmed).

**MEET & GREET
SANTA CLAUS**
£5 per child



Book Online at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events

Saturday 13th December

Hillworth Park

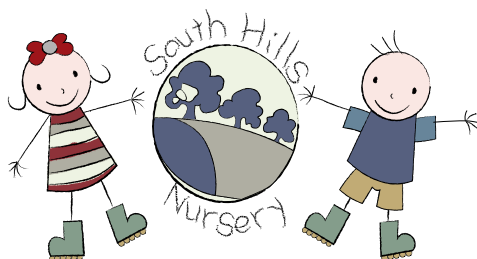
Quiet Hour: 3-4pm

Regular Hours: 4-7pm

Farm Animals | Hot Food

Small Market | Carols

SOUTH HILLS OLD SCHOOL NURSERY



At Old School Nursery we have recently been fortunate enough to have an exciting and informative visit from PCSO Kelly and PCSO Debbie. They discussed stranger danger with the children, how to cross the road safely and the importance of wearing a seatbelt in the car. The children were so excited to see the flashing lights on the police vehicle and they showed a great interest in what they were teaching us as they used their good listening ears.

We are well on our way to celebrating the festive season through singing a few Christmas songs, engaging in Christmas crafts and visiting the church. We are also participating in the village Christmas light trail and will have our decorations out and lights on throughout the whole of December.

We hope that everyone has a magical Christmas and we look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year for another year full of exciting learning opportunities and experiences.

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

LAVINGTON PRESCHOOL



We currently have limited 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:

preschool@daps.equamead.org





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. 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 throughout.

West Wiltshire Cross Country Event:

Following our success at the Dauntsey's cross country meet, pupils from Years 3–6 competed at the West Wiltshire event at Stonar School. The challenging 1,700m course tested every runner, but our pupils showed determination and great sportsmanship. Highlights included an individual win and team gold in the Year 5/6 girls' race, strong top-20 finishes in the Year 5/6 boys' event, and a thrilling victory in the Year 3/4 girls' race after a remarkable final sprint. It was an uplifting day of athletics, and we thank all parents for their support and congratulate every athlete.

Culture and Diversity Project:

This focused on exploring the faith and traditions of Islam. KS1 pupils learned about special times and celebrations, while KS2 pupils explored how beliefs influence daily life and community practices. Every class took part in an inspiring 'World View' workshop led by guest speakers, where pupils examined cultural artefacts, learned simple Arabic words, discovered the significance of key festivals and discussed how faith shapes values and traditions. This work supports our vision for inclusive Religious Education, helping pupils appreciate diversity and develop empathy.

Music Achievements:

We are thrilled that our KS2 Choir achieved 'Honours' at the Eisteddfod Choral Festival, performing alongside choirs from both state and independent schools. Their talent and joy in singing shone through. Outstanding performances by our soloists, ensembles and pupils in speech and drama, showcased the breadth of talent within our school community.

Christmas at Holy Trinity:

Preparations are now underway for our Christmas plays, with each class contributing to retellings of the Nativity through singing, dancing and drama. Pupils will also take part in a Christmas service at the local church, filled with candlelight, music and reflection. Throughout the term, our worship will focus on the messages of Christmas - peace, generosity and welcome to all.

We wish everyone in our school and wider community a blessed, peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

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 www.holy-trinity.co.uk and our phone number is **01380 813796**.



Carer Support Wiltshire in Devizes

Bereavement Help Point - The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS
2nd, 16th December; 6th, 20th January, 3rd February 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.

Financial Wellness Hub Devizes Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes SN10 1BN
December 18th, 10am - 1pm

As part of our Carer Money Matters service, we are setting up 'Financial Wellness Hubs' in local communities across Wiltshire. These monthly drop-in sessions are an opportunity to meet face-to-face with a member of our team, receive personalised advice and support, and learn more about how Carer Money Matters could help you!

Carer Support Wiltshire:

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

General Enquiries: **01380 871690** carersupportwiltshire.co.uk



Last month we had three special events at DAPS: Year 6 travelled to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and take a walking tour of the Cenotaph, Downing Street and Horse Guards Parade, amongst other sights; Remembrance; and we hosted the EQUA Mead Poetry Slam for the second year in a row.

Remembrance

Remembrance is always a special and important event on our school calendar; educating our pupils to know why we have remembrance, what the symbols mean and to understand the impact of war. As usual, we gathered at the front of school to pay our respects. Year 6 read a poem with our military families' children placing class wreaths alongside our box of homemade poppies from Acorn class (Pre-school). Our two minute silence was brought to a poignant close by the Last Post – it was thought-provoking and moving for all who were there. A special thank you goes to the Hayfield Rise builders who stopped all their machinery and work to stand respectfully with us in remembering those who died in the war.

EQUA Mead Poetry Slam

We welcomed over seventy pupils from nine different schools to take part in our annual EQUA Mead Poetry Slam. The poems were themed around diversity and the importance of valuing everyone for who they are. Watching and listening to the performances was a joy! We were joined by Mrs Anne Wilson and Mrs Julie Langlands as two of our community judges, as well as four pupils from both Lavington School and John of Gaunt School, all of who said what a difficult job the judging was.



A Sparkling December!

At DAPS, we certainly do Christmas in style – and we can't wait for the glitter-covered chaos and contagious energy and excitement our students bring every year. Our calendar is packed with fun and festive activities, including: Dressing The Tree, Nativity performances, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner, Class Parties, Christmas Church Service and our much loved Christmas Fete, to name just a few!

Open Days

We know what an important decision choosing a school for your child is, and we believe that parents should visit a school to see it for themselves and get the feel of the setting. We pride ourselves on the rich education and experiences we provide our children with, coupled with our large, extensive grounds, excellent facilities, wrap around care provision for working parents and our nurturing, inclusive approach.

Although we are based in the heart of West Lavington, we welcome children to our school from surrounding villages and towns and currently have spaces across most year groups. If you are looking for a school for your 2026 school starter or a new school for an older child, please give us a call on **01380 813373** or email us at **admin@daps.equamead.org** to arrange a visit or drop in and see us between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Wishing everyone a wonderfully magical Christmas!

Pippa Winbolt, Headteacher

Carers Together Wiltshire

Carer Christmas Drop In

December 11th, 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Age UK Wiltshire Office, Unit 9 - 10 Prince Maurice Court,
Hambleton Avenue, Devizes

Devizes Carer Cafe

First Wednesday of the month

The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes SN10 1HS

December 3rd, January 7th, February 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

December 17th, January 21st, February 11th 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 WPCC will be in attendance to talk about the work that they do.

You can contact us on **01380 710300** or email **enquiries@carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk** or visit our website **<https://carerstogethertwiltshire.org.uk/>**



Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

When my family was younger, I underwent a period of real worry about my children. There are many things parents are concerned about. We instruct our children to be careful near traffic, teach them to be cautious around strangers, warn about the dangers of drugs, and so on. However, this can easily change from proper parental concern into controlling anxieties.

Whilst in this situation, I would experience sudden moments of cold panic, worrying about where my children were and what might happen to them. It would have been very easy to give in and allow that anxiety to become the governing power in our family. I could have chosen to keep my children constantly in my sight, to control their every movement. To do so might have looked like the product of love, but in reality it would have been a response to an idol of fear. Instead, what I had to do was deliberately take an axe to it and refuse to let it rule my life. In and of myself, I wasn't capable of doing this. I needed to give my uncertainties to the true God and allow Him to bring me into freedom and peace.

1 John 4:18 tells us that 'perfect love casts out fear,' and in order to find idol-destroying strength, we need to cultivate delight in God. This is the kind of love that means we throw ourselves unreservedly on the grace that is ours in Christ Jesus and choose to make Him the centre of our affections, thoughts, and actions. When we do, there isn't space for any other god in our lives. And while fears may still be very real, they lose their power to control us as our delight in God compels us to serve Him rather than our anxieties.

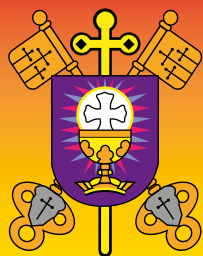
The Advent season started on the November 30th and now we wait in anticipation for Jesus' coming. Advent means 'coming'. The season prepares us for both the celebration of Jesus' birth - the first coming and His eventual return (the Second Coming). Our hope, joy, peace and love arrives and reminds us of who we are in Christ.

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The life of a Founding Father seems like an unlikely subject for an all singing, all dancing musical, but it works.

My wife and I recently saw the film version of a Broadway performance of the musical, released to mark the show's tenth anniversary. We went in part to see what all the fuss was about and quite enjoyed it. Act II certainly packs an emotional punch. Without giving away too many spoilers, Hamilton becomes estranged from his wife, Eliza. A terrible tragedy then strikes their family, following which they are reconciled. The drama of the moment is carried forward by the song 'It's Quiet Uptown'.



In the song, a grieving Hamilton acknowledges that he is undeserving of his wife's love. Surveying the scene, Eliza's sister Angelica reflects, 'there is a grace too powerful to name'. As the couple hold hands as a gesture of reconciliation the chorus sings, 'forgiveness, can you imagine?' Watching this unfold, I'm thinking, 'Preach it. Amen to that!'.

Better still, what happened at the first Christmas revealed that grace indeed has a name. In the New Testament Paul writes of God's grace 'which has now been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus.'

Grace is God's love for underserving sinners, lavished upon us in Jesus. The Son of God came to die in our place that we may be reconciled to God and have our sins forgiven. Forgiveness, can you imagine? You can do more than imagine by receiving God's gift of forgiveness by faith in Jesus. That's the power of grace.

Guy Davies

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

21st December: 4.30pm Carol Service

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December 21st:	Trinity Church Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd Gary Gotham
December 28th:	United Church Service at St Barnabas, Easterton Led by Abigail Perrow
January 4th:	Trinity Church Service Led by Abigail Perrow
January 11th:	United Covenant Service with Holy Communion Led by Revd Gary Gotham
January 18th:	Trinity Church Service Led by Revd Gary Gotham
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REGULAR MEETINGS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday 7th September to Tuesday 9th December 2025

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

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

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

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

Rhyme Time: for babies through to pre-schoolers, 1st and 3rd Fridays of month, including holidays. 10.15 - 10.45am, Market Lavington Library. December 5th and 19th, January 2nd and 16th.

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

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

West Lavington WI: second Thursday of the month, Giles Room WL VH, 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

WHAT'S ON WHEN - A CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

DECEMBER

Mon 1st:	Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair Preview Evening, Bowood Hotel, 4-8pm. Tickets £15.
	Cheverell Magna Parish Council meeting, the Pavilion, 7.30pm
Tues 2nd:	Bowood Festive Food and Gift Fair, Bowood Hotel, 9am-5pm, Tickets £5 on the door or get two for one in advance from wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk/future-events
Wed 3rd:	North Wiltshire Arts Society lecture: 'A Bit of a Carry On'. Assembly Hall, Melksham, 11am, Guests £8.
Thurs 4th:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL VH, 7pm.
Sat 6th:	Santa Dash for local children, Dauntsey's School Athletics Track 9.00 - 10.30am
	Dorothy House Christmas Fair, Winsley, 9am - 1pm
	Devizes Chamber Choir Winter Concert, St Andrews Church Devizes, 7.30pm
Mon 8th:	Wreath making workshop, LCVH, 7pm. Tickets £15 including greenery and glass of wine. Contact Nic Bollen on 07957 427848 .
Tues 9th:	Cheverells Garden Club Christmas party, GCVH, 7.30pm
Thurs 11th:	Carer Christmas Drop-In, Age UK Devizes, 2-4pm
	Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Carol Service, Bath Abbey, 7.30pm
Fri 12th:	White Horse Opera Christmas concert, St Andrew's Church, Devizes, 7.30pm. Tickets £15
Sat 13th:	Meet and Greet Santa Claus, Hillworth Park, Devizes, 3 - 7pm, £5 per child. Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillworth-park-events
	Breakfast with Santa at The Bell Inn GC - Breakfast served 9.30am, Santa arrives at 10.15am. £5 Children £10 Adults - each child gets a present.
	Film Night at GC Pavilion - doors open 7pm. Members Free, Guests £5
Sat 13th/ Sun 14th:	St Barnabas Easterton Christmas Tree Festival 10am to 6pm
Sun 14th:	The Snowman with Aled Jones, Marlborough College Memorial Hall, 2.30 and 6pm.
Wed 17th:	Arts Society, Devizes December lecture: 'Joseph of Nazareth - Best Supporting Actor'. Corn Exchange, Devizes, 10.45 for 11am, guests £8.
Fri 19th:	Lavington Community Choir Christmas Concert, MLCH. 7.30pm
Sat 20th:	Big Sound Christmas Concert in aid of Wiltshire Mind, Corn Exchange Devizes, 7pm. Tickets £10 from Devizes Books or ticket source.co.uk/DMA

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Sun 21st:	Tractor and Tinsel Run and Market hosted by Devizes YFC, Market Place, Devizes, 10.30am
	Devizes Town Band Christmas Party, Corn Exchange Devizes, 2.30pm. Adults £10, Under 16s £7.50, Pre-School £5.
Wed 24th:	LCVH Mulled wine before the Crib Service, 4pm (TBC)

JANUARY

Tues 6th:	Spring Term begins for local schools.
Thurs 8th:	West Lavington Parish Council meeting, Giles Room, WL VH, 7pm
Tues 13th:	Cheverells Garden Club meeting: Talk on the National Garden Scheme. GCVH, 7.30pm.
Mon 19th:	Little Cheverell Parish Council meeting, LCVH 7pm.
Wed 21st:	Devizes Arts Society lecture 'Brave New World - the Festival of Britain', Corn Exchange, Devizes, 10.45am for 11am, Guests £8.
	Lavington Garden Club meeting, The Plant Doctor. WL VH. 7.15pm for 7.30 start.

2026 - DATES FOR THAT NEW DIARY

Urchfont Scarecrow Festival:	Sat 2nd May - Mon 4th May.
West Lavington Village Fete:	Sat 18th July.
Good Friday:	Fri 3rd April.
Easter Monday:	Mon 6th April.
Early May Bank Holiday:	Mon 4th May.
Spring Bank Holiday:	Mon 25th May.
Summer Bank Holiday:	Mon 31st Aug.

WILTSHIRE SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026 (Not including Teacher Training Days)

Spring term:	5th January to 27th March; Half-term: 13th - 22nd February.
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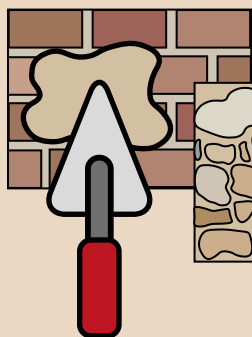
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